



Reach the Lost, Restore the Backslider, Revitalize the Faithful
Empowering Others Through Prayer



Stronghold Weekly Update

September 25, 2024

Included in this Week's Update – See attached:

- ⇒ Sick & Shut-in [Full] List
- ⇒ Praise Dance Celebration - Save the Date

Praise the Lord! There are no Home Going 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.

Sunday
WORSHIP

September 29, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. & 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

Sermon Title: "The Lessons of Walls and Wildernesses"
Scripture Reading: Joshua 5:13-15 NIV

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

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

Lesson: Characters - Volume Three - The Kings

September 25th | Lesson 6 | Josiah: Israel's Good King

October 2nd | Bonus Lesson | Summary and Review

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

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/2uaxu3ry> | Meeting ID: 823 1813 7578 | Passcode: 903263 | Location: **On this Rock**

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**

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

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

- September 26th - West Philly Community Job Fair | 10:00 a.m.
- September 27th - Friday Morning Prayer | 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
- October 1st - Comforter's Ministry Event | 7:00 p.m.
- October 6th - Holy Communion Worship Service | 5:00 p.m.
- October 7th - Official Board Reports are due
- October 7th - October 10th - Care & Community Groups Meet
- October 8th - Quarterly Reports are due
- October 11th-13th - Men's Retreat
- Church Building Closed
- October 13th - Founding Pastor Emeritus, Willie Richardson's Birthday



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
- 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

Our next Church Business Meeting is on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. All members, age 18 and over, are required to attend. **If you would like to submit a question** to be answered during the Open Forum portion of the meeting, the Question Forms are located on the counter in the Church Office, or you may email your question to vfaison@christianstronghold.com. **The deadline for submission of your question is October 6th**

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
October 24th | 6:30 PM

4TH ANNUAL WEST PHILLY COMMUNITY JOB FAIR
Thursday, September 26, 2024

Doors Open At **10:00 am-2:00 pm** Christian Stronghold Church
4701 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia PA 19131
westphillyjobfair.eventbrite.com

For more information, contact Charity Wells at cwells@urbanleaguephila.org

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Baptism Interviews with the Deacons will take place next Sunday, September 29th, in the Balcony at the end of the 1st and 2nd services. If you have not been baptized, please go to the Balcony on Sunday to receive instructions. You must be interviewed by the Deacons to be baptized. Baptism will take place on Sunday, **October 20th at 5:00 p.m.** Our Lord Jesus said: If you love me, keep my commandments."

Pearls of Grace Women's Ministry
READING TOGETHER FOR RENEWAL FALL 2024
 6 Weeks Virtual Book Study
Starting October 7, 2024

Register in-person or on Realm:
<https://tinyurl.com/4ccr9er>

OFFERED BOOKS

- Sacred Rest
- 5 Habits of a Woman That Does Not Quit
- Now and Not Yet, Pressing in when you're waiting, wanting and restless for more
- Do the Thing

*Participants must purchase their own book. Limited number of books are available in the CSC bookstore

THE BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

The Sunday Worship Service will be **livestream only @ 10:00 AM**
 Pastor Christopher A. Bell, Sr., Speaker

PRAY365 Presents
 In association with Women's Heart for Prayer
FAMILY PRAYER WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024 | 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
 Fairmount Park - 100 N. Horticulture Drive | Philadelphia, PA 19131
EVERYONE IS INVITED! NON WALKERS ARE WELCOME!
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

A collection box will be available for new and gently used Baby items to be donated to AlphaCare.

Join us in the Sanctuary for PRAYER

BEFORE THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

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.**

PRAYER

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.

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 with your name and envelope number and you will be removed from the envelope mailing list.

HEBREWS 13:20-21

*20 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,
21 equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*