

Welcome

Community Christian Fellowship
1702 6th Avenue, Moline, IL
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Schedule... We pray together in the East Lounge at 10 AM. No Sunday School Classes till September. Join us in the Main Auditorium for a combined time of Preaching, Praise and Worship starting at 10:30 AM

To Our Guests...We are glad you have joined us. If you are visiting today, please sit back and enjoy worshipping the Lord with us. If you would like to know more about our church, please fill out an RSVP form & drop it in the offering box in the back of the auditorium.

Parents... Childcare is provided at 10:30 AM.

Thanks for Coming...If you wish to financially share with us in the work of God's Kingdom, there is an offering box on the center pillar in the rear of the auditorium in which you may place your gifts. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Please come again!

Announcements

CCF is 50 YEARS OLD!



1973 - 2023.

Please join us on Saturday,
AUGUST 12
for a Celebration Reunion.
6 to 9 PM

**Our Celebration is
only 3 Weeks Away.
Please sign up in
the back to help!**

July 23, 2023

**WHEN JESUS NOTICED
HOW THE GUESTS CHOSE
THE PLACES OF HONOR,
HE TOLD THEM A PARABLE:
- LUKE 14:7**

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Information

Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting

Prayer Meeting every Sunday morning from 10 to 10:20 AM. Please join us in the East Lounge to pray together for CCF.

Tuesday Morning Small Group

Tuesday Morning Small Group meets at CCF at 10 AM. September through April. Talk to **Dan Cooper** if you have any questions.

Women's Circle

Women's Circle arranges to bring meals, babysit, run errands, etc. during times of births, illness or bereavement. If you know of anyone at CCF with such a need, please call **Anita**

Prayer Chain

If you would like the church to pray for your prayer request, email Mary Ann at ma7hanavan@gmail.com. If she can't be reached, email anitaccfmoline@gmail.com

Health for Life Team

If you have any questions or concerns, just call **Margaret Cooper** at 563-285-6190

Our Elders, Steve & Ron are available if you would like to talk with them regarding any questions or concerns you may have or if you would like counsel. Steve: 563-340-8284, Ron: 309-592-3000

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Today

"Place of Honor"

Luke 14:1-15

Steve Clark

mark  your **Calendar**

Cleaning Day:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Cleaning from 8 to 11AM

Set UP from 2 to 4 PM

Your Help is Needed to get things clean, ready and set-up for our **50TH CELEBRATION.**

✓ **Women's Fall Kick-Off**
August 23

✓ **Outside Worship & Picnic**
September 17

✓ **Women's Event /Marie Tschopp**
October 21

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Thank you to all who baked, bought, and prayed, we raised \$2,460 from the **PIE AUCTION!!!** Praise God!!! We received our check from the **AIR SHOW** fund raiser, thank you to all who worked & prayed for that fund raiser. We made \$466.62

Our next fund raiser is at **PIZZA RANCH** August 21st. We will need workers, buyers, and prayers for that one too.

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. Luke 1:46a- 48b

Let us rejoice and thank God our Savior for being mindful of our little church CCF as we serve Him through Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

A Place of Honor

HAND OUT - JULY 23, 2023-

At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus taught the Beatitudes with which the Sermon of the Mount opens, He speaks; "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

He also said, "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." The first words of His proclamation of the kingdom of heaven reveal the open gate through which we enter. The poor who have nothing in themselves, to them the kingdom comes. The meek who seek nothing in themselves, they shall have the earth. The blessings of heaven and earth are for the lowly!

As we look into the truth of Luke 14:1-15, the mercy, compassion and humility is revealed and we will learn and hopefully apply these characteristics in our own lives.

Christ Heals a Man on the Sabbath (Luke 14:1-6)

One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely. ² There was a man there whose arms and legs were swollen. ³ Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in religious law, "Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the Sabbath day, or not?" ⁴ When they refused to answer, Jesus touched the sick man and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ Then he turned to them and said, "Which of you doesn't work on the Sabbath? If your son or your ox falls into a pit, don't you rush to get him out?" ⁶ Again they could not answer.

He Teaches Humility (Luke 14:7-10)

⁷ When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: ⁸ "When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? ⁹ The host will come and say, 'Give this person your seat.' Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!

¹⁰ "Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, 'Friend, we have a better place for you!' Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. ¹¹ For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

THE CHOICE OF GUESTS (Luke 14:12-15)

¹² Then he turned to his host. "When you put on a luncheon or a banquet," he said, "don't invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. ¹³ Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you." ¹⁵ Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!"

TRICLINIUM

In order to see what Jesus saw, it is imperative to understand the method of seating guests in their culture.

In early Old Testament times people sat at their meals. Reclining was a luxurious habit imported from foreign countries by the degenerate aristocracy in the days of the later prophets. Still, we find it common in New Testament times. (Matt. 26:7; Mark 6:22, 29, Luke 14:10. John 12:12 are verse using a Greek word for recline).

The rooms that were used for feasts were relatively large. There was enough room for one or more sets of tables known as triclinium. The guests attending would sit or recline at three tables set up in the shape of an inverted U. There may be more than one triclinium set up in a room, each having a center seat in the center called "Lectus imus". This center seat was for the host. The most desired seats were next to the host and the least desired was down at the foot of the table.

When the time had come to choose seats, the guests were choosing the best, most distinguished seats to occupy.

God is always watching us; both what we do and what we say. In this world, Christians can get caught up in the act of being unkind and even down right ruthless. It can be expected from those caught up in worldly values, but we are taught in this passage to be humble and kind. Sooner or later, a man's pride will bring him low. Before honor is humility.

Micah 6:8

**He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?**

The first step in walking humbly with God is recognizing He created you and sin (your rebelliousness toward God) has separated you from having a relationship with Him. With faith in Christ, believing He died for your sins, that relationship is restored. It takes humility to be on the receiving end of God's gift of salvation. When you realize you have nothing to offer in earning your salvation, you are poor in spirit. Salvation is the free gift from God. It takes humility in your life to realize that He alone has filled our most desperate need and to be on the receiving end.

Philippians 2:8

Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.