

Sunday Worship

September 3
When God Calls
Steph Wallace

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PLASTIC JESUS SERMON SERIES



The gospels paint a picture of Jesus as a revolutionary, counter-cultural, life-changing Savior. Does that sound like Jesus to you? Or is your version of him more...tame? With the rise of modern conveniences and comforts, we run the risk of domesticating Jesus so he can fit into our busy, disjointed, suburban lifestyle. But that is NOT the Jesus we meet in the Bible.

For our "Plastic Jesus" sermon series, we'll be looking at the ways we have molded Jesus to fit our image, upholding the status quo and making sure we don't get too uncomfortable. Let's open the packaging we've placed around our Savior and see if we can rediscover who Jesus really is. It will not only change our lives, it may change the world.

- Sept. 10 - Spiritual Suburbia
- Sept. 17 - Silence: Can You Hear Me Now?
- Sept. 24 - Stewardship Sunday, Jeremy Gillett preaching
- Oct. 1 - Self: Check Me Out!
- Oct. 8 - Grace: Hiring a Cross-Bearing Service
- Oct. 15 - Service: Volunteer of the Year
- Oct. 22 - Sabbath: You're Doing a Timeout!
- Oct. 29 - Imperfection: The Curse of the Unmowed Lawn

GILLETT TO PREACH AT CRESTWOOD

We are pleased to welcome Jeremy Gillett as our guest preacher on Sept. 24. Jeremy is a Commissioned Minister in the Christian Church in Kentucky. He completed the Certificate in African American Ministry at Lexington Theological Seminary in 2022 and has enrolled at LTS to continue his theological education.

He is a graduate of BCTC, the University of Kentucky, and Arizona State University, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts in Theatre and Film Performance. Following graduate school he served for 6 years as the Director of Youth Ministries at First Christian Church North Hollywood in Los Angeles, CA.

Jeremy is an Assistant Professor of Acting at the University of Kentucky. He is a person of deep faith and commitment to the church. He and his fiancée, Caren Garrad, have a family that includes 2 daughters (Jayda and Maya) and a son (Taeshawn). He is the son of Rev. Dr. Don Gillett and Dr. Charise Gillett.



A WORD FROM KORY...



Can you feel it? The Spirit is moving through Crestwood in exciting ways! As we transition out of summer and into the routine that August brings, we're starting to see signs that the church is fully coming back to life after a few years of uncertainty and disconnect during and following the pandemic. Here are some of those signs:

- During our **Blessing of the Backpacks** on Aug. 13, the entire stairs were filled with children and youth (and a few adults) as we prayed over their return to school.
- During **Promotion Sunday** on Aug. 20, we gave out 26 Bibles to our 3-5 graders as we helped them celebrate their move into a new grade.
- That same evening, our **Back-to-School Bash** had over 80 people joining together for good food, fellowship, and lots of fun! Around 40 of those people participated in our Intergenerational Cornhole Tournament, in which a child or youth was paired with an adult to compete as a team. It was such a joy to watch those new connections being made!
- Our **Senior Adult Ministry** is back in full swing, with two trips planned and a bunch folks already signed up.
- On Sunday, Aug. 27, we had 10 people attend a **Worship and Wonder training** as they committed to help our kids learn the love of Jesus.
- That same Sunday, Steph had 20 youth join her for her **Wake Up with Wallace** Sunday School and then 18 showed up for the Youth Group kickoff.

One participant in the Worship and Wonder training texted later and said, "Thank you for the training today. It was very good! I also wanted to say that I felt more connected to church today than I had in a very long time. I'm happy that I am involved again. I can't wait for a great year at church!"

That comment highlights for me what I know to be true deep in my bones. God created us to be in relationship with each other, and one of our primary purposes in life is to be part of a community. We can't sit around and wait for connections to happen. In order to feel connected

to someone or something, we have to do our part by reaching out and finding ways to make and maintain those connections.

Another example of the importance of connection: Last week, I had an email exchange with a church member I hadn't seen in several months, just to catch up and make sure this person was OK. This past Sunday, that person was in church again and expressed how good it felt to be back with their church family. I said it a few weeks ago in worship: There's no such thing as an individual Christian. We are called to be in community together. Not only does the church have something to offer us, but the church benefits from the gifts and graces we bring when we are here.

This fall, Crestwood will have a number of different ways for you to connect to God and each other. No matter your age, ability, or interest, you can find something that will help you grow in your faith and in your relationship with Christ. Bible studies, book discussions, Crestwood University, Sunday School classes, children's and youth events...these are great ways for you to find your place at Crestwood and connect with your church family. You can learn more about all these opportunities in this newsletter.

We need each other. We are called to be the body of Christ, and we're not as strong when there are pieces missing. There are a number of legitimate reasons why people haven't been coming to church, but for most of us, it's a matter of prioritization. If we make our faith a priority, then church becomes an integral part of our and our family's lives. For those we see on a regular basis, thank you for your commitment to Christ through Crestwood. And for those we haven't seen in a while, we miss you. I hope to see you all on Sunday!

SEPTEMBER MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our Men's Breakfast this month will be on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 8:00 AM in the Bradford Room. All men of Crestwood are invited to join us for this time of food and fellowship. RSVPs are always appreciated; just let Kory know if you can be there.

Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Pam Bolton, Joe Clark, Family and friends of Faye Cooper, Jo Fulkerson, Peggy Harris, Jeanna Ott, Anne Rush

FAMILY: David Hilen (nephew of Minva Hodgins), Rebecca Prather (mother of David Powell), Emily Barr Richards (of the McDonalds), Tom McVey (cousin of Martha Seithers), Lauren Saunier (daughter of Annetta Carter), Jim Wallace (father of Scott Wallace)

FRIENDS: The Cristi Family (of Crestwood), Chuck Jollay (of David Wiseman), Erin Laswell and Casey Rusher (of Crestwood), Howard Morgan (of Kimberly Sparks), Carolyn and Paul Shriver (of the Harts), David Staten (of the Seithers and Tolls)

ARMED FORCES: Alex Back (son of Andrea Back), Anar Aliyev (of Crestwood), Karlis Bowman (nephew of Debbie Bowman Gardner), Matt Holman (son of Gaye Holman), Daniel Day (grandson of John and Carol Royse and son of Tracy Day), Bud DeLacey (nephew of Matt and Michelle DeLacey), Zoe McIntyre (granddaughter of John Sims), Ashlyn Marra-Sigler & Daniel Sigler (daughter-in law & son of David and Pam Sigler)

HEART-TO-HEART MEMBERS: Jean Aspley, Karen Billings, Lucy Booker, Margaret Buchanan, Joe Clark, Jacqueline Lindsey, Betty Shanklin, John Sims, John & Carolyn Thomas

OUR WORLD COMMUNITY: We pray for the victims & loved ones impacted by violence, inmates of the Fayette County Detention Center & their families, for an end to the war in Ukraine, for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of our local & national leaders, for those affected by COVID & natural disasters, & for God's spirit of reconciliation to bring healing during these difficult times.



STEWARDSHIP 2023

"Committed"

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

This verse encourages us to have faith in the unseen and hope for a better tomorrow. We know that our faith is rooted in a promise, a promise of love, compassion, and a future filled with God's grace. It is this very faith that guides our actions as stewards of God's gifts. Stewardship is not just about financial contributions; it's about faith in action.

On Sept. 24, Crestwood will be kicking off our fall Stewardship series. This is the time of year we pledge our gifts that allow the leaders of Crestwood to plan for operating costs, programming, and ministry for the following year. It is a crucial part of the life of the church. Specifically for 2024, our goal is to increase our Outreach Budget to 17.5%. This is only possible through your generosity. Also please remember that we are in this journey together. Our collective commitment strengthens our community and allows us to serve as beacons of hope in this world.

Pledge packets with additional information will be available for members to pick up in the Narthex on Sept. 24. If you are unable to pick up your packet we will mail it to you the week of Sept. 25. We ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge and the important role each of you play in our future. Consider how your commitment will allow you to put your faith in action.

Let us embark on this Stewardship Campaign with hearts full of faith and hope, knowing that our collective efforts will help build a future where God's love and grace shine brightly. May Hebrews 11:1 be our guiding light as we commit to action grounded in faith.

For more information about Stewardship, why we give, and ways to give, go to www.crestwoodchristian.org and click on "Give" at the right side of the home page.

Thank you,

Amy Wheeler
Stewardship Team Chair

SEPTEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 2

9:00 AM - UK Football Car Park

Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

9:00 AM - Library Team - Library

Wednesday, September 6

Senior Adult Trip to Danville

8:30 AM - PDO

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, September 7

9:30 AM - Stephen Ministers

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, September 8

8:30 AM - PDO

Saturday, September 9

8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast

12:00 PM - UK Football Car Park

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

3:00 PM - Blessing of the Pets

4:00 PM - Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, September 12

2:00 PM - Property Team - Bradford Room

Wednesday, September 13

8:30 AM - PDO

1:00 PM - Bible Study - MC4

2:00 PM - Safety & Security Comm - Admin Wing

Thursday, September 14

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

6:00 PM - Finance Team - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, September 15

8:30 AM - PDO

Saturday, September 16

3:00 PM - UK Football Car Park

Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

12:00 PM - Elders Meeting - Chalice Hall

4:00 PM - Crestwood University

4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group

5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Monday, September 18

6:45 PM - DWM Julia Circle - Bradford/Kitchen

Tuesday, September 19

9:45 AM - DWM Naomi Circle- Bradford Room

Wednesday, September 20

8:30 AM - PDO

10:00 AM - DWM Dorcas Circle - Chalice Hall

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Administrative Board - Zoom

Thursday, September 21

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, September 22

8:30 AM - PDO

Sunday, September 24

8:30 AM - Worship Service

9:30 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Choir Practice

10:45 AM - Worship Service

4:00 PM - Crestwood University

4:00 PM - Chi Rho Youth Group

5:00 PM - CYF Youth Group

Wednesday, September 27

8:30 AM - PDO

1:00 PM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

Thursday, September 28

11:00 AM - Bible Study - Bradford Room

7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, September 29

8:30 AM - PDO

SAVE THE DATES

Children & Youth Ministries 2023 Calendar

September

- 10 Blessing of the Pets & Ice Cream Social 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- 13 Serving Dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission 4:15-6:45 PM
- 24 Wake Up with Wallace

October

- 15 Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- 18 Family Pumpkin Decorating Mission Project 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
- 29 Wake Up with Wallace
Halloween Bash & Chili/Soup Cookoff 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

November

- 4 Fall Fellowship Tailgate at Crestwood
- 5 All Saints Sunday/Daylight Savings
Angel Tree Project Begins
- 19 Universal Children's Day (Children lead worship)
Youth Box Building for the Nest
- 26 Wake Up with Wallace

December

- 2 Advent Workshop
- 3 Angel Tree Gift Returns & Mittens/
Scarves Tree Decorating
Youth filling NEST food boxes 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- 10 Youth Christmas Party
- 17 Lessons & Carols
Children's Christmas Pageant and Church Holiday Dinner
- 24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, & 11:00 PM

REBUILDING MISSION TRIP

September 17 - September 22, 2023
Rebuilding Mission Trip

We are planning a rebuilding mission trip to Western Kentucky after the devastating 2021 tornadoes! The dates of the trip are September 17th through September 22. We will be staying at the First Christian Church (DOC) in Madisonville and working in Dawson Springs and Bremen rebuilding homes. No skills are necessary! The cost of the trip will be \$125. If you are interested in going on this much needed construction rebuilding mission please contact Steve Seithers at sseithers@gmail.com.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY



Our Thursday Bible study is back! We meet at 11:00 AM in the Bradford Room. We are currently working our way through the book of Genesis. Everyone is welcome, no prior experience or knowledge needed. Join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

MC4 - Led by Kory
Bradford Room - led by class members

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
1:00 PM - Bradford Room

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM - Bradford Room

Dear Crestwood,

Thank you so much for the donations of magazines! We have already begun using them in our classes, and we are so grateful for them. Since they are a consumable resource, please continue to save them up at home, and we will ask for donations again next summer.

Sincerely,

Tara Wilkinson, Lindsey Sovkoplas, and the rest of the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School English department

ADD YOUR VOICE TO OUR WORSHIP

We are looking for people who would be willing to serve as a liturgist for either the 8:30 or 10:45 AM service each Sunday. The liturgist leads the congregation in the Call to Worship and reads the first scripture (both of which are provided for you ahead of time). This is open to all ages! Please consider adding your voice to our worship service on Sunday morning. You can sign up here:

[Liturgist Signup](#)

YOUTH CORNER

By Steph Wallace

Happy September! I absolutely love autumn for so many reasons, not the least of which is the cooler weather and football season! Our UK Football Car Parks will begin this month and last through November. This is how we earn the bulk of our mission fund each year, which pays for both Chi Rho and CYF mission trips each summer. All youth should sign up to help work at least one car park - they are easy and fun and you will have plenty of help to show you what to do! Here is the sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4fa9af28aaf85-ukfootball1#/>



Another spectacular thing about autumn is that there are so many wonderful opportunities to serve in the months leading up to the holiday season! This month, we have two service projects we will undertake. The first is Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, September 10. The youth will be setting up for the event, providing assistance during the event, and collecting and loading all donated food and pet supplies to be taken to Lexington Humane Association. The other service project will be on Wednesday, September 13, when the Crestwood Youth Group is providing and serving dinner at the Lexington Rescue Mission (444 Glen Arvin Avenue) for approximately 20 people. We will set up, provide the meal and dessert, serve, and then clean up afterward. We will be there from approximately 5:00-6:30 PM. If you can join us that night, please be at church by 4:15 PM. The van will leave Crestwood at 4:30 PM. Any youth who can join us are welcome to come serve that evening. Pick up will be back at the church at 6:45 PM. You can provide food even if you cannot join us to go and serve that night; just drop food off at Crestwood by 4:15 PM so we can take it with us! Here is the link to sign up to bring food that evening or to come serve with us:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FA9AF28AAF85-youth3>

Here is the calendar of events for September, 2023:

Sunday, September 3: NO YOUTH GROUPS (Labor Day weekend)

Sunday, September 10: Blessing of the Pets, 3:00 - 4:00 PM in Lafferty Garden
(Youth should plan to be at church from 2:30 - 4:30 PM that afternoon for set up, clean up and loading afterwards, etc).

Wednesday, September 13: Serving dinner at Lexington Rescue Mission

- Meet at church by 4:15 PM; pick up back at church at 6:45 PM

Sunday, September 17:

Regular Youth Groups

- Chi Rho 4:00-5:00 PM in Chi Rho room
- CYF 5:00-6:00 PM in CYF room

Sunday, September 24:

Wake up with Wallace - 9:40 AM at Panera Bread (2300 Nicholasville Rd.)

Regular Youth Groups

- Chi Rho 4:00-5:00 PM in Chi Rho room
- CYF 5:00 - 6:00 PM in CYF room

Until I see you in church, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!



Children's Missy Wallace

Dear Crestwood Families,

One of my favorite lines from a book said if we live 100 years, we only get to see the leaves change color 100 times. Now that we've celebrated the joy of back-to-school, my inner self is rejoicing that fall is around the corner and pumpkin spice flavors have returned.

Just look at the glory of God around us! In August, we presented our children with age-appropriate bibles, kicked off our renewed fellowship team with the Back-to-School Bash, and hosted training for children's ministry volunteers. There's a spiritual momentum flowing through our young families and I'm in awe watching it.

Blessing of the pets, Pumpkin Decorating for loved ones, and Halloween Bash are all on the horizon. Plans are underway for a Christmas program combining the gifts of youth and children. I hope you'll join us this season and consider being a part of our children's ministry journey here at Crestwood. Our doors are always open.

Blessings,
Missy



On Friday August 18, Crestwood volunteers served a free appreciation lunch from Chick-fil-a to the educators and staff at Glendover Elementary School. Their team worked incredibly hard leading up to the first day of school and our church family continues to share encouragement and support through our partnership.

Please welcome our new Worship & Wonder Storytellers!

- Adrienne Strong
- Amy Hill
- Angie Allen
- Christina Zakowski
- Heidi Guckenberger
- Hiatt Allen
- Kathryn Rasnick
- Lisa Faust
- Ruthie DeLacey

Save the Dates:

September 10 - Blessing of the Pets 3 PM
Ice Cream Social 4 PM

October 18 - Family Pumpkin Decorating Mission
Project 5:30 - 6:30 PM

October 29 - Youth Sponsored Halloween Bash & Chili/
Soup Cookoff 4:00 - 6:00 PM

THANK YOU FROM FRED

To my Crestwood family, I am not sure how many of you are aware that my mother (Alma Kidd) suffered a life changing stroke March of this year. Thankfully, I was with her when it happened. The stroke did perinate damage to the right side of her brain and has left her left arm and leg un-usable and her mental state fast declining.

Mother and I joined Crestwood shortly after my parents divorce in 1968. Those first few months alone were rough and scary. The two of us felt very alone. But then, we joined Crestwood and we discovered that we had joined a church that just wasn't a church but a true family. And because of that - we also learned that family isn't always biological.

Over the past few years, so many people always told mom and I that they would always be there for us. But when news of her stroke got out, I heard nothing but silence. Those first two weeks, I felt so alone with the weight of the earth on my shoulders. Then, Crestwood stepped up to the plate as they always have and made the burden easier and less horrifying for me and showering mother with love and support.

I am not sure where this road that mother and I are traveling will take us. Being an only child, it's been a difficult and emotional journey. But I do know that were ever it takes us that the Crestwood family will always be there. They not only preach God's word - they practice it.

I want to express a heartfelt THANK YOU for the kindness, love, support and most of all - prayers. It has made such a difference. My prayer for mom now is that God will call her home soon as the situation she is currently in is not where she would want to be. Sometimes the greatest love one can give a loved one is to set them free no matter the pain it might cause the one left alone.

For those who would like to send a card or something to mother, her address is: Madisonville Rehabilitation and Nursing, 419 North Seminary Street, Room 110, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431. For those who would like to touch base with me concerning mom, my cell phone is (270) 245-8533.

Again, THANK YOU for your prayers and support. You have no idea how much they have helped making the burden lighter for both mom and me.

Sincerely,
Fred Kidd

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Southern Hills United Methodist Church
2356 Harrodsburg Rd, Lexington, Kentucky

Donna Jackson from Frankfort will be sharing with us about her recent trip to Washington DC with *Save The Children*. There she advocated for passage of the Farm Bill and will share with us how all of this works.

We will also participate in *Bread for the World's Offering of Letters* encouraging our legislators to pass the 2023 Farm Bill. This will be the 25th time that our CWU Unit has supported this!

TRUST we will see you either at Southern Hills or on ZOOM*

*Join women from churches all around Lexington who **Agree** to differ, **Resolve** to love, are **United** to serve. In Christ's Name - ALL are invited!*

Crestwood DWM is a participating organization with Church Women United.

**Contact Pat Waggener at 859-266-6313 or patwaggener@twc.com*



SENIOR ADULT TRIPS

We're excited to restart our monthly Senior Adult trips! These trips are wonderful opportunities to learn more about our surrounding communities, to soak in the culture and history of our state, and to enjoy fellowship with each other. These trips are open to ANYONE who wants to attend (from the young to the young at heart!). As we rekindle this group, we'd love your feedback on the name and future trips. Please click this link to share your input:

[Senior Adult Ministry survey](#)

Our first two trips are to Danville (Sept. 6) and Nicholas County (Oct. 18). Click the link below for more information and to sign up or call the church office. We hope you can join us!

[Click here to register for one or both trips](#)



September Service Project: Lexington Rescue Mission

HOPE is on the menu. That's right, HOPE!

Lexington Rescue Mission has been in existence since 2000. It was founded by Jim and Becky Connell who wanted to start a ministry to help the poor and homeless. In November of 2021, the mission offered a Thanksgiving meal at Broadway Christian Church where those in attendance could receive not only a nourishing meal, but clothing, financial assistance, bible studies and chapel services. Over the years, the mission has grown to include helping the people it serves find employment, substance abuse treatment, and simply rebuilding broken lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

Today Lexington Rescue Mission provides community meals from 9:00-10:00 AM and 12:00-1:00 PM Monday through Saturday at its location 444 Glen Arvin Avenue. These meals are served with a hearty side of HOPE. For many who come to the mission they find HOPE along with food. HOPE to get them back on their feet to help them find that everlasting job, HOPE to find a place to live and HOPE to overcome addiction if needed. Lexington Rescue Mission provides HOPE for those it serves to return to a life where they can become a self-sufficient and contributing member of our community.

The following items are needed and may be placed in the Giving Lane, under the sign for Disciples Women's Ministries (located in the hallway that leads to the Administrative Wing):

- Full size body wash, shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant, razors, shaving cream
- Sanitizing wipes, soap
- Laundry detergent, dish detergent
- Backpacks, ponchos, umbrellas
- LexTran bus passes
- Walmart and fuel gift cards

For those who wish to make a monetary contribution, you may write a check made payable to Crestwood Christian DWM with the letters LRM in the memo line. Please mail your check to DWM treasurer Monte LaFrana 4000 Webber Way Lexington, Ky 40514.

For more information, you may contact DWM service coordinator Tracy Lovan at 859-948-1955 (call or text) or email at thelovans@gmail.com

Link to Lexington Rescue Mission's website:
www.lexingtonrescue.org

Won't you help give someone a little bit of HOPE today?

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

LEXINGTON RESCUE MISSION

We are delighted to accept churchwide donations to our monthly DWM Service Projects. Please refer to the full article in this issue for more information & list of items requested.



CIRCLE MEETINGS

September Bible Study:

God – Where Are You and Why Is This Happening?
Bold Prayers from the Frustrated Faithful
(Lamentations 3:19-24)

Julia Circle

Monday, September 18, 6:30 PM in the Bradford classroom

Please note the earlier meeting time of 6:30 PM

We will start off the year with a Salad Supper – please bring a dish to share!

Melinda Thompson will lead our Bible study.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, September 19, 9:45 AM in the Bradford classroom

Eleanor Congleton will lead the Bible study, and Patsy Anderson will be our host.

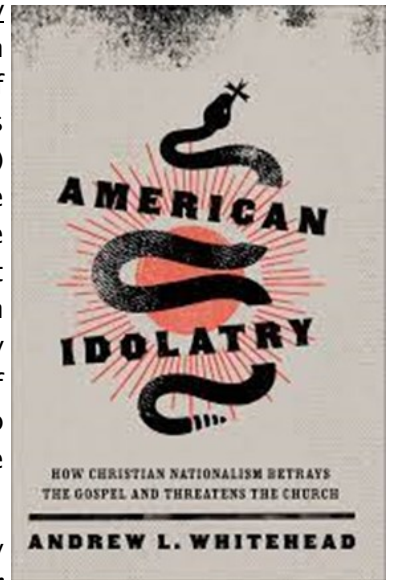
Dorcas Circle

Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 AM in Chalice Hall
Sice Shanklin will present our Bible study program.

Crestwood Christian DWM invites all women to visit one or more of our Circles during September through May.

AMERICAN IDOLATRY BOOK DISCUSSION

According to Christianity Today, Christian nationalism is “the belief that the American nation is defined by (conservative) Christianity, and that the government should take active steps to keep it that way.” Christian nationalism is a force in our country today, and as followers of Christ we are compelled to understand it so that we can respond accordingly.



Kory will be leading a study of the new book *American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church* by Andrew Whitehead. Dates and times won't be set until we know who wants to be part of the conversation. If you're interested, let Kory know.

CRESTWOOD UNIVERSITY – THE B-I-B-L-E

“I know the Bible is something we should understand a lot better but...it's so big! And there are all those 'begats' and weird stories about people being swallowed by whales. I don't know where to start!” If you've ever felt this way, our fall Crestwood University is for you. Kory will be leading us through a class about what's in the Bible, how to read it for understanding, and whether or not the Bible is “true” and relevant for today. The class will start on Sunday, Sept. 17, and meet at 4 p.m. in the Bradford Room. RSVPs are not necessary but are helpful! You can let Kory know if you plan to attend.

Sept. 17 – What's in the Old Testament?

Sept. 24 – What's in the New Testament?

Oct. 1 – The Gods of the Bible

Oct. 8 – Is the Bible True?

Oct. 15 – Is the Bible Still Relevant?

Oct. 22 – Reading the Bible for Understanding



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CRESTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM

10:45 AM service is available on Facebook and YouTube

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Missy Wallace, Children's Minister
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