



Reach the Lost, Restore the Backslider and Revitalize the Faithful Through Prayer



Stronghold Weekly Update

January 3, 2023

Included in this Week's Update – See attached:

- Home Going / Sick & Shut-in update
- Adullam Cave Gatherings Flyer
- Young Adult & 2023 Senior High Gathering Flyer

Reminder, if you have experienced a death in your immediate family, you are sick or hospitalized, please contact the church office so we can minister to you.

January 8, 2023 - 8:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Mask wearing is optional in any of the church buildings. If you are sick, **Please Stay Home**. We will still live stream our **8:30 a.m. Worship Service** as we worship and celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please Join us! We can be viewed on the following platforms – Just search for Christian Stronghold Church:



Church's website:

www.christianstronghold.com



Series: Open Your Gift

Sermon Title: "Discover Your Spiritual Gift"

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:3-6a ESV

JOIN US FOR THE PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY!

Adult Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. - Live Streamed and In-Person
Devotions @ 6:15 p.m. - in-person

BOOK - 1 Samuel - "Attaining Wealth That Money Can't Buy"

January 4th

Lesson 10

Wise Woman

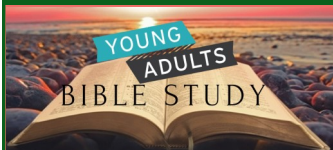
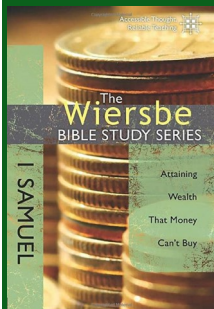
1 Samuel 25-26

January 11th

Lesson 11

Living with the Enemy

1 Samuel 27:1-28:2; 29-30



**Young Adult Bible Study -
Ages 18-35**

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.
In-person & on Zoom**

NEW LINK: Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3Ntjw5c>

Meeting ID: 899 0160 9285 | Passcode: 316963

**Follow us on Instagram - @csc.youngadults for
more information.**

Youth Bible Study - Ages 12-17

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. In-Person
& on Zoom**

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/2XUmiej>

Meeting ID: 860 7477 2326 |

Passcode: 957790

You can view past recordings of Bible Study on
YouTube (Search for CSC Youth Ministry or Click
[HERE](#)) **Please email**

YouthPastor@christianstronghold.com for more
information.



Got a question you would like answered or a prayer request?

You can email your question or prayer request to CSC_BIBLEStudy@christianstronghold.com

Books for the Adults Bible Study Class are available on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Come to the church office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. (enter through the small parking lot). **Cost: \$11.00**



- January 7th** - **Adullam Cave Gatherers** Hosted by the Men's Breakfast Ministry - **Breakfast @ 7:30 AM**
- January 8th** - Baptism interviews with Deacons - After 1st & 2nd services
- January 9th** - Official Board Reports Due
- January 13th-14th** - Leadership Retreat
- January 14th** - Official Board Meeting - **11:25 a.m.*** (**Annual and Quarterly Reports are due Monday, January 9th**)
In Person – Room 214 A & B
- January 15th** - All-In Sunday Leader's Dedication and Dedication of Youth Center
(In-Person and Live Stream)

Power Up Your Business In 2023

A Peer-based Learning Experience

Apply for our **12-week** small business management and planning course where you will gain tools to run a successful business and develop a tactical improvement plan.

The Training program includes:

- Team of experts that teach marketing, financials, human resource and operations, insurance and legal, and how to develop a tactical improvement plan
- Learn from experienced entrepreneurs through our peer-based learning model

Cohort 21

Application Deadline: May 21, 2023

<https://ccp.edu/workforce-development-and-economic-innovation/small-business-resources/power-your-business/peer-based-learning-experience>






Join us for In-Person Sunday School on Sunday at 10:30am.

Pick up your Sunday School books in your class. Books are FREE.

Classroom Assignments:

Ages 18-30 - Room 214A
Ages 31-49 - Room 214B
Ages 50-64 - Fellowship Hall A
Ages 65 and Up - Fellowship Hall B
Teens - Room 212

Children's classes will resume soon!



Baptism Interviews with the Deacons will take place beginning **next Sunday, January 8th**, in the Balcony at the end of the first and second services. If you have not been baptized, please go to the Balcony next Sunday at the end of the first or second worship service and you will receive instructions. You must be interviewed by the Deacons to be baptized. Baptism is Sunday evening, **January 22nd**. It will be held **at 5:00 p.m.** Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commandments."




The Nursery and Children's Church is now open for the 8:30 a.m. worship service only.



Offering Envelopes

You do not have to receive offering envelopes via the mail. If you are giving online and do not use your pre-printed offering envelopes, you can opt out of receiving them.

Email Kathy Ausby at kausby@christianstronghold.com with your name and envelope number and you will be removed from the envelope mailing list.



UPDATE YOUR MEMBER FILE

We recognize that some of you do not have a current photo on file. You can help us. If you have a member login and password, follow these instructions to update your record:

- ◇ Go to the church's website (www.christianstronghold.com), across top, Click on Members
- ◇ Scroll down to the lower left and click on Login/Update Your Profile
- ◇ Click on the Home Tab (upper left)
- ◇ Click on My Profile (upper left)
- ◇ Click on Edit (upper right)
- ◇ From this point, look to the right for Personal Photo tab and follow instructions to upload a current photo

You can also request changes and/or add information to your record.

If you need any assistance, please contact Roxann Covington, 215-877-1530, Ext. 1100



JOIN A CELL TODAY!

CALL THE CHURCH | 215-877-1530

ACTS 2:46-47

Hey! Let's Get Connected!

We recently launched a new phone-based Application by the name of "**Realm Connect**". This new tool will assist us in engaging with current and future members. The Application will provide the church with ways to do the following:

- Communicate church events to members
- Report Attendance for Worship, Sunday School, Bible Study, Cell, and Bible Classes
- Complete your online giving
- Register for events
- Communicate with your ministry and ministry members
- Maintain your demographic information

Live Connected with other church members

Apple



Android



Realm Connect



Make Prayer the Priority Everywhere!



Praise God for all of the answered Prayers from Pastor Bell's 3/20/2020 prayer list! **Continue to pray** for our church and remember to add your own prayer requests. **If you need to speak with your Deacon or Deaconess**, please call the church and ask for Vicki Faison (215-877-1530, ext. 1167). Leave your name and contact number. **If you desire prayer (or you know someone who wants prayer)**, call us and [please leave a message](#). Your call will be returned by one of our Pastors who will pray with you. **Call: 215-877-1530, Ext. 1126**

COUNSELING

in a time of **COVID-19**

If you are experiencing stress/anxiety during this time, or if you desire any type of counseling, our Counseling Ministry is available to serve you. Contact the church office at (215) 877-1530.

Give with us as the Lord's ministries cannot continue if you do not give. You are encouraged to give online. If you are not able to give online, mail your tithes and offerings or drop them off at the church office (4701 Lancaster Ave. Phila., PA 19131), Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. **(enter through the small parking lot). PLEASE help us stay safe!**



DID YOU KNOW? ... If you have a login and password for online giving, you have the ability to give using **Realm Connect** App from your mobile device. You can download the **Realm Connect** App for Apple or Android devices.

Contact Roxann Covington if you need any assistance with online giving:

Call 215-877-1530, ext. 1100 or 215-668-3550 (cell).

Emails and Letters: If you are the recipient of a letter, we do not have your email address. Please send your email address to rcovington@christianstronghold.com.



Continue to stay safe, wear your mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands, keep your hands away from your face, mouth and nose. **Contact your doctor if you are sick.**

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.

—Isaiah 41:10



Continue to be encouraged to lean on your faith during this time.

Isaiah 41:10 reminds us that our faith can help us to fight fears in times like this. With the coronavirus and the uprising of the current injustices, we can trust that God will take care of us and keep us through it day by day.