



Hello Koinonia!

Matthew 6 has some of my favourite verses in the Bible. They are not necessarily the ones I go to for my encouragement but they are where I find reminders of great ways to encourage our loving heavenly Father. Jesus says not only will these actions please your Father, but He will see them and reward you if you believe and follow this way which contradicts the way we naturally think. Take a look through the passage as you review the points below.

Matthew 6:1-18 takes 3 different looks at sneaky ways Christians can slip into pride and 4 clear ways that Jesus wants us to stay out of that subtle trap.

1. Don't tell people how generous you are, just be generous. Avoid letting people even see your generosity if you can (In vs. 19-34 Jesus visits a related theme of why one might be reluctant to be generous).
2. Don't look to impress people with your prayers. (If you look at The Message version, there is a definite attempt to make this passage relevant to our times.) Jesus follows up with the Lord's Prayer as a sample of how to pray. Think of how much it covers in so few words and notice where the focus of most of the prayer is - its on who God is.
3. Include forgiveness in your prayers. I encourage you to dig into the reason given.
4. When you are giving up something for God (perhaps over lent), keep that between you and God. Think about the last time you gave up something so you could focus more on God. How did that help your relationship with Him and how you felt about yourself?

Four short thoughts for your consideration; and for mine.

Your Brother on the Journey,

Glen

## Opportunities . . .

**Drop off winter clothing for those less fortunate at West Campus** winter boots, work boots, gloves, winter coats, scarves, ski pants, warm socks, sweatshirts

There is a growing need for these items amongst the many that Compassionate Ministries helps each week. Drop off inside the north east doors of West Campus, Mondays 6:00-7:15pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am 4120 Centre St. N.

## **Seminar, Abortion: Responding as Followers of Jesus - March 20, 9:00am-Noon**

Joy Dirks helps us understand the situation in Alberta and Canada and explores how we can respond appropriately to this challenging issue and the many people that are impacted by it. Details and registration at: <https://www.cschurch.ca/event/2021-03-20-abortion-responding-as-followers-of-jesus/>

**Plan to invite a friend to Koinonia Coffeehouse** - The coffee house is a great way to invite a friend to hang out, connect, talk and make space for God conversations. Join us in praying and reaching out to our single friends. The next Coffeehouse is **THIS** Friday February 26th.

## **Upcoming Events . . .**

### **Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30pm - Koinonia Discipleship Groups Night - Zoom**

If you are in a Discipleship Group, You will know what to do. If you are not yet in one, we should let you know that Discipleship Groups are a great way to develop deeper friendships and build your understanding of your relationship with the Lord and become part of a caring community. If you have questions or are not currently in a discipleship group, please email [koinonia@cschurch.ca](mailto:koinonia@cschurch.ca).

### **Friday, February 26 at 7:30pm - Community Coffeehouse - Zoom**

It's your chance to connect and have great conversation again. It's not just for us! Invite single friends and family to taste community, even those who would not normally come to church. Koinonia breakout room hosted by Kenneth, Jennifer and/or John. This is a time to have fun with icebreakers, conversation and activities. This is a great time to be in community. To join the Zoom meeting use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82547456890?pwd=Ymw1b28xbXVyZGZKdWtLRmx1R2pOUT09>

Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom App/Website and enter: Meeting ID: 825 4745 6890; Password: 270296. You may also phone to 587-328-1099 and enter the same meeting ID.

### **Wednesday, March 3 - Koinonia Community Gathering - Zoom**

Come again and hear what Pastor Tim has to share with us as he continues to expand on the subject of our relationships. As always, we will have lots of time to just talk as well as to discuss our thoughts on the subject of **"How to Maintain Closeness While Physically Distanced"**

**PRAYER AT 6:55 pm.** (Same link. Everyone welcome)

Join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85694459549?pwd=ei9FVXZJWGZDOUNyNXowZU04bC8zUT09>

Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom App/Website and enter: Meeting ID: 856 9445 9549; Password: 452740. You may also phone to 587-328-1099 and enter the same meeting ID.

### **Saturday, March 6th at 7:00pm - All Centred Singles Prayer for the Persevering Church - Zoom**

You're not just upholding our brothers and sisters in Christ but you will be encouraged by what God is doing around the world in places that we think are less fortunate than us. You can make a difference!

Join the zoom meeting at 7:00pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81165756161?pwd=WGxMamQ1RUFIczRTdkZmTGY4b2ZRZz09>

Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom App/Website and enter: Meeting ID: **811 6575 6161**; Password: **866141**. You may also phone to 587-328-1099 and enter the same meeting ID.

### **Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30pm - Koinonia Discipleship Groups Night - Zoom**

Discipleship Groups are for anyone looking for deeper community and a longer time to dig into the Word together. If you have questions or are not currently in a discipleship group, please email [koinonia@cschurch.ca](mailto:koinonia@cschurch.ca).

### **Friday, March 12 at 7:30pm - Community Coffeehouse - Zoom**

Another terrific opportunity to invite our single friends and family to get connected to community! Koinonia breakout room hosted by Kenneth, Jennifer and/or John. This is a time to have fun with icebreakers, conversation and activities. This is a great time to be in community. To join the Zoom meeting use the following link:

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### **Wednesday, March 17 at 7:15pm - Koinonia Community Gathering - Zoom**

Come for session 5 as Pastor Tim and Christine continue to show us **“How to Maintain Closeness While Physically Distanced”**. Come even if you have not been to the other sessions. There is always something to take away and group discussions after the talk.

**PRAYER AT 6:55pm.** (Same link. Everyone welcome)

Join the Zoom meeting:

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Alternatively, you can go to the Zoom App/Website and enter: Meeting ID: 856 9445 9549; Password: 452740. You may also phone to 587-328-1099 and enter the same meeting ID

### **Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30pm - Koinonia Discipleship Groups Night - Zoom**

It's your chance to connect and share with spiritual family again. Discipleship Groups are how Koinonia fosters deeper friendships and becoming a part of a caring community that you can talk about deeper things with. If you have questions or are not currently in a discipleship group, please email [koinonia@cschurch.ca](mailto:koinonia@cschurch.ca).

### **Friday, March 26 at 7:30pm - Community Coffeehouse - Zoom**

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## **Discipleship Groups**

Join us for our discipleship groups! Discipleship groups are a great way to connect with people and grow deeper in your walk with the Lord. It is an opportunity to talk about real life, study and pray together. If you are in a group you should be hearing from your leader soon. If you are not currently in a discipleship group, please email [koinonia@cschurch.ca](mailto:koinonia@cschurch.ca) and we would be happy to get you connected to a group.

## **Having trouble connecting with us on ZOOM? Maybe we can help?**

Contact your Discipleship Group leader or email [centredsingles@cschurch.ca](mailto:centredsingles@cschurch.ca).