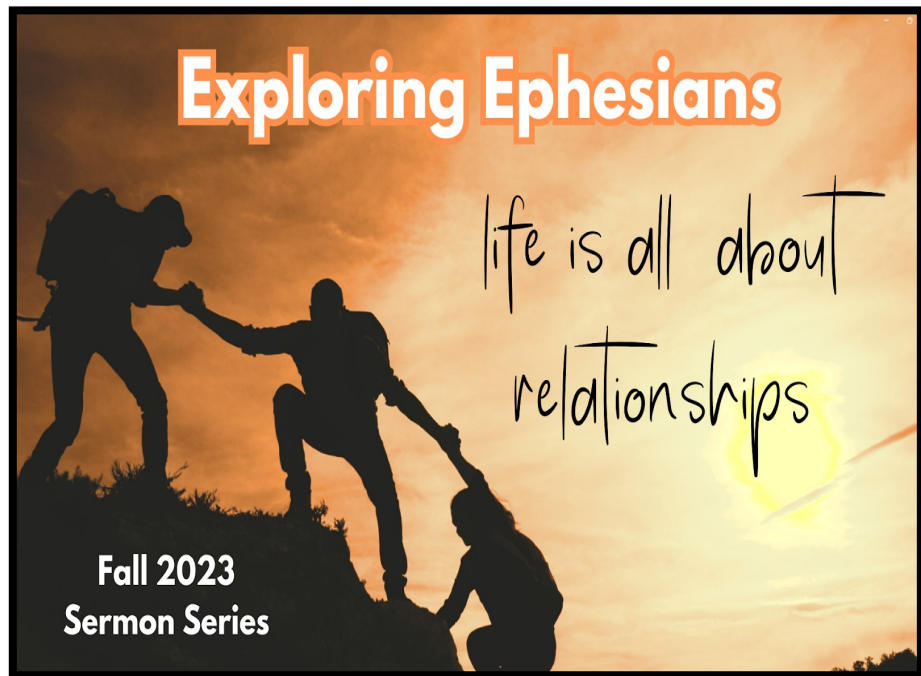




CHERRY TREE
ALLIANCE CHURCH

October 22, 2023 • 10:00 AM



Today's Message:
Identity Crisis
Ephesians 4:17- 5:2
Ronald L. Auther II, Ph.D.

10:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
October 22, 2023

Call to Worship

Only A God Like You

Friendship Greeting

Announcements

Offering

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Who You Say I Am
I Speak Jesus

Praise & Petition

Message

Identity Crisis

Good, Good Father

Benediction



EXPLORING EPHESIANS: THE SERIES

– Week #6: Ephesians 4:17- 5:2 –

October 22nd, 2023 – Ronald L. Auther II, Ph.D.

* _____ IS A _____ FOR
THE _____.

*WE ARE NOT TO _____,
_____, _____, OR _____, LIKE THE
_____.

*THIS A _____ FROM _____
TO US.

THREE DEFINING WAYS GENTILES LIVE

- 1.) THEY ARE _____ OF THE _____.
- 2.) THEY ARE _____ TO THE _____.
- 3.) THEY ARE _____ IN THE _____.

*THE WHOLE OF THE _____ IS
_____ AND _____ CONNECTED TO
_____.

*THERE IS A _____ TO THE _____.

THE _____ THAT WE ARE TO _____ SETTING US
APART FROM THE SINFUL WORLD IS OUR:

- 1.)
- 2.)
- 3.)
- 4.)
- 5.)
- 6.)



Fellowship of Christian Athletes Prayer Event

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be hosting a *Fields of Faith* evening at Albert Gallatin High School Football Field, featuring games, music, encouraging talks, and prayer under the football lights. All are invited to come pray for our schools in Southwestern PA **TONIGHT, October 22nd** at 5:30 PM. Contact Coach Tim with any questions at 301-335-4344 or tflorian@fca.org.

Capacity's Fall Schedule

Oct 22—FCA Fields of Faith

5:30 PM at AG High School

Oct 27-29—JOLT Jr. High Retreat

at Laurelville Camp

For more info, reach out to Pastor Joshua at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



Fall Church Work Day

Saturday, **November 4th** at 8:00 AM
Donuts, Coffee & Lunch Provided

We will be concentrating on trimming trees & shrubs and getting the outside ready for the cooler months ahead.

If you have any tools that would be helpful, please bring them. Pick-up trucks needed as well.

If you'd like to help, please contact Bob Dennis or Joe Thomas.

Please note: Daylight Saving Time ends soon!

Don't forget to turn clocks back one hour before going to sleep on Saturday, **November 4th!**



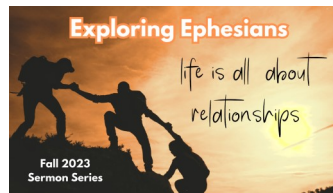
Soul Sisters

Our next meeting of Soul Sisters will be held on Thursday, **November 9th** at 6:30 PM, and will be hosted by the Bruderhof sisters at 100 Spring Valley Road in Farmington. Eileen Campbell Knapp will be sharing the message. Please plan to bring your Bible, a snack to share, and arrive on time. All ladies 18 and older are welcome to attend and bring a friend. See Tracey Dillon or Luann Schaefer with questions.

We need YOUR help with our sermon series!

Have you experienced the transformative working of God in your relationships with... family? friends? the church? your employer? your enemy? yourself? If so, we would love to meet with you to record a 1-2 minute video testimony for use during this series! Please reach out to Andrea in the church office or Pastor Travis.

Andrea: 724-880-5878 / ctallch@verizon.net
Pastor Travis: 724-322-1130 / tdeans@nny.org



Men's Small Group



Our next men's small group meeting will be held here at Cherry Tree Alliance on Saturday, **November 11th**.

The meeting is from 8:00 - 10:00 AM and will include breakfast and a time of study based on the book *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. Please sign up at the bulletin board in the foyer.

CTAC KIDS
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
A STELLAR CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD AT 7PM
SAVE THE DATE!
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO
PARTIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.
Sign-up starts TODAY! Look for the
"light up" Clipboard in the foyer.
Practice for the program will be:
Sunday Nov. 12th
Sunday Nov. 19th
2pm to 4pm

CALL TO PRAYER

OCTOBER 2023



THE HEARTBREAKING PLIGHT OF THE DISPLACED

It is a desperate plea, one that is heard throughout our community of believers in this West African country. "Please, would you take one of my children? We have left everything behind and are taking refuge in the church yard. But no schools are open, there is minimal food, and it is not good for our children to be here." Families in various cities in our host country have received many relatives already. This is the new normal as Alliance national churches and international workers serve among the thousands of displaced people fleeing their home communities due to danger or violence.

A friend of ours, Elizabeth, received such a call from an Alliance pastor my husband and I have known through our Bible school ministry. At first, she told the pastor that she could not take in any more children. The pastor called again, desperate. Elizabeth still refused. He then sent an intermediary to see if that would help. In the end, our friend agreed. The 12-year-old, Grace, came with only the clothes on her back. Her dad is a pastor, and the family was chased from

their village about nine months ago. Grace recounted a harrowing story of fleeing their village, sleeping outside surrounded by many other displaced people and, of course, waiting to see if food would be found.

Grace is just one of the many displaced children who are living in the country where our team serves. Isaiah 16:2 compares displaced women to birds pushed from their nests. Their plight is not only desperate for them but also for their children, who, a few months before, had been playing, laughing, and going to school. But Isaiah goes on to say that one day, God will establish His King, and He will rule with mercy and truth. Pray that until that day, He will use us in helping the displaced among us find hope in Jesus. Intercede as well for protection for those in need of shelter, for wisdom in knowing how to help, and for finances to meet the overwhelming needs. Pray, too, for Grace as we enroll her in our Christian school and assist the family that is helping her.

by Esther, an Alliance international worker serving in West Africa

TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS, PLEASE VISIT CmAlliance.org/Pray.

Moms in Prayer - Mondays at 6:00 PM
Please ask the church office for Teresa's number
for the meeting details.



Bible Quiz Practice

Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM / 2nd-12th Grade
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions
at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

AWANA Clubs

Ages 3 years old through 5th grade
Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.



Clubs

Cubbies — 3 and 4 year-olds
Sparks — Kindergarten through 2nd Grade
Truth and Training (T&T) — 3rd through 5th Grade

Register online at: www.cherrytreealliance.org/ministries/childrens-ministry



Capacity Wednesday Night Ministry

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM / 6th-12th Grade
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions
at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.

International Workers of the Week

Please pray for our Alliance workers of the week, Danny and Vera Kuranji, who serve in Serbia. *Danny and Vera were both born, raised, and married in Serbia. During their first year of marriage, they immigrated to Canada; all four of their children are Canadian citizens. Sara and Tamara live in Canada with their families, and Filip and Amenda live in Serbia with their families. Although Danny and Vera were raised as Christians, they experienced a spiritual renewal during their first years of living in Canada. It was during this time that they felt God calling them to return to their homeland with the intention of sharing the Gospel. They left their business in Canada behind and returned to Serbia in 1986. Civil wars have split the country of Yugoslavia, forcing them to stay in the region of Serbia, where they speak the language and know the culture. Unrest and war have given them many opportunities to help and serve in practical ways, including talking to thousands of people about Jesus. The fruit of the Kuranjis' ministry is bountiful. They have led refugees, people living in poverty, and those without hope to Jesus. Their church plant, Christian Fellowship, has birthed other daughter churches. They also minister to the terminally ill and their families, a ministry that has opened many opportunities to touch individuals and families. The Kuranjis also run successful rehab centers for men and women who are addicted to drugs. What the Kuranjis love most about being international workers is seeing lives changed; a life of ministry excites them despite any challenge that they might face. Although there are difficulties, the price they pay seems so small compared to final results: making a difference.*

Prayer of the Day

Spend time today in praising the Lord for your identity as a child of the King! We can hold firm to this identity, no matter who the world tries to tell us we are. Use today's closing song lyrics as a launching point for praising God for who He is, and how He loves us!

*You're a good, good Father - it's who You are
And I'm loved by you - it's who I am*

Immerse Small Groups

College Age Group - Resumes in November
Ladies' Small Group - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Kids & Capacity Sunday Ministry

Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
Ages Pre-K / K-2nd Grade / 3rd through 5th Grade
Nursery Care available

Capacity Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings
6th-8th Grade - Contact Pastor Joshua with any
questions at capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com.



Offering plates will be passed during the service.
You may also place your offering in the wall lockbox outside
the church office door. To give online, visit our website at
www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving to check out our electronic
donation service using the program Tithe.ly.

Thanks for your faithful giving!

GIVING

Operating Fund Giving for October: \$18,208
(Amount needed monthly: \$27,734)
Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$554

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Worship Service: 88
Livestream Views: 117

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