

GOOD NEWS!!

Let us give thanks to God for the hope we have in him through Christ!



Our Super Worship Sunday
Super Bowl Sunday 2019

The February edition of the newsletter received editorial help from **EVERYONE** who ministers at Church of the Common Ground. Thank you!

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The word love appears over 300 times in the bible.

Because of many different translations, it is not possible to say for sure how many times the word love appears. What we know for sure is that "love" is important to God. Love is God's dream for us. So much so, that he sent his only son to show us how to love; to teach us what love should look like. No matter what we do, God's love for us is abundant, unlimited and infinite.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians he goes into detail about what love should look like. It should be patient, kind and rejoice in the truth. Love should not be envious, boastful, proud or easily angered. It should not keep track of wrongdoings. Instead it protects, trusts, hope and endures.

When I think about how our Community shows God's love to one another, I think about grace: The love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it, not necessarily because of anything we have done to earn it. Every week we gather for morning prayer, bible study and worship. Every week when we come together, we bring our imperfections, hopes, and fears, and for a time, we try our hardest to put them aside and open our hearts, minds and spirits to learn about God, praise God and worship God. We bring a lot with us, sometimes our day or our week has not gone well. We may be hungry, tired or sick, but we show love to each other by being patient, understanding and helping one another. We may get angry, vent our frustrations and not always agree with each other, but we find it in our hearts to hold hands as we pray our Prayers of the People. We sing together, shake hands and give hugs as we share the Peace of our Lord with each other. Because God has so generously showered us with grace and mercy we show love by doing the same. Our community at Church of the Common Ground is not perfect. We don't always love the way that Paul advises the Corinthians to love. But it is in accepting and forgiving our imperfections that we show love to one another each and every week.



SUNDAYS: 1pm—Worship at Woodruff Park

MONDAYS: 10:30am—Morning Prayer Central Outreach

TUESDAYS: Pastoral Care | 9:30-11:30am Common Soles—Gateway

WEDNESDAYS: 10:30am—Morning Prayer at Central Outreach
2:30pm—Bible Study at Woodruff Park

THURSDAYS: Pastoral Care

FRIDAYS: Theology from the Margins resumes Friday February 15, and then meets every other week, on Fridays
9:30-1pm, until April 12

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Theology from the Margins... returns for a New Year of Classes!

salvation
Jesus
and the
God of Israel
The Spirit
Christian Life
Theological
methods



Theology from the Margins returns with Professor Chris for 2019! Spend time in fellowship, faith, and learning as we spend several classes talking about topics like *Jesus and the God of Israel*, and so much more. See the class dates, times and location below. Talk with Pastor Monica if you are interested or have questions.

Class Dates and Location:

- February 15th
- March 1st
- March 15th
- March 29th
- April 12th

Classes meet at
Central Outreach
at 9:30am



Birthdays



- 1st-Marcus
- 3rd-Calvin
- 4th-Jennifer
- 13th-Gino
- 20th-Mike
- 23rd-Michael P.
- 27th-David
- 27th-Admin Jen
- 29th-John R.



“O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of this life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

If you would like your birthday listed in the CCG newsletter, please make sure to let one of the priests know what date it is.

Celebrate Black History Month:

Feb. 23 @ 1pm - Black History Month Parade
Begins at Hurt Park and goes through downtown



Welcome, Gigi!
Our new TACC
intern is here.