

LESSON 1: WHY IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANT?

Despite all of our “issues,” the church is the apple of God’s eye—His Bride. And he is committed to her, ugly or not. So we should be too. Scripture tells us that the church is necessary for having fellowship (Acts 2:42), encouragement (Hebrews 3:13), and accountability (2 Timothy 4:2) among the covenant community (Philippians 3:3); reading Scripture in public (1 Timothy 4:13); teaching the word of Christ (Colossians 3:16); praying (Acts 2:42); praising God (1 Peter 2:9); singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16); baptizing (Matthew 28:19); breaking bread (1 Corinthians 11:23); and making disciples (Matthew 28:19).

Those who attend church without becoming members can take part in some of the benefits of the church, but not all. The local churches throughout the New Testament were well-organized. Christians belonged to specific churches (Romans 16:1-16), and these churches kept track of how many joined (Acts 2:37-47). Churches held elections to choose which members should serve in different positions (Acts 6:1-6), and the leading body of each church disciplined and cared for its flock (1 Corinthians 5:1-12, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Timothy 5:17, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Acts 20:29-30). Christians grow in their walk with Christ as they live in membership in the Church—His Bride.

(1) The Church is Important for Helping Keep Us in Line with the Truth of the Gospel

“I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; but in case I am delayed, I write so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.” - 1 Timothy 3:14

Have you ever had a thought like this? “I could do just fine without the church! I’ll just read my Bible and it will be ‘me and Jesus’ and I won’t have to deal with all those crazy church people!” That there are some “crazy church people” may be indisputable, but the clear witness of Scripture is that the church is God’s gift to his people. Through the years he has guarded the truth of the gospel and enabled countless Christians to rightly interpret the Bible and properly apply it to their lives through the work of the church.

The church supports the truth of the gospel like a witness supports the truth. As “the church,” Christians are the principal earthly witness to this truth. Hence, we are described as a “pillar of the truth.” Without the church, the truth would not fall as a house without a foundation. It would simply be without this clear witness. The truth itself would not change or be diminished. The world would only be more cut off from all that is true and beautiful and good without the gracious witness of the church.

We need the church to help us know and understand the truth—about the world, about ourselves, and about who He is. The Lord Jesus has established a true, visible church to be such a trustworthy guide for his people. As in the Old Testament the tribe of Levi was set aside to be the custodians of the revelation from God delivered through prophets (Leviticus 10:11, Malachi 2:4-7, Nehemiah 8:7-8, 2 Chronicles 15:3), so in the New Testament pastors and teachers have been set aside through formal “laying on of hands” or ordination (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5, 1 Timothy 4:14) to “guard the sacred deposit” of the gospel (1 Timothy 6:20, 2 Timothy 1:14, Titus 1:9, Acts 20:28-31) announced by Jesus through his apostles (Ephesians 2:20).

What do you learn from 3 John 3:4, Ephesians 4:21-25, and 1 Peter 1:22-23 about the relationship between the church (the body of Christ) and the truth?

(2) The Church is Important for Helping Us Love Others with Christ's Love

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.” - Ephesians 4:11-13

All around us we see the consequences of our failure to love as God loves. Marriages break apart. Work relationships are tense. Parents and children are at each other's throats. But God has given us the church not only to guard the truth, but to teach and enable us to love as He loves (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-8). By His Spirit, God enables His people (the Church) to forge bonds of love that really make a difference. Marriages are rescued. Work relationships are sweetened. Parents and children learn to live for Christ and not simply for their own agendas.

Love is patient, kind, and selfless. In the family of God, the church, we learn what it means to live this way with people who are very different from us. We learn how the love of Christ forges bonds that link us even though we have different skin colors, different incomes, or different ages. And we learn to love a world that needs to know love that never fails, never abandons, and never loses hope.

(3) The Church Is Important for Helping Us Submit to Christ's Authority

“Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.” - Hebrews 13:17

None of us naturally likes authority—until we consider living without it! Imagine a world with no laws, no police, no parents setting limits for their children. We wouldn't last long. God has designed us to live under authority. He has given us governmental authorities to help protect our property and persons. He has given us social structures like marriage and family so that we can learn to live to serve and not just to be served. And God has given us the church that we might live under the wise and loving direction of His Word. This works out in a couple of directions.

Informally, brothers and sisters encourage one another, teach, instruct, and guide one another according to God's Word (Hebrews 3:13). Formally, we need to be accountable to our elected spiritual leadership, who serve as shepherds of the flock (Acts 20:28, Matthew 18:15-20, Galatians 6:1).

The founders of College Baptist agreed in 1855 “to watch over each other in love, striving to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, to confess our faults one to another, to pray one for another, to strengthen the feeble mind, and to support the weak,” and we continue in these biblical truths today. Discipline is first of all “positive”—the teaching and instruction that comes in the context of the family of God. But it can also be “negative” in the sense that sin is exposed. Most often this exposure takes place in the context of our close family and friends and results in the wonderful experience of repentance and forgiveness (1 John 1:9).

In some rare instances, church members become hardened to their sin, and begin to live in ways that bring dishonor to Christ. Please see Matthew 18:15-20 and Galatians 6:1 for biblical instructions on spiritual discipline. Visit <http://www.convergemidamerica.org/tags/moral-failure-policy> if you are interested in seeing how biblical discipline is handled in our denomination.

LESSON 2: WHAT IS NECESSARY TO BE A MEMBER OF CBC?

There are three things that we (following Scripture) require for membership: (1) A credible profession of faith in Christ, (2) Willingness to affirm vows to the church, and (3) Baptism by immersion. Once you become interested in joining College Baptist Church, we ask that you attend a Membership Class led by Pastor Jason. After that, you will meet with the Board of Elders and give a statement of faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Upon recommendation of the Board, you will be asked to affirm our Church Covenant in front of the congregation. The congregation will extend “the right hand of fellowship” to you after you have been received as a member. If you have not been previously baptized by immersion, Pastor Jason will administer that sacrament at the time of your joining the church.

(1) A Credible Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ

A lot is happening in a person’s heart around the time he or she professes faith in Christ. God has been at work in the person’s heart. The person is “waking up” to how bad his or her problem with sin really is. At the same time, Jesus Christ is becoming more and more spiritually attractive—his death and resurrection begin to become extremely relevant and important. The Holy Spirit is at work bringing new life, new repentance, and true faith. We move, literally, from a condition of spiritual death to spiritual life (John 3:1-8). The old sin nature, with its lies and lusts, has been crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20). We move from being objects of God’s wrath to objects of his mercy (John 3:36, 1 Peter 1:3), and from enemies to children (Romans 5:10, Romans 8:14-17).

The clear testimony of the Bible is that God gives full assurance of salvation to all who receive Jesus Christ and rest on him alone for salvation as he is offered in the gospel. Here is how Jesus put it in John 5:24: “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

A “credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ” is what is truly essential for membership in any Christian church, including College Baptist. See Appendices A and B for more information about writing your personal testimony and CBC’s Statement of Faith.

(2) Willingness to Affirm Vows to the Church

Membership is a covenant—a covenant with God and with his church. Therefore, it is fitting that this covenant be solemnized with vows (as has been the habit of the church historically). Should you decide to join CBC, you will affirm these vows by signing a piece of paper attesting to the fact that yes, you believe these things, and yes, you make these promises.

Look over our Church Covenant (Appendix C) and ask yourself, “Do I believe this?” Also, write down any questions these vows may bring to mind so you can talk them over with one of the pastors or elders in the church.

(3) Baptism by Immersion

Baptism marks a person’s solemn admission into the church of Jesus Christ. It is a sign pointing to the faithfulness of Christ, and a seal of God’s promise to save all who believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord. Look up Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 6:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12:13, and Galatians 3:27, and write down what you notice about the importance of baptism.

The act of being plunged beneath the water and brought back up again pictures your personal union with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4). While the physical act of baptism itself does not save, there is power in the gospel picture it presents to those who witness it. Submitting to the ordinance becomes an act of obedience to Christ. The New Testament practice of immersion was the very means of appealing to God through Christ for a clear conscience (1 Peter 3:21) and identifying with his redeeming actions buried to sin and raised to Christ's new life.

What Happens after I'm Accepted as a Member?

If you are received into membership of College Baptist, you will be expected to live in accordance with the principles set forth in the Church Covenant (see Appendix C), to attend the services of the Church regularly, to contribute regularly to its treasury for local expenses and benevolence, and to keep the Church Clerk informed of your residence.

You will also be expected to abide at all times by the will of the majority of the active members of this Church. If you cannot be governed by the Church's majority, you should at least remain peaceful and work harmoniously for the interests of the Church. We ask that you exercise your right to sever relationship with this Church rather than disrupt our fellowship.

You will be considered an active member as long as you contribute as able to the financial support of the Church and participate in at least twelve worship services each year unless failure is due to sickness or some other reason beyond your personal control.

LESSON 3: WHAT IS CBC ABOUT, AND HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

(1) Our View as a Denomination

We are a Baptist Church because we believe God's Word, inspired by His Spirit, has set primary responsibility upon the individual to accept Christ's offer of reconciliation by faith, and then publicly to acknowledge that trust in baptism; and because we believe that God's Word sets primary responsibility upon the local congregation to interpret and decide matters of corporate faith and practice. See our view of government in Appendix B.

College Baptist has changed its denominational affiliation over the years from Free Will Baptist to American Baptist to Converge Worldwide (formerly known as the Baptist General Conference) to ensure that it is part of a Bible-believing community rather than one which is pulled to and fro by cultural or societal trends. Converge Worldwide exists to see the reign of Christ extended from life to life and place to place, all over the world. Together with the rest of our denomination, we are devoted to being one movement that is spiritually dynamic, missionally driven, relationally devoted, and culturally diverse.

(2) Our View as an Individual Church

We at College Baptist Church have responded in faith to God's call to assemble in His name in order to equip one another for and to anticipate together our ultimate union with Jesus Christ as His chosen bride.

The purpose of our church is to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We seek to do this in three main ways. First, we provide an arena for public worship, prayer, religious education, evangelism, and the development of social life. Second, we want to create and cultivate an interest in and devotion to missions at home and abroad. Third, we encourage whatever other work the members of this Church desire to undertake for the Glory of God.

(a) Our Mission

The mission of College Baptist Church is to live for the praise of the glory of God by delighting in His triune majesty through worship, by deepening our understanding and affection for His full counsel through biblical education, spiritual fellowship, and daily obedience, and by declaring His glory to all neighbors and nations through active service and personal involvement in Jesus' Great Commission.

The congregation of CBC is dedicated to providing God-centered, biblically-based perspectives as a framework for supporting our daily lives. Called together for worship, study, prayer, repentance, fellowship, and mutual care, we seek in every endeavor to open our lives to the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring one another to maturity in Christ, and to nurture daily expression of our confidence in God's promises through Christian walk and lifestyle.

Commissioned by the risen Lord to be his witnesses and disciple-makers, we seek further to fan every spirit-enchanted spark that would ignite new faith, inspire biblical morality, and instill deeper commitment to Christ, both at home and throughout the world. Moved by God's own example, we renounce all aloofness from the world and consciously seek instead to embody the gospel in action through community service, neighborly love, dedication to justice, and responsible citizenship. With our eyes of hope on the vision of God's supremacy and His global design for creation, we live in the earnest desire of seeing the glory of God fill the whole earth as the waters cover the sea.

(b) How to Get Involved

1. Community

Every Christian needs gospel community—people who know us well enough to speak the gospel into our lives, and who are committed to helping bear our burdens when they get too heavy. Community is not optional, since our union with Christ brings us into union with His people, the members of His body (1 Cor 12:12-13). See a list of our small groups in Appendix E. If you are interested in starting a new group, talk to Pastor Jason.

2. Ministry

We also need to involve ourselves in ministry to others as God has called and gifted us. Ministry is not optional, since we are called to pattern ourselves after our Lord Jesus, who “did not come to be served, but to serve” (Matthew 20:28). In what ways should we minister to others? To answer this question, we must look at the gifts, both spiritual and material, that God has given us.

Spiritual gifts are from God to us and are to be used in the context of the church to serve and build others up. Read Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Ephesians 4:7, and Ephesians 4:11-13 and mark the gifts that are listed. These lists are not exhaustive of all the gifts God gives His people, but they are representative of the types of gifts He gives. Do you know your spiritual gifts?

God also gives us **material gifts**, and has designed his church so that ministry might be financed through the giving of material gifts to the work of the church. Scripture recognizes three basic types of material gifts: tithes (one-tenth of one’s income; see Genesis 14:20, Leviticus 27:30-34, Malachi 3:8-10, Matthew 23:23), offerings (special gifts for specific projects; see Exodus 35:1-2, 1 Chronicles 29:1-20, 2 Corinthians 8-9), and alms (gifts given to help with mercy needs; see Deuteronomy 15:11, Proverbs 21:13, Matthew 6:2-4).

Each one of us has a limited **“time budget”** which needs to be invested wisely and purposefully. Participation in all things at all times is neither healthy nor sustainable, since we are called to faithfulness in multiple spheres in life. Our desire is that each member will seek to discern God’s calling with respect to the time he or she gives in service to the church. Ephesians 5:15-16 tells us to “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.” We encourage all who are able to sign up to help with some aspect of the church or a local ministry (see a list in Appendix F), not only in areas where they are gifted, but simply to follow Christ.

APPENDIX A: HOW TO WRITE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

There are many great resources available to help you write out the story of how you came to know Jesus Christ in a compelling, non-threatening way. We encourage you to make it a goal to use this exercise as the start of that process, so that you can be ready to bear witness to Jesus Christ through a well-prepared and thoughtful look back at God's work in your life.

The goal of this exercise is not so much to present that polished, 3-minute testimony (as worthy a goal as that is!), but to give the leaders of College Baptist Church a window into your relationship with Jesus Christ. We recommend that you start by reading John 3:16-17, 1 John 5:11-13, and Ephesians 2:1-10 to help you think about how you came to know Christ.

Please write, in a page or two, the following main points.

1. Start with a brief description of your life before Christ. We don't need all the details, but help us to understand what life before Christ was like. If you don't remember a time before you knew Christ, then what has spiritual growth looked like for you over the years?
2. Next, describe how you came to know Christ. Why was Jesus becoming attractive to you as the answer to your sin problem? What Scriptures were especially meaningful to you? What role did repentance and faith in Christ play?
3. Finally, describe what your life has been like after coming to know Christ. How have you grown? Where do you still long to grow more?

APPENDIX B: STATEMENT OF FAITH

- 1.) The Word of God – We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- 2.) The Trinity – We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.
- 3.) God the Father – We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
- 4.) Jesus Christ – We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.
- 5.) The Holy Spirit – We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify, and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.
- 6.) Regeneration – We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.
- 7.) The Church – We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.
- 8.) Christian Conduct – We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.
- 9.) The Ordinances – We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 10.) Religious Liberty – We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.
- 11.) Church Cooperation – We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary basis.
- 12.) The Last Things – We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.

APPENDIX C: CHURCH COVENANT

- 1.) Having been led by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, we joyfully enter into covenant with God and with one another.
- 2.) We will strive for the advancement of knowledge, holiness, and service.
- 3.) We will contribute to the support and ministry of the Church, the relief of the poor and distressed, and the spread of the Gospel.
- 4.) We will maintain personal devotions and prayer, provide Christian education, and witness for Christ in our families and friendships through exemplary living.
- 5.) We believe that marriage is an institution designed by God and instituted by Him through the Scriptural record. Further, we hold that marriage has been defined by God as occurring only between one man and one woman. Our policies and practices shall reflect this definition.
- 6.) We will endeavor to show Christian love and concern for each other.
- 7.) We will encourage cooperation among all churches in applying the principles of Christianity to every aspect of life.
- 8.) We will strive to maintain a constant, active membership in this Church.
- 9.) Should we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other Church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.
- 10.) May God help us in these endeavors.

APPENDIX D: GOVERNMENT

(1) Officers: The officers of College Baptist include a preaching elder (pastor), moderator, a church clerk, an expense treasurer, a financial secretary, and a Sunday School superintendent.

Preaching Elder (Pastor): The Preaching Elder preaches the Gospel, administers the ordinances, watches over the membership, promotes spiritual interests of our Church, and organizes and develops the Church's strengths for the best possible service. He is a voting member of all boards and committees and may call any board or committee for a special meeting. Our current Preaching Elder is Pastor Jason Mekelburg (pastorjason@collegebaptist.org).

Moderator: The Chair of the Elder Board acts as Moderator, and in the event of his inability to act, the Vice-Chair of the Elder Board takes his place. The Moderator presides at all business meetings of the Church and is a non-voting member of all boards and committees.

Church Clerk: The Church Clerk keeps accurate minutes of all Church business and meetings. He or she notifies newly elected officers of their election, maintains the roll of members, provides new members with certificates of church membership, sees that proper notice is given for regular church business meetings, makes statistical reports to the Michigan Baptist General Conference and performs duties as directed by the Church. The Clerk should immediately give his or her successor all books and records for which the Clerk is responsible.

Expense Treasurer: The Expense Treasurer maintains custody of all money contributed for the funds of the Church and all deposits made in the name of the Church. He or she keeps records of all funds given or contributed for particular purposes. The Treasurer should not pay any unbudgeted Church bill without the approval of the Trustee Board. He or she makes monthly reports to the Trustee Board, quarterly and annual reports to the Church, and other reports as requested by the State and Federal government. He or she, along with the chairperson of the Trustee Board, shall have custody of the securities, investments, title papers, and other valuable documents, which are kept in a safety deposit box in the bank designated by the Trustee Board. He or she must deliver to his or her successor all books and records pertaining to the office after they have been audited.

Sunday School Superintendent: The Sunday School Superintendent has supervision over the various departments of the Sunday School program. He or she must follow the general directives and policies of the Board of Christian Education.

(2) Boards: The elected boards of College Baptist include Elders, Deacons, Trustees, Christian Education, and Christian Missions.

Elders: The Board of Elders is composed of at least five men serving as either Lay Elders or Vocational Elders for a term of three years each. This board has a special responsibility for the spiritual life of the Church, helps the Preaching Elder in any way possible to advance the spiritual life of the Church, controls the spiritual and moral use of church property, provides Christian vision and ministry to the Church membership, and counsels with and receives applicants for Church membership. They are responsible for preparing and administering the ordinances of the Church. Elders and nominees for Elder are qualified for the office as specified in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:6-9 and 1 Peter 5:1-4. Lay Elders must be members of the Church for at least 2 years at the time of affirmation and be 25 years of age or older.

Deacons: The Board of Deacons is composed of five people for a term of three years each. This board is responsible for caring for the needs of individuals within the congregation and community, with special attention given to orphans, widows and those suffering from sickness, affliction, loss, or material need.

Trustees: The Board of Trustees is composed of at least three people elected for a term of three years each. This board has the care, custody, and control of church property as provided by law. They do not have the power to sell, mortgage, or convey any property without a specific vote of authority from the Church. The Trustees supervise the expenditures of all money received for current expenses, except for that part of the current budget apportioned to other boards and committees. If a purpose is not stated, a gift of money should be used as seems most advisable in the Board of Trustees' judgment. The Trustees report to the Elders on the financial health of the church and make recommendations for improvements.

Christian Education: The Board of Christian Education is composed of a minimum of three people elected for a term of three years each. This board is responsible for the organization, administration, and supervision of the entire educational program of the Church. It explains the educational objectives or goals of the Board of Elders to the rest of the Church. The Board of Christian Education is responsible for studying the educational needs of the Church, the educational use of facilities and equipment, and the addition and elimination of classes. This board must evaluate, determine, and supervise the Christian educational curriculum. It must also approve all materials used in the various departments of the Sunday School and other groups, including Vacation Bible School.

Christian Missions: The Board of Christian Missions is composed of three people elected for a term of three years each. This board seeks to increase missionary interest and giving to the cause of Christian missions by general promotion and special events, inviting missionary speakers, and promoting missionary films and projects to personalize Christian missions.

APPENDIX E: SMALL GROUPS

Co-Ed Life Group:

Ross and Kendra Bonjernoor (kbonjernoor@hotmail.com)

Community Bible Study:

Jen Lutz (jenniferlutz21@gmail.com)

Wednesdays from 9:15 to 11:15 AM at the Free Methodist Church

Men's Bible Study:

Jason Mekelburg (pastorjason@collegebaptist.org)

Thursdays from 6:15 to 8:15 AM in the CBC Library

Women's Bible Study:

Peggy Stewart (rodpeggy@comcast.net)

Mondays from 7 to 8:30 PM in the CBC Library

Young Families Life Group:

Joanna Young (joanna.rae.young@gmail.com)

Second Friday of every month from 7 to 10 PM at the Youngs' home

Youth Group:

Chris Greene (cgreene9109@gmail.com)

Wednesdays from 7 to 9 PM in the CBC Riker Room

APPENDIX F: MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY CBC

Local Ministries

A Few Good Men helps the poor, disabled, and elderly (517-398-1949).

Alpha Omega helps those facing unexpected pregnancies (517-437-7020).

Crossroads Farm helps local youth (517-283-3982).

Domestic Harmony helps victims of domestic abuse (517-439-1454).

Intervarsity unites Hillsdale College Christians for witness (503-931-4287).

Life Challenge helps those with addictions (517-437-0077).

St. Peter's Free Clinic provides free medical care (517-437-4041).

Salvation Army meets human needs in Christ's name (517-437-4240).

Storm's Eye Ministry helps clergy and missionaries (517-437-4645).

Tidings of Comfort makes quilts for those in need (517-437-7468).

Operation Christmas Child sends shoebox gifts to needy children around the world (517-437-4865).

Global Ministries

Jennie Dangers cares for orphans in Uganda (newhopeuganda.org).

MaryAnn Lord works with the Yora people in Peru (wycliffe.org).

Scott and Mary Petersen help provide humanitarian aid to French-speaking Islamic regions of the world (gainusa.org).

Steve and Rita Read serve pastors in the Philippines (actionphilippines.org).

Albino and Sandy Rodriguez help Peruvian youth (casadelmaestro.org).

Joey and Patti Romero minister to people in rural Ghana (hcmweb.org).

Tom and Robyn Scott equip couples with scripture-based approaches to real-world issues (familylife.com).

Paul and Erica Simone work with partners around the world to set up local radio stations to broadcast the gospel (hcjb.org).

Jon and Elaine Stevens teach children who have been orphaned or who live in group homes how to grow food (growinggardensforlife.org).

Ryan Stewart works to make disciples among the poor (adventures.org).

Julia Westblade disciples middle school girls in Iowa (younglife.org).