

CCY Connect

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Running the Race

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Summer is upon us and for some, things are slowly returning to normal. For others, not so much. This can be very frustrating and difficult, as change usually is. As we watch the news and interact with people in this world at times it can seem quite harsh. Probably every generation before has noted a decline in morality and values, as has our current generation. At times it feels harder and harder to live in this godless world among godless people. The Bible tells us to keep our eyes on the prize, to keep running this race.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1-3

What does that mean? Yes, we will have opposition. Yes, we will have hindrances. We are to keep our eyes on Jesus, the One who is perfect, the One who strengthens our faith. Sometimes I wish I had bigger faith. I know my love is big, but sometimes my faith is not. I can get easily upset or moved by my circumstances and let it affect my faith. I would love to be at a point in my life where faith is my first response in any situation.

I was watching my grandson play t-ball and heard his coach kept saying, "keep your eye on the ball." When he did, the ball went flying! When he didn't, well... you get the idea. The same is true with most sports, athletes are committed to keep their eye on the ball. I think we as Christians we sometimes forget this. We get in a hurry and lose sight of what we're supposed to be doing, where our focus should be, and we take our eye off the ball. We should live our lives as athletes train to win. We WILL receive the prize in our journey into heaven. The only way that is possible, is through the amazing grace of our Father's son Jesus. It is imperative that we keep our eye on Him. We are not perfect, never will be in this life.

I'm so glad we serve a Mighty and perfect God who we can run to in EVERY situation. It's what He wants, though I do forget at times and feel the need to handle things myself. When I keep my eyes focused on Him, He shows me time after time that His way is so much better!

THIS MONTH AT CCY:

JULY

- 1 Youth Pool Party
- 11 Backyard VBS
- 13 Youth - Mission OKC
- 25 4th-6th Grade Day Camp

AUGUST

- 2 Baby Dedication Sunday



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Colossians 2:6

Nicole Kirby

"And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him." Colossians 2:6

In reading Colossians, my joy has been renewed by its powerful messages. God has rescued us, forgiven our sins, made us holy and blameless – *all through His plans and the work of Christ*. We have exerted no effort in this great work of changing our status and destination. Our part is belief with a simple faith.

Colossians 2:6 instructs us to continue to follow Christ in the way we accepted Him. Which is...by His work coupled with our faith. We can dig deep into God's grace, seek Him as our power source and rest in what He's done. Then we are properly equipped, less stressed and more joyful to do what He's called us to.

Yet, a life of faith does require action. God asks us to take His message to others. To live a pure life. Be disciplined and faithful. God is faithful to bring about results and growth. We can be capable because our ability and strength is sourced in Him. May we continue to be rooted and built up in Him!



JUNE PARTICIPATION AT CCY

DATE	WORSHIP	ONLINE REACH	GEN. GIVING
6.7.20	100	465	\$ 6,755
6.14.20	120	128	\$ 5,173
6.21.20	75	251	\$ 8,902
6.28.20	116	270	\$5,770

WEEKLY NEED: \$7,289

Kids Day Camp

The CCY Children's ministry wants to invite all 4th-6th graders to join us for a day of fellowship and fun. We will start our morning with worship and time in the Word. Camp wouldn't be camp without fun and games so after worship and devotional we will do some crafts and play lots of energetic games.

After we eat lunch we will have more time of worship and devotional and then we will venture out to go swimming. For a schedule and to register your child please visit our website or Facebook page!



With covid-19 and the craziness of this world, we weren't able to do our mission OKC trip or go to camp this year, but this didn't stop our students at CCY from desiring to grow and serve!

This year we are putting on a 3 day event from July 13th-15th called "Camp Mission" where we stay on site at the church for 3 days and serve our community, our church, and help our members of the church with projects!

We combined the aspects of camp and a local missions trip in order to give our students the opportunity to bless others while learning more about themselves in furthering their walk by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

We, at CCY, are so proud of these students and we, as a church body, are fully behind the power and benefit of being the hands and feet of Jesus in our church, our community, and in our world.