

June 29, 2025

10:00 AM

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST – MAKING HIM KNOWN



COME WORSHIP THE LORD!

PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)

"There is a serious problem among Christians. The problem is a feeling that God is far away or vice versa. It is hard to rejoice if you do not feel, for feeling is rejoicing. It is hard to rejoice when you are suffering from that sense of remoteness. Most Christians suffer from this sense of divine remoteness." – A. W. Tozer

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

June Scripture: Psalm 37:5, 7

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

PRAISE TO AN AWESOME GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Hymnal #805

*THE PEACE

*HYMN: "To God Be the Glory"

*OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 40:1-13

*GOSPEL: John 14:15-27

Hymnal #72
Bible p.555
Bible p.1068

PRAYER TO A LISTENING SAVIOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING SENTENCE AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: The Sherman Church Choir

*DOXOLOGY:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

*HYMN: "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Hymnal #808

Hymnal #560

PREACHING THE WORD

SERMON: "Contagious Passionate Peace"
2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Bible p.1145

VISION: Our vision is to be known as the place to find peace and joy
and experience the passion of a personal relationship with Christ.

PROCLAIMING THE GLORY OF CHRIST

*HYMN: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Hymnal #563

*BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN
POSTLUDE

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

COME GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP
FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

OUR CHURCH:

Interim Pastor:

Rev. John Loring Carpenter

Ministers:

The Congregation

Minister of Music:

Carolyn Kopsick

Moderator:

Charles Mastroni

Flowers:

Megan Tlasky

Announcements:

Aimée Suhie

Prayers of the People:

Suzanne Browning

Reader:

Kristin Stephens

Coffee Hour Host:

Penny LeMasurier

Nursery:

Anna Galasso

Usher:

Charles Mastroni/ Kristin Stephens

CALENDAR

June 29 - July 5th

(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

Sunday:

Worship Service at 10 A.M.
(Also Live Streamed)

Wednesday

AA at 7:00 P.M. FH

Thursday

Prayer In The Parlor

at 6:45 P.M.
(See dial-in Info. on the back of the bulletin)

AA at 7:00 P.M. FH

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Brian Barnier, health.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Nicole Thorp, health.
- Amos Munch, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Mark Gerber, health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, Strength in the care of her mother
- Walter V., healing from back surgery (Friend of Laura Baxter)

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Mesa Global: Robert & Nina Bruneau; 4C Church Re-Planting: Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT.; Lion of Judah Academy, Hope Academy of the Bronx.

DEACONS of the church are always available to meet with you, pray with you, and hear your concerns.

PRAYER IS ALWAYS OUR MISSION

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at The Sherman Church.

You are invited to join in prayer each Thursday to pray for our church on a telephone conference call by **Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted use access code 357664#.**

You may also make a prayer request anytime by calling the church office. Our Church Administrator will ensure the prayer request is communicated to our Pastor and Deacons. Outside of office hours (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or for an emergency prayer or pastoral request contact the Chair of Deacons (deacon@shermanchurch.org or 860-921-1952) or the Pastor (pastor@shermanchurch.org or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

FIRE EXITS are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

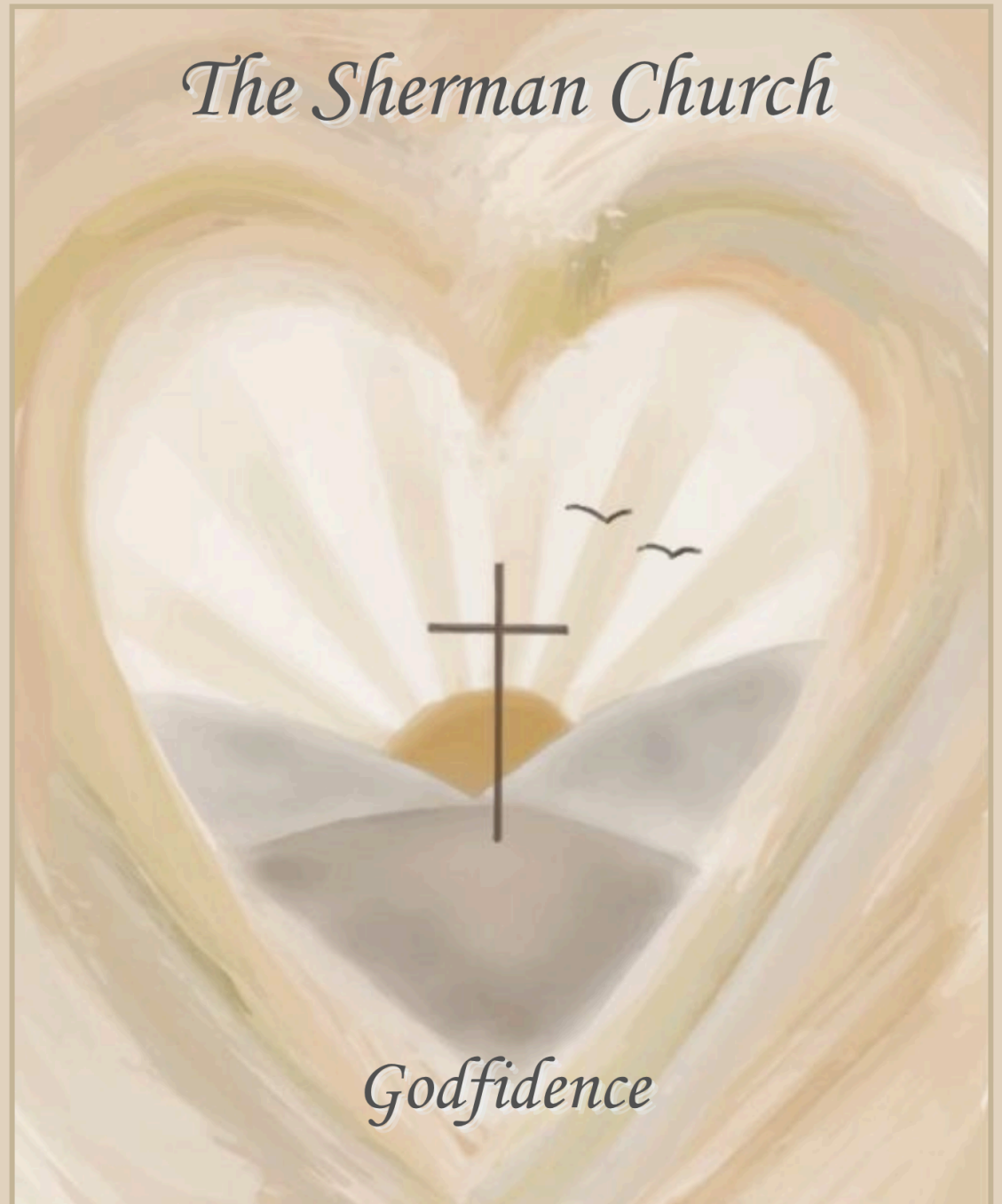
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The Sherman Church



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NEXT WEEK: Today we begin a series on the Vision Statement of The Sherman Church which was adopted last year. What does it mean for our life together and as disciples of Christ? Next week we reflect on section 2 (see the Vision broken down in the insert).

Scripture: Rom 12:9-16; Heb 13:1-8; Lev 25:18-38.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP TODAY:

After a time of fellowship those interested are invited to share with the pastor in a discussion/presentation of the proposed name change of our denomination. Presented at last year's Annual Gathering, it was voted to consider the change of our name from the "Conservative Congregation Christian Conference" to "Centerpoint Biblical Congregational Conference". Why? We will share a brief video about this and have an open discussion to inform our delegates of our views as they represent us in August. More information is available at www.centerpointconference.org.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR VBS!

Wow! 45 children attended VBS this year and they had a great time.

Kristin, Jess and Heather were key, as well as Aimée, Dave, Anna, Penny, Melinda, and others who took time often behind the scenes to provide goodies and gather parents for the ending potluck. The Christian Education Committee is working on ways to continue connecting with the families through the summer.

One major event to come will be the "Christmas in July Family Night" on July 25!

Save the date.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT April 7, 2024

Our vision is to be known as the place to find peace and joy and experience the passion of a personal relationship with Christ.

We want everyone to feel welcomed, to have a safe and comfortable place to be, ask questions, find help, have fun, and ultimately participate in a Christian journey.

We feel God's call to make ourselves accessible by having a presence at local events—in Sherman and neighboring communities—and providing a listening and understanding ear to those who are in need, such as pre-teens and seniors.

Our church will be a beacon for Christ-led ministry that supports underserved individuals within our community. Our congregation will identify how best to use their gifts to encourage and welcome these people. Music, prayer and hospitality are vital parts of this vision.



We are a growing association of churches, church members, ministers and ministry leaders, focused on fulfilling God's mission for His Church, working together to bring His love and timeless truth to this generation— across the street and around the world. Join us!

THE CCCC WAY OF LIFE

OUR PASSION—The Irreducible Core(IC)
We obey Jesus' commands to love God, love others, and make disciples.

OUR PATHWAY—Seven Guiding Values

1. A Culture of Believing Prayer & Intercession
2. Healthy Pastors
3. Healthy Disciple-Making Churches
4. Healthy Church Multiplication
5. A Community Living Out Shared Life and Shared Mission
6. A Culture of Peacemaking & Reconciliation
7. A Membership Reflective of the Harvest Field's Diversity

OUR PRIORITIES—

Church Development, Church Multiplication, & Conference Care

CCCC FACTS:

- About 800 member ministers and Christian workers
- About 300 member churches
- 33 churches planted & currently being developed by the CCCC in the 21st century
- 6 Active-duty chaplains, 13 Reserve/National Guard chaplains and 45 Institutional chaplains credentialed by the CCCC
- 36 states where you can find a CCCC church

A multi-dimensional history of the CCCC and the diverse origins of the churches which formed it.

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God has blessed us with resources to assist churches and pastors in ways that we could not in the past. Member churches are healthier and more effective in ministry. New churches are being planted. Our pastors and churches benefit from a growing connection with each other. A new generation of leadership emerging.

—Ron Hamilton, Conference Minister



MINISTRY PRIORITIES

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The Nehemiah Nexus exists to engage churches and pastors in a life-giving developmental process that addresses their unique strengths and needs to improve their spiritual vitality, relational priority, and ministry fruitfulness.

CONFERENCE CARE

Our team encourages member pastors through the development of pastoral communities. Regional Pastors resource member pastors and churches and provide special care in times of transition and change. We provide restorative care to churches and pastors in periods of conflict and difficulty.

CHURCH MULTIPLICATION

The Nineveh Network is a team of CCCC pastors and leaders working to start healthy, disciple-making churches across the nation. Our planters are connected through this Network that recruits, assesses, trains and coaches church planters.

TURNING POINT

Our three ministry priorities have joined together to come alongside struggling churches to provide viable options for future ministry, assist with a church restart or develop a legacy plan.



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