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Inspiring  
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## WEEKLY WORSHIP

**Contemporary Worship** | Saturday at  
5:15PM and Sunday at 11:00AM

**Traditional Worship** | Sunday at 9:30AM

**The Table** | Sunday at 6:00PM

### CPC Weekend Kids' Programs:

Nursery- 5th grade | 5:15PM, 9:30AM, &  
11:00AM services

Nursery-3rd grade | 6:00PM service

### NOVEMBER 7-8

*Luke 5:27-32 | My 95: Living Missionally in  
My Neighborhood*

John Crosby speaking at the first three  
services; Brad Jackson and Steve Haines  
speaking at The Table.

### NOVEMBER 14-15

*Luke 5:27-32 | My 95: Living Missionally in  
My Workplace and School*

John Crosby speaking at all services



## LIVING MISSIONALLY WITH OUR MONEY

By now, most of us have had time to digest the new mission statement for CPC. Let's say it together: "Inspiring all generations to follow Jesus, love others, and live missionally." I can't say I am surprised with how many questions have been asked about the last word, "Missionally." Is it even a word? What does it mean? How does one live it? As Christians, we must strive to live our lives with the intention of relating to and being like Jesus – a proactive decision to be in relation with Christ. This is what missionally means to me.

This past summer, CPC developed a suggested reading list. The first book I picked up was John Busacker's *8 Questions God Can't Answer*. In it, he quoted Wesley Willmer: "Stewardship is God's way of raising people, not man's way of raising money. God's ways are often about challenging and reshaping our values, our world view."

Certainly in the past year, most people's "values" have been reshaped and even dramatically altered due to economic hardship and employment losses. It makes me think, "How can we be more intentional, more missional, in this part of life where it seems everyone is falling further behind instead of getting ahead?"

I haven't been able to forget another story from Busacker's book. We are all familiar with the miracle of the loaves and fishes. It was late, and there were

5,000 people to feed. The disciples wanted to tell everyone to disperse. Then, Jesus took over, had them pray for the food, and Shazam! Probably the most famous miracle to ever happen.

Besides the evidentiary miracle of creating fish and bread, what if Jesus also reshaped the hearts (and values) of the 5,000 people by softening their selfish views? What if the true miracle was people putting their full faith in God at that moment and giving everything they had, having faith that God would provide for them in the future?

This group of 5,000 did witness more than one miracle – the miracle of learning how to live missionally and intentionally, not about living in safety and comfort. It is about seeking God's will and living it each and every day. It is about asking God for guidance and doing uncomfortable things like giving sacrificially in tough times.

Most of us, CPC included, may have less than what we think we need. CPC is doing great things, but with significantly less. CPC's mission partners are all seeing their donations shrink. CPC staff still hasn't made up their salary cuts of last year.

Scripture tells us that God will provide for us – this is faith! As disciples of Christ, how do we live missionally in tough times? As you develop your personal giving plans for the coming year, remember that it's our privilege to give what we have to give. Then we get to see the AMAZING things God will do! What will be your gift this year?

Tim Clark serves as an Elder

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