



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



# Stronghold Weekly Update

May 8, 2024

If you have not received the following inserts in the mail or via email, please call the church at (215) 877-1530

**Included in this Week's Update – See attached:**

- ⇒ Home Going Update
- ⇒ Penn Summer Internship Flyer

Praise the Lord! There are no Sick & Shut-in updates for this week!

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.



**May 12, 2024 | 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](http://www.christianstronghold.com)

**Theme: Mother's Day**

**Sermon Title: "Liberation of Leah"**

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 29:30-35 ESV**

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

**Adult Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. - In-Person & Livestream**

**LESSON: CHARACTERS - VOLUME TWO - THE DELIVERERS**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> | Lesson 2: Joshua: The Conquering Deliverer**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> | Lesson 3: Deborah: The Unlikely Deliverer**

**Young Adult Bible Study - Ages 18-35 Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. In-Person & On Zoom**

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/mutjazu8> | Meeting ID: 814 1484 4134 | Passcode: 983260

**Location: On this Rock**

**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

**Location: Youth Worship Center | Follow us on Instagram - @youthofcsc**

**Children's Bible Study - Ages 4-11 Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. In-Person**

**The Nursery is available for Children up to age 3 | Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Got a question or a prayer request?**

**Email your question or prayer request to [CSC\\_BIBLEStudy@christianstronghold.com](mailto: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 Sunday, after Worship Service, or Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. (enter through the small parking lot). Cost: \$10.00**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday Morning Prayer | 8:00 a.m.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> - Adullam Cave Gathering | 8:30 a.m. \*Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.
  - Official Board Meeting - *Look for Zoom Link*
  - Mother's Day Paint-in-with-Chet | 12:30 p.m.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - Virtual Cells Meet
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Carnival Volunteers Meeting | 6:00 p.m. \*In-person and on Zoom

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Join us for In-Person Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Pick up your Sunday School books in your class, Books are FREE.**  
**CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Children {Ages 4-6} - Room 110; Juniors {Ages 7-11} - Room 105  
 (Room next to the CRD Book Store)
- Youth {Ages 12-17} - Youth Worship Center; Young Adults {Ages 18-25} - On this Rock
- Young Adults {Ages 26-35} - On this Rock; Adult 3A {Ages 36-45} - Room 202
- Adult 3B {Ages 46-55} - Room 205; Adult 4A {Ages 56-65} - Room 206;
- Adult 4B {Ages 66 & up} - Fellowship Hall A-B; Doctrine 101/102 - Room 214A; BC1 - Room 208

**CALLING ALL MEN!**  
**ADULLAM CAVE GATHERING**  
 HOSTED BY THE MEN'S BREAKFAST MINISTRY



**TOPIC:**  
 Call to Duty:  
 A Deeper Dive

**GUEST:**  
 Rev. Rick Faison

**SATURDAY  
 MAY 11TH  
 8:30 A.M.**  
 \*IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAM



**THE CARNIVAL IS BACK!**

Tuesday, June 4th -  
 Saturday, June 8th

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**  
 Evangelism, Face Painting, Prayer Teams, Safety, Facilities, Set-up,  
 Clean-up and Cashiers.  
 Please register to volunteer and attend the meeting on May 14th at 6:00 pm  
 in person and on zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/mt9bcasj>

**CSC MASS CHOIR PRESENTS**

**DO YOU KNOW HIM?**  
 SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

**SATURDAY, MAY 18TH @ 6:30PM**

Join us @ 4:30 PM for Food Trucks and Family Fun Activities!



HONORING THEIR THIRD YEAR  
 AS  
*Senior Pastor and First Lady*  
 Christian Stronghold Church celebrates  
**PASTOR CHRISTOPHER A. BELL, SR.**  
 &  
**SISTER RENÉE BELL**  
 Sunday, May 19, 2024  
 \*10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
 \*\*One Morning Worship Service Only\*\*



CSC Youth Ministry Presents:

**YOUTH LOCK-IN**

Calling all Youth from the  
**HOUSE OF FAITH,  
 PATIENCE, JOY,  
 AND PEACE,**  
 get ready for  
**FOOD, FUN  
 & FELLOWSHIP**

**MAY 24 - 25  
 10 PM - 7 AM**

**REGISTER HERE:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/mvycrruw>



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JOIN US FOR A  
**TASTE OF THE WORLD**  
 PRESENTED BY  
 THE MISSIONS BOARD

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 2024 @ 5:30 PM**

**IMPACT 2027**  
 KEEP PRAYING. A SHIFT IS COMING  
**FEATURED MISSIONS:**  
 Triple C, TMS Ministry, and  
 The Philadelphia Society For Creation




**Children & Youth DEDICATION DAY**

For ages Infant to 17 years old

**Sunday, June 9th**  
 8:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Sign-up ON Realm: <https://tinyurl.com/2snxew7e>  
 \*The last day to sign up is Sunday, May 26th\*

**Mark 10:16 NIV**  
 "And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands  
 on them and blessed them."



**PRAY 365** Presents

**FRIDAY MORNING Prayer**

**8:00 - 9:30 AM**  
 @CSC

**ACTS 16:26A**

Every Friday, April-June

**ALL ARE INVITED TO COME OUT AND PRAY.**

**KEEP PRAYING,  
 A SHIFT IS COMING!**

@PRAY365USA



**Dr. Clifford, III & Audree Ashe**  
President, MVM, Mighty Men of Valor  
National Men's Conference

**Pastor Paul & Christine James**  
CareView Community Church  
Lansdowne, PA

**Pastor Tony & Virginia Benson**  
New Direction Baptist Church  
Wilmington, DE

**Pastor Jimmy, Sr. & Karen Johnson**  
New Life Family Worship Center  
Philadelphia, PA

**Pastor Darryl C. & Linda Dade**  
Living Water Christian Fellowship Baptist Church  
Philadelphia, PA

**Rev. John Schleh**  
Mentoring Ministry,  
Philadelphia, PA

**Pastor Arthur & Barbara Drummond**  
Redemption Ministries Baptist Church  
Philadelphia, PA

**Dr. Kenneth & Sheila Staley**  
President, CUTS  
(Center for Urban Theological Studies)

**Dr. Roberta Jackson**  
PACE Ministries  
Detroit, MI

Prayer

*Make Prayer the Priority Everywhere!*

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

Biblical Counseling

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).



**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](mailto:rcovington@christianstronghold.com).

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 Laurie Henry at [lhenry@christianstronghold.com](mailto:lhenry@christianstronghold.com)** with your name and envelope number and you will be removed from the envelope mailing list.

## JAMES 1:17

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”*

