

Growing Together Fellowship Bulletin

Simply Loving God and Loving people..

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Love God in your tithes & offerings today.

Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (NIV) - Matthew 22:37

"And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." (NIV) - 1 John 4:21

BUT THE LORD GOD CALLED TO THE MAN, "WHERE ARE YOU?"

GENESIS 3:9

conversation. An invitation to revelation—to vulnerability, repentance, and reconciliation. "Where are you?" That is, "Will you show yourself to Me?"—a gentle and merciful call to confession and restoration. Certainly, the consequences of their sin were coming and would be significant, but they were administered in the context of compassion and care. After God cursed the serpent, He described Eve's resultant pain in childbirth and Adam's subsequent struggle with the earth. But then God Himself crafted garments for His children before He sent them out from their first home. When we hide in shame, God is calling to us: "Where are you?" We can be thankful that He still pursues us with mercy.



WHERE ARE YOU?

Genesis 3:1-24 | Did you know that the childhood game known as hide-and-seek dates to the second century BC? According to Encyclopedia Britannica, Greek writer Julius Pollux called the game apodidraskinda, and his rules were identical to ours. Two or more players would conceal themselves, and another player would try to find them. It almost sounds like Genesis chapter 3, doesn't it? Except Adam and Eve's avoidance of God was not for fun. After they ate the forbidden fruit, "the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked" (v. 7). They immediately experienced shame and a severed relationship with God. In a futile attempt to cover their crime, they sewed and put on fig-leaf clothes. When they heard God "walking in the garden," they hid. The Moody Bible Commentary explains the use of the word walking: It indicates most likely the human form of the Son of God, come to fellowship with His people. Clearly, Adam and Eve were expecting immediate judgment, but God did not come with rage or retribution. Instead, He called (qara) to them: "Where are you?" It's that same Hebrew word, but it doesn't indicate a naming. Nor is God confused about their location. This is a call to

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Children's Classes

Nursery, Preschool
& Children's Church
have class every
Sunday following
Praise & Worship

Youth Services
Every Other Sunday
Every Wednesday
at 7pm

**Young Adult
Bible Study**
Every other Sunday
at 6:30pm at Kevin
& Holly's House for
ages 18-30.

REMINDERS

Please remember
that we ask no food
or drinks other than
water in the
sanctuary. Thank
you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Faith Brigade will be meeting today after service.
- 11/7: Election Day is Tuesday November 7. This year is a very important election for the State of Virginia. We hope all of you will vote and we encourage you to vote early.
- 11/12: Brian will have an In Depth Bible study on Sunday November 12 at 6:00 PM at the church. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 11/12: Young Adult Bible Study at Kevin & Holly's house at 6:30pm.
- 11/14: Youth Bible Study at Seth & Nicole Babinger's House at 6:30pm
- 11:14: The Women's Ministry will have it's last meeting of the year at the church at 7pm. The group will be taking a break for the holidays and will be starting a new book in the new year!
- 11/22: No Wednesday night service this week!
- Operation Christmas Child boxes are due back 11/19. There will be shopping days at Common Ground on 11/18 & 11/19. More details to come!
- We have had several people replying to the church text message system. It does allow you to text but please know that it is overall unmonitored and may not be seen for days or at all because the responses go back to the message system and not to any individual phones. If you have a need or want to share something, please don't text the church message system because we likely won't see it. There may be times we might ask for a response on it and in those cases we would be looking for those responses but generally it is used to get information to people. If you have a need, please call or text the appropriate leader.

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