

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

TODAY:

Next week, August 3, is "We Share" Communion Sunday; please plan to bring one non-perishable item for our contribution to Kerr St. Ministries.

Today we will continue with our sixth sermon in our present series **"Messages from the Message"** (Christ's Sermon on the Mount) Matt. 5: 7 **"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy".**

****Prayer Meeting**:** Wednesday, July 30, **7-8 PM**, Please join us as we meditate on Scripture, worship, and call on the name of the Lord.

Prayer is our expression of FAITH, HOPE, and PATIENCE in the Lord. We must not fail to make time for personal and corporate prayer.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."
(Eph.6:18)

****Prayer Meeting will be suspended for the month of August and will resume again on Wednesday September 17****



JUST FOR KIDS

During the summer months our children will gather for **Kid's Summer Praise and Worship** at 10:00 AM. After worship they will head outside (weather permitting) on the church property to enjoy activities. They will be supervised by our workers and upon returning inside they will have a snack and gather for a special Bible lesson.

Nursery is available during the worship service, led by Len Hoh (Chan).

Parents please note that your child needs to be signed-in and signed-out



SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sharing is Caring! **As we continue to care for and share the love of Christ with our children at Summer Explosion Day Camp, please pray for the children and our leadership team.**



MANNA

The encounter that the Syrophenician woman had with Jesus, while He was in the area of ancient Tyre, reveals valuable information on how we should approach God (Mark 7: 24-30). Her daughter was possessed by an evil spirit and obviously, as a concerned mother, she was very anxious. She wanted Jesus to drive the evil spirit out of her daughter's life. Jesus came to the Gentile area for rest and so He tells her that He has come primarily to the house of Israel. He uses a parable of children eating at a table and the food is for the children not their puppies. The children represent Israel and the puppies are the Gentiles. This is only a parable that revealed an obvious truth about Christ's timing and mission on earth. He came through and to the Hebrews first, as predicted in the Old Testament. I believe He was also testing the woman's faith. She responds with incredible wisdom, perseverance, and faith **"even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs"** She does not go away wounded regarding the priorities or upset that Jesus did not initially give her what she desired. How she reacts encourages us all regarding our approach and dialogue with God. She reasoned with him; God created us with the ability to reason. He expects it in our relationship with Him. The Scriptures declare **"Come let us reason together..."** She perseveres with Him, not based on His timing or mission, but based on His mercy. God has mercy for all who come to Him in faith.

COMING:



Rev. Fraz Mirza, Sunday, August 17. Fraz is the Associate Pastor in Sudbury, at Glad Tidings Church.

Rev. Clyde Williamson, Sunday, August 31. Clyde and his wife Marion are members here at ROCC. They founded "First Century Foundations" ministry.

John Hageman, Sunday Sept. 7. John attends ROCC with his wife Cindy. They served at Elim Bible College, N.Y., USA, for several years.