Local & Global Outreach Highlight

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Anchored International

September 24, 2023

Dear Friends at CDA Bible,

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support!

We really appreciate the emphasis on prayer at CDA Bible church. It was amazing to see how many prayers God answered during our week of Serve CDA, where we were all praying for our local ministries. It was so cool to see the smiles on the faces of the ministry leaders when we came to pray with them.

In just a couple of weeks, we will go to Spain, where we will meet with our missionaries, Mark and Andrea Davis. We hope to encourage them in the same way, coming alongside them in their ministry and praying with them on behalf of the CDA Bible church family.

During the summer, we only had two Bible studies a week, so I was looking forward to more time in the office. However, we had a number of projects that were pressing, so we were glad for the flexibility in our schedule. Our house insurance insisted that we re-roof the house, or they would not insure us. Thankfully, the Lord provided in a wonderful way, and with the help of some friends, we were able to get this project done.

We are back to five Bible studies week, which is a lot more fun than roofing! In October, we will head to Europe for our Anchored International team meetings. Some of our team members will be in the Munich area to do evangelistic Bible studies and to train other ministries on chronological teaching for outreach. Please pray for our team as we meet for fellowship, prayer, and planning.

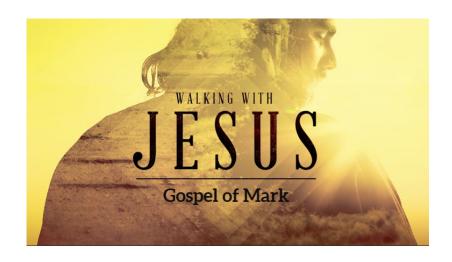
We are both healthy, happy, and encouraged in the Lord. He has provided abundantly for each trip and each project this year. We have seen him at work in our lives and in the lives of people around us. We look forward to seeing what he will do in the days ahead.

In His wonderful grace,

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Sunday Worship, September 24, 2023

Come, let's worship and bow down; let's kneel before the LORD our Maker.

*Psalm 95:6 (CSB)

WELCOME! Our great desire for you this morning is that God provides you with opportunities to experience and worship Him; connect with others within our church; and be challenged toward spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

COMMUNICATION CARDS: Located in the wooden rack in each pew are our communication cards. In addition to stopping by or calling the church office, please use these cards if you are new or have an address/contact change (CONNECT), have a prayer request (PRAY), have a question, comment or would like to serve (SERVE), or have a question about giving at CBC (GIVE). Please drop your card in an offering box in the back of the Worship Center. We love to hear from you!

KIDS CONNECT: Kids ages 4 through 5th grade have the opportunity to join their peers for a lesson during the sermon. They will be dismissed from the Worship Center and picked up in their individual classrooms following the worship service. The Nursery is open to infants through age 3, and also the place where you register your kids for all Sunday programs prior to the start of the worship gathering.

WELCOME COUNTER: Have questions? Need directions? Want to learn more? We have someone in the lower lobby at the Welcome Counter both before and after the worship service.

WORSHIP LYRICS: Printed lyrics of today's worship songs are available at the Welcome Counter.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? To learn about our membership pathway, pick up a membership packet from the table in the lower lobby.

CDA BIBLE ONLINE: Our website is www.cdabible.org. We also offer a weekly e-newsletter. To sign up to receive the *Weekly Update*, go to the website, and scroll down and choose "Sign up for E-News."

GIVING: There are several ways to give at CBC: For *Online Giving* at our website (www.cdabible.org), click on the **Next Steps** button in the lower right corner, and then click on **Give**. You can give once, or set it up for regular, consistent giving. You can also give at church using the white giving envelopes in the pews and drop them in the offering boxes located in the back of the Worship Center and in the Lobby. Or, you can use good old-fashioned USPS and mail your gift. Thanks for your generous support!

SERMONS: Today's sermon is being live-streamed and will also be posted on the website. Choose **Watch** to get to our YouTube channel.

CHURCH OFFICE: The regular church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our phone number is 208.664.4883, and the church website is www.cdabible.org.

— Keep in Prayer —

Monika Hardy: Please continue in prayer during her cancer treatment. She specifically asks for prayer that she can be salt and light to medical staff and other patients. Ask the Lord to make this a time of victory as she prays for those around her and makes the most of every opportunity to share God's love.

Lopez Family: Please pray for Luis and Vanessa Lopez, who serve as missionaries in Tanzania. Their daughter Samantha and son Nathan have come down with a serious and undiagnosed illness requiring hospitalization. Samantha is showing signs of improvement but is still not feeling well. Please pray for a clear diagnosis, the best treatment, and for safety as the family must make a three hour trip from their home to the big city hospital.

Linda Barron: Pray for Linda as she is currently on a tour of Israel. Ask the Lord for safety during the trip, and pray that she will connect with the people, land, and history of Israel. May the Lord give her many opportunities to grow in knowledge and insight and share the experience with others.

Events, Ministries and Opportunities

Young Adults Prayer & Worship Night: Tomorrow! We want to invite all young adults to join us for a time prayer and worship in the Prayer Room. We are partnering with other churches in our area to host this evening and would love for you to come! If you have any questions, reach out to Zach (zach@cdabible.org).

- When: Monday, September 25 @ 7:00 PM (Come early for snacks and to hangout.)
- Who: Young Adults (high school grads to twenty-somethings; single, dating, or married)
- Where: CDA Bible Prayer Room (Enter on the north side of the building by 4th Street.)

Thursday Ladies' Bible Study Resumes **September 28**. Plan to join the CBC ladies as they gather for a time of Bible study every Thursday morning 9:15-10:45 a.m. Materials are \$10. Contact Marilee Finney with questions at 208-661-9852.

Discipleship Seminar: Want to learn more about the heartbeat of CDA Bible Church? We highly recommend attending our Discipleship Seminar. The contents of the seminar are so important that we make it a requirement for membership! We want everyone to be on the same page regarding the great value of following after Jesus. Takes place Sunday, **October 15**, from 2:00-5:00 PM. Childcare (up to age 10) is provided. Meets in the Gathering Room. Sign-up in the lobby.

Mark Your Calendar

Young Adults Night: September 25, 7:00 p.m., Prayer Room **Wednesday Gathering:** September 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday Ladies' Bible Study: September 28, 9:15-10:45 a.m. Women's Prayer Team: September 28, 11:00 a.m. (fall hours) Discipleship Seminar: October 15, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Gathering Rm.

Fall Family Festival: October 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Message Review Questions

Read through Mark 8:22-26 and interact with the following questions:

- Jesus seems to be always moving around in Mark's Gospel. According to verse 22, where do Jesus and the disciples show up?
- 2) What request was made by the blind man's friends?
- 3) Verse 23 states that Jesus led the man out of the village. Why do you think he did this?
- 4) Why do you think Jesus employed using his own saliva as part of this healing?
- 5) What does verse 24 reveal about the "completeness" of the healing?
- 6) What did the man say the humans around him looked like?
- 7) Did Jesus leave the man in this state of partial healing?
- 8) Why do you think Jesus instructed the man to avoid the village on his return home?
- 9) Several Bible commentators believe the "stubborn" healing was meant to illustrate how slowly the disciples were recognizing Jesus' identity and purpose. What do you think about that?
- 10) Does Jesus have a right to be frustrated with us if our "coming out of spiritual blindness" seems delayed or distorted?

The Eye-Opening Ministry of Jesus

Pastor Kurt Staeuble Sunday AM September 24, 2023



Mark 8:22-26 CSB

22 They came to Bethsaida. They brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. 23 He took the blind man by the hand and brought him out of the village. Spitting on his eyes and laying his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 He looked up and said, "I see people—they look like trees walking." 25 Again Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes. The man looked intently and his sight was restored and he saw everything clearly. 26 Then he sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

Message Notes: