

SHOUT FOR JOY



Celebration and Updates of What God is Doing through
Outreach & Missions at CBC

A CHURCH THAT TAKES THE FIRST STEP

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Growing up I lived in an average, middle class neighborhood that was full of families and kids that I went to school with. Although I had many friends that I could ride my bike to their house to play, I really didn't know most of who I lived so close to.

One year, however, a few families decided to throw a "Block Party". Neighbors all got together with their grills, side dishes, and games and we were able to interact with each other in a new way. It was amazing how overnight the feel of our neighborhood changed. Not everyone became best friends or even spent more time together but there was a new sense of familiarity and appreciation for one another.

Taking the first step to get to know others can be challenging and intimidating for many people. It makes sense why people might be hesitant on coming to church, especially if they don't have a strong relationship with Jesus Himself. Throughout the New Testament, we see Jesus taking the first step towards having a friendship, not by inviting people to a building, but by going into their homes and sharing a meal.

It's because of this that you will see many of the Joy in the City ministries take place outside the church and in communities. We are a church that wants to go and meet people right where they are. To take on the burden of the first awkward step. In doing so, we find that the Lord is able to use us to share the Gospel and speak truth to those who wouldn't seek it on their own. We are able to invite people to church and they are receptive because they will see familiar faces when they walk through the door.

My prayer is that the Lord would fill all of us with the courage to take the first step towards sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors.

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ACTIVELY INVESTING IN MISSIONS

Missions has long been an important part of who we are at CBC. We have had some incredible opportunities to invest in some special projects this year that are actively bringing the Gospel to those who have yet to believe and meet real needs for those who are hurting.

"For this is what the Lord has commanded us: I have made you light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth" - Acts 13:47

Mission Project Highlights

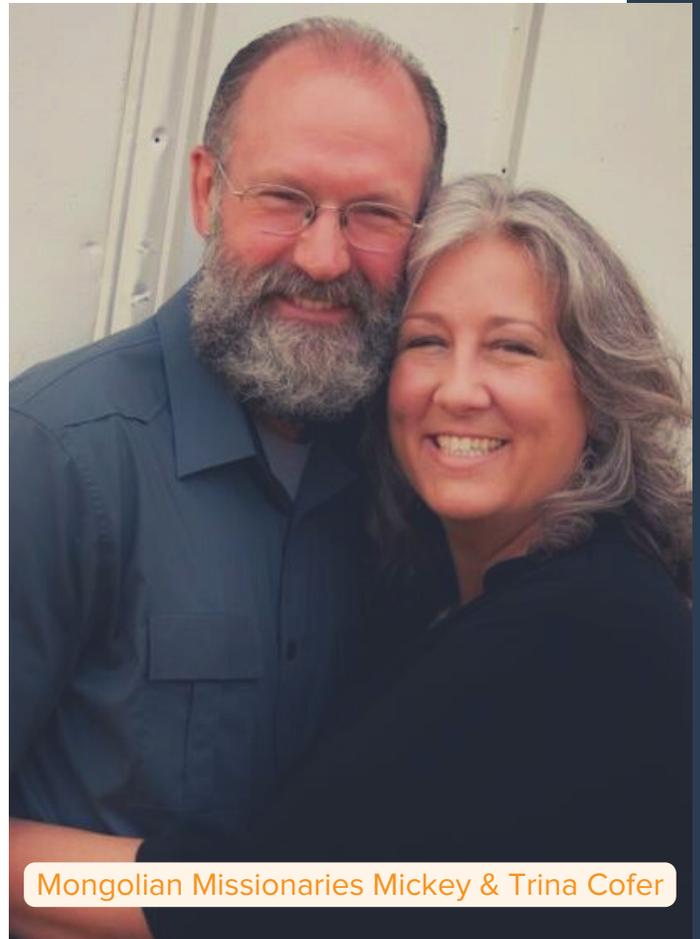
***Poland** - We were able to send \$5,000 to support Pastor Ben Layer and his church as they serve Ukrainian refugees.

***Mongolia** - We were able to send \$3,000 to Mickey & Trina Cofer to help bring Sunday School materials to every church in Mongolia!

***Kenya** - We sent \$2,500 which purchased an AED and a CPR training mannequin for their hospital, along with other life saving equipment for their new ambulance.

***Mission Cry** - We were able to send a container of Bibles and other Christian literature to Kenya.

***Brazil** - Our support went towards adding on to their building so that they can reach more young people in their town. This ministry is led by Pastor Josue & Cesa Barbosa.



Mongolian Missionaries Mickey & Trina Cofer

***SCORE Ministries** - Led by Jeff Totten, this year's Home Plate Event reached over 2,700 people with 34 indicating that they received Christ and 457 renewing their commitment to the Lord.

***CRU** - We had the opportunity to support Coleson White reach the MSU campus and discover how the Lord might use him to bring the Gospel and make disciples.

***Mission's Prayer Team** - We have a team of 8-12 people who meet weekly and pray for our missionaries.

***Indonesia** - Missionaries Bob & Debbie Clark completed and presented the Tugitil Bible translation. This has been a 40 year effort, bringing God's word to a tribe that did not have a written language in a form that they can now read.

SUMMER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Sharing Jesus through Friendship

BBQ Ministry:

When is it? Wednesday's @ 4-8pm
(June 8th- August 31st)

Reaching local communities through a simple meal & fellowship

Who can serve? Anyone! This is a family-friendly ministry and kids of all ages are welcome to serve!

What is required? Volunteers help in many ways from setting up tables, providing side dishes & desserts, playing games, or simply sharing a meal with a neighbor.

How do I get involved? You can text the word "Joy" to (810) 631-3667 or visit communitybible.net/joy.

Brookdale Senior Living Ministry:

When is it? Sunday's @ 9am

What is it? Bringing church to our neighbors at Brookdale who are either no longer able to attend or are just getting to know Jesus for the first time!

Who can serve? This is a family-friendly ministry and people of all ages can serve! Children that are not able to sit through a regular church service are not recommended.

What is required? Volunteers help in many ways from setting up the service to be live-streamed, leading worship or special music, or simply providing fellowship.

How do I get involved? You can text the word "Joy" to (810) 631-3667 or visit communitybible.net/joy.



Teri Beebe and woman from our Brookdale Sunday Morning Service

*"The second is this:
'You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.'
There is no other
commandment
greater than these."
- Mark 12:31*

Coming Up: Encouragement Groups

Forerunners:

Encouragement group for those 55+ that meets on a regular basis for lunch and fellowship.

Leaders: Paula Lovett, Becky Nicholas & Lin Miller

Where: CBC in the Big Room

When: 11:30am-2pm

Cost: \$5

Find the next one offered and sign up here:

<https://cbcbrighton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/43842>



CareGivers Connection:

Encouragement group for those who care for a loved one. There is a short devotional, prayer, and time of fellowship.

Leader: Beverly Randolph

(caregiversconnection@communitybible.net)

Where: CBC in the Cavern

When: Tuesday's @ 6pm-7pm

Missions Prayer Team:

A group that meets weekly to pray for our missionaries and to receive updates. Member's bring their own lunch to eat during the meeting.

Leader: Larry & Ruth Tregoning

(tregoningruth@gmail.com)

Where: CBC Conference Room

When: Wednesday's @ 12pm-2pm

Women in Stitches:

A ministry that meets weekly and uses the gift of sewing to meet the needs of our community.

Leader: Rachael Gardner (rachael@communitybible.net)

Where: CBC Student's Lounge

When: Monday's @ 6pm

Grief Share

Encouragement group for those dealing with the lost of a loved one.

Leaders: MaryBeth Jackson & Ruth Wenger

Where: CBC in the Big Room

When: August 22nd- November 28th

Cost: \$25 (scholarships available)

Sign up here: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/150231>



Hope Project:

First responders mentorship group who serve those who reach out to CBC in need. Mentors provide friendship to those struggling and are trained on local resources within our community.

The qualities needed for mentors are a strong relationship with Jesus, the ability to pray with others, and to be able to listen to difficult life situations.

Leader: Alison Rosenthal

(joyinthecity@communitybible.net)

When: Group will meet periodically throughout the year to connect with local resources.

Find more information here:

<https://cbcbrighton.churchcenter.com/groups/joy-in-the-city-outreach/hope-responders>



Recovery in the Spirit:

A group to support and encourage those who struggle with addiction to drugs and alcohol. Available for both men and women, this group welcomes those who are currently struggling and also those who have already been delivered to serve as leaders and sponsors.

Leaders: Stan Targosz & Jeff Miller

(stantargosz@hotmail.com)

Where: CBC Lower Level Classroom

When: Beginning September 6th weekly @ 6:30pm

Sign up here to serve in this ministry:

<https://cbcbrighton.churchcenter.com/people/forms/352909>



EVENTS

Hope Project Seminar:

Mentorship & Resource Group meeting for how we can effectively serve our neighbors with their physical needs.

This meeting we will be hearing from the Livingston County Literacy Coalition, who will be sharing information about literacy issues in Livingston County and what resources are available to serve our neighbors with.

Leader: Alison Rosenthal
(joyinthecity@communitybible.net)

When: June 30th @ 7pm

Where: CBC Big Room

Sign Up:

<https://cbcbrighton.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1327390>



Loss of Spouse Event:

A special event through our GriefShare Ministry

Leader: MaryBeth Jackson & Ruth Wenger
(marybethjackson111@gmail.com)

When: July 30th @ 9:45am-12pm

Where: CBC Big Room

Sign Up:

<https://www.griefshare.org/loss/events/5285>



Free Farmers Market:

4th Annual Farmers Market where we are able to glean a portion of our fruits to our neighbors. We encourage groups, families and friends to sponsor your own table to give away fruits, vegetables, baked goods or crafts.

Leader: Erin Whitt (c_whitt_81@hotmail.com)

When: August 27th

Where: CBC Parking Lot

For more information email Erin Whitt.



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text the word "Joy" to

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