

June 6, 2021

Campus Update

Church Budget Vote

We will vote in all three services today on the proposed budget for 2021-22 without discussion.

Night at the Movies - Cinderella

Join us tonight for a showing of the live action version of Cinderella in the Worship Center. Popcorn and other concessions will be available starting at 6:00 pm and the movie will begin at 6:30 pm. *Childcare will be available for babies - age 2.

Deacon Election

It's time to nominate deacons for 2021/2022. Paper ballots are located at the Crestview Information Center and the Senior Adult Ministry (S.A.M.) desk. Completed ballots can be turned in at the Crestview Information Center, the Church Offices, or placed in any of the Giving Boxes. You may also vote online by going to crestview.church and clicking on Deacon Ballot in the Featured section. Ballots are due no later than Sunday, July 15th.

Podcast & Blog

We have 2 ways for you to dive deeper into Pastor John's message each week - our podcast called *Viewpoints*, and our blog (new episodes and posts every Sunday).

This week's topic is: God Pursues

Podcast: crestview.church/podcast

Blog: crestview.church/blog-posts

Check-in #: TEXT "check" to 432-219-8688

"CINDERELLA: GOD PURSUES"

BLOCKBUSTERS - REMADE

PART-1

Dr. John Gerlach

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"When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, He said to him, 'Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshipping other gods.'" Hosea 1:2 (NLT)

1. GOD **PURSUES YOU** EVEN WHEN YOU RUN FROM HIM.

"Their mother has been unfaithful and has conceived them in disgrace. She said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my food and my water, my wool and my linen, my olive oil and my drink.'" Hosea 2:5 (NIV)

"Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes; I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way." Hosea 2:6 (NIV)

2. GOD **KEEPS LOVING YOU** EVEN WHEN YOU RUN FROM HIM.

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

"When she runs after her lovers, she won't be able to catch them. She will search for them but not find them. Then she will think, 'I might as well return to my husband, for I was better off

with him than I am now.' She doesn't realize it was I who gave her everything she has—the grain, the new wine, the olive oil; I even gave her silver and gold. But she gave all my gifts to Baal." Hosea 2:7-8 (NLT)

"But now I will take back the ripened grain and new wine I generously provided each harvest season. I will take away the wool and linen clothing I gave her to cover her nakedness." Hosea 2:9 (NLT)

3. **GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON YOU.**

"The Lord said to me, 'Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes. 'So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley.'" Hosea 3:1-2 (NIV)

- **We've all gone Gomer, but God takes us as we are.**

"But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 (NLT)

"The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'" Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

Hosea's bizarre and heartbreaking marriage illustrates:

- **The depth and pain of our sin toward God.**
- **The depth and commitment of God's love toward us.**

"I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the Lord, that He may come and shower righteousness upon you.'" Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- **Do this week's YouVersion® Bible App Reading Plan: "Redeeming Love" (5 day plan).**
- **Check out this week's blog or podcast on "God Pursues."**
- **Ask God to correct me, to rebuke me, and to encourage me with His love.**
- **Get more information about our next Baptism Day on July 25th.**

Notes

Comeback Sunday--August 15th:

- 1. Attend in person or online.**
- 2. Give financially - any amount.**
- 3. Serve - somewhere Sunday or during the week.**
- 4. Invite someone.**