

JANUARY 2022

# IN WAYNE & BEYOND

Love God, Love Others & Serve the World!

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

### Making Disciples of Jesus Christ in Wayne & Beyond

Dear church family,

One of the hardest things in life is keeping the main thing the main thing. As we enter 2022, we want to talk about something Jesus wants all churches to prioritize... something critical to growing in health and humility... discipleship. How do we make disciples of Jesus Christ here at Church of the Saviour? Or to ask it another way... What is our discipleship process?

Ours is stated on the front of our weekly bulletin to make it easy for people in the pews to articulate and understand. So, if asked how COS moves someone from a new believer to a mature follower of Christ, how would you answer?

Here it is: *Love God, Love Others, & Serve the World!* As you can see, there are three movements in this discipleship process. What Jesus desires to raise up at Church of the Saviour are:

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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

**1. Passionate Worshiping Christians** who gather together regularly at our worship services to give God His due by praying, praising, and hearing His proclaimed Word. We've summarized this concept with the phrase **LOVE GOD**.

**2. Connected Christians** who unite over God's Word and with other Christians in real life-on-life community. The way we do this at COS is through our Community Groups—small groups that focus on Jesus, His Word, and spiritually invigorating relationships. We've briefly stated this concept in the phrase **LOVE OTHERS**.

**3. Energized Christians** who impact their spheres of influence by God's empowering presence which flows through humble, dependent, and obedient followers of Christ using their spiritual gifts to transform the world to His glory! This concept is captured in our phrase **SERVE THE WORLD**.

God has blessed Church of the Saviour with a wealth of resources (treasure, time, and talents). If we want to focus on how the Son of God is shining through our church family, then we need clarity on how we as a church, plan on making disciples of Jesus Christ in Wayne & beyond. No doubt some individual Christians make a big impact as solo contributors, but our desire is to allow God to make a GREAT impact through us as we lock arms and hearts in God-given purpose and calling. We are better together than we are individuals! United Christians who rely on God's Word and His empowering presence can make an eternal difference in Wayne, the surrounding communities, and ultimately across the world as we see God bring His gospel to unreached people groups. Let's glorify God in Wayne & beyond by making disciples of Jesus Christ through the biblical process of Loving God, Loving Others, & Serving the World!

UNTIL ALL HAVE HEARD,

*Kevin*

PASTOR

# GIVING TUESDAY

Thank you to all who so generously gave to global outreach through Giving Tuesday. Even as COS has taken the first steps towards renewing our mission's strategy, it's important to remember that we still have almost sixty global and local partners that are being supported through the generosity of this congregation. You will see from the financial update on the last page of this newsletter, missions giving is significantly below what is needed and will not allow us to sustain the current levels of support beyond just a few months. The Giving Tuesday total giving from this time last year was \$51,645. The Giving Tuesday total YTD for this year is significantly lower and has come in at \$17,980.

If you would still like to give, go to:

[coswayne.org/give](https://coswayne.org/give)

# CELEBRATE RECOVERY

## Read How CR is Changing Lives

CR has helped me to be in recovery from Co-Dependency. It has given me the freedom from enabling and being in constant struggle from worry and trying to fix another's addiction. With God's help, I can be okay even if my family is not okay. I could not say this before my work in CR. Praise the LORD!

~Hunter

Through CR, I've experienced the truth of James 5:16 "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." My burden/sin of anxiety and desire for control is healed as I share openly my struggles with other broken and honest sisters. I've realized that keeping these hurts, hang-ups, and habits to myself make these burdens heavier and heavier but God knew that sharing and bringing them out, lightens the burden for myself and others. It's God's mysterious work. ~Jeremy



# CELEBRATE RECOVERY

I struggled with food, fear, lack of trust, insecurity, feelings of unworthiness. I tried spiritual means with other believers, but my struggles persisted for over 6 decades until God led me to the original 12 Step program of recovery in 2018. I learned I was not only physically and mentally ill, but I was also spiritually sick, and only a Power greater than myself could help me. By God's grace and mercy, and through working the steps, I recommitted my life to Jesus Christ. He then led me to COS and to Celebrate Recovery. In little more than a year of working in the CR program, I have experienced a deeper transformation in my heart and mind, a deeper connection with my Higher Power, Jesus Christ, a better relationship with myself and others, and a desire to share my message of recovery with others who have similar struggles. God's grace, for someone like me, led me to His purpose for me. ~ Sue

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. It provides a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues controlling our lives. It's an open invitation for you and anyone who might benefit from this life-changing ministry. For more information or to talk with one of them, email the team at [celebraterecovery@coswayne.org](mailto:celebraterecovery@coswayne.org)

Do You Want to Change Your Life? Join us in the sanctuary every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

# VOLUNTEER FAIR

We will be holding our Volunteer fair in the welcome center on January 23. We hope that you will join us in serving the Kingdom of God. Below are the ministries we have and are always welcoming new volunteers.

## COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS

[groups@coswayne.org](mailto:groups@coswayne.org)

## ALPHA, ALPHA MARRIAGE, AND ALPHA PRE-MARRIAGE

- Table Leaders
- Food Help
- Facilitators

[alpha@coswayne.org](mailto:alpha@coswayne.org)

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

[deneenm@coswayne.org](mailto:deneenm@coswayne.org)

## KIDS MINISTRY

- Nursery
- Preschool & Elementary
- Awana
- Musical Director
- Fall Fest Planning Committee

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## PRAYERLink

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## CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

[andyl@coswayne.org](mailto:andyl@coswayne.org)

## MEN'S MINISTRY

[gecoughenour@gmail.com](mailto:gecoughenour@gmail.com)

## CARE MINISTRY

- Celebrate Recovery
- Double Hope (Cancer Support)
- GriefShare
- The Meals Ministry
- Stephen Ministry
- Divorce Care

[roys@coswayne.org](mailto:roys@coswayne.org)

## GLOBAL OUTREACH

[fran.patt@frontierventures.org](mailto:fran.patt@frontierventures.org)

## WORSHIP ARTS

- Musicians
- Singers
- Communion Prep

[jimd@coswayne.org](mailto:jimd@coswayne.org)

## FAMILY MINISTRY

- COS Premarital Course
- Special Needs Ministry
  - Buddy Program
  - Together Won (18+ young adults)

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## ROOTED

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# PERSPECTIVES CLASS

15 weeks, 15 Instructors, and one epic story. You are invited to join a unique discipleship course.

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is an adventure of a lifetime that will give you a new and deeper understanding of God's story and His desire for you to be a part of it. Perspectives will change the way you view the world. We will hear from 15 outstanding instructors as they share their experiences and teach on the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic perspectives of God's plan for the nations. Hear how God has worked in the past and continues to work throughout the world today. Find out what your part is in this exciting movement to make Jesus disciples from all nations. God is on a mission to bless the peoples of the world and YOU are invited to join Him!

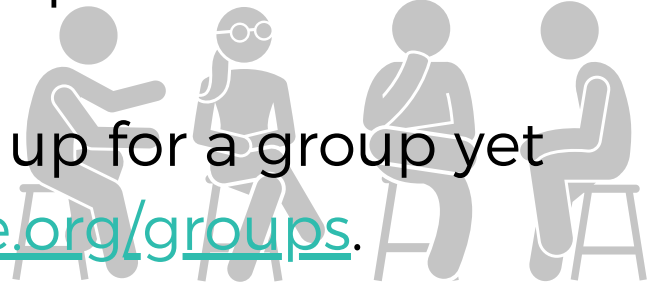
To view more information or register for this event, please visit [coswayne.com/go](https://coswayne.com/go).



# COMMUNITY GROUPS

The winter term for community groups begins the week of January 9 and sermon notes will also resume that week. Our desire is for everyone to be connected with a smaller group of friends to enjoy the scriptures with, pray, and support one another, through life's ups and downs.

If you have not signed up for a group yet please go to [coswayne.org/groups](https://coswayne.org/groups).



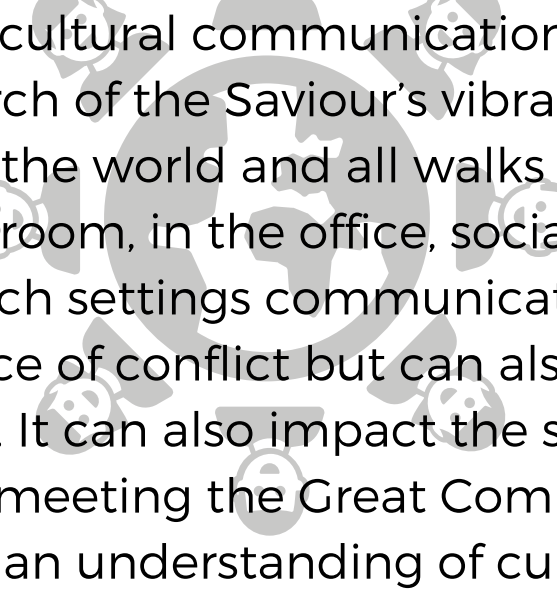
# COMMUNICATING ACROSS CULTURES

Don't miss Intercultural Communications Training Part 1 & 2 coming up on January 22 & 29 with our own Dr. Rudie Altamirano.

## **PART 1:**

**January 22, 2022, 8:30-12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall.**

**(Continental Breakfast will be available.) Register [HERE](#).**



Intercultural communication plays an important role in the Church of the Saviour's vibrant community of people from all over the world and all walks of life. Whether it's in the classroom, in the office, socially or professionally, and even in church settings communication across cultures can be a source of conflict but can also be a window to another point of view. It can also impact the successful sharing of the gospel and meeting the Great Commission. In this first track, you will gain an understanding of cultural factors that are involved in interactions and ideas of low and high-context communication so that you can enhance your relationships with others. There are many facets of life that have an impact on how we communicate with others. Your home culture – whether it be a country, region, or down to the scope of your family – all influences how we communicate and can impact your relationships with others. Life experiences and identities also differ from one person to the next. This session will grow your awareness of facts that impact intercultural communication, help you become a more effective communicator, and support our shared goal to create a safer, more inclusive environment at Church of the Saviour.

# COMMUNICATING ACROSS CULTURES

## PART 2:

**January 29th, 2022(You need to attend PART 1 before you can attend this session) 8:30-12:00 noon. Fellowship Hall. (Continental Breakfast will be available) Register [HERE](#).**

Are you a direct or indirect communicator? Do you take a more attached or detached approach? There are many ways to communicate, and sometimes different styles can intersect and clash. In this track, you'll learn different communication styles and analyze scenarios where different communication styles are in play. Participants will be directly involved in exploring and discussing ways to manage intercultural conflicts. Participants will engage in a presentation, discussion, and role-play scenarios about culture, values, perceptions, communication styles, and cultural patterns of thought and behavior that will help them understand the important concepts, theories, and issues of intercultural communication related to intercultural conflicts and how these concepts apply to your personal, professional and spiritual lives. When people from different cultures interact, miscommunication and misunderstanding are inevitable. The session's aim is to discuss cultural norms, expectations, and behaviors as well as to identify how best to minimize potential conflicts in order to improve intercultural communication. This is intended for those who have attended our PART 1 Communication Across Cultures workshop or possess some knowledge or experience dealing with individuals from different cultures or overseas travel.

# ALPHA

While many of us are gearing up for the Christmas season, “Who can I invite to ALPHA in January?” may not be at the forefront of our minds. But shortly after the new year, ALPHA’s winter session will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 11 with a kick-off Sunday on Jan. 9.

The holiday season is a great time to invite a friend or family member to ALPHA. Many people are more open to spiritual discussions than any other time of year - they’re more likely to attend an Advent worship service or a Christmas concert, too! Use your Luke 11:2 card to pray at 11 a.m. and/or 11 p.m. each day over whom you might invite to ALPHA (we have more if you need them).

Here is a brief description of each program we’re offering next semester to help you decide which one is right for you and those you may invite:

- **ALPHA** (in-person and virtual options): a series of talks discussing different questions about the Christian faith, designed to create conversation.
- **ALPHA Marriage** (virtual only): See article below.
- **ALPHA Pre-Marriage** (virtual only): For engaged couples or those exploring marriage to build a strong foundation for a lasting relationship.

**More information about all classes can be found at [coswayne.org/alpha](https://coswayne.org/alpha)**

# ALPHA MARRIAGE

Anyone who has been married for longer than 5 minutes can tell you that relationships, especially within a marriage, can be complicated. This is why we are big fans of the ALPHA Marriage Course.

ALPHA Marriage is part of the ALPHA family of ministries with a focus on strengthening marriages. The course is designed for all married couples, no matter the health of your relationship or how long you've been married.

The course consists of 7 marriage-related topics presented as interactive videos that combine teaching, storytelling, and reflection questions. Lesson content is grounded in biblical principles and perspectives on marriage, but it is designed to help couples with a wide range of spiritual backgrounds.

Each week, the group meets on Zoom for a quick introduction to go over some highlights for that night's topic. Couples then watch the videos on their own and work through the exercises together at home to allow for privacy.

This semester, ALPHA Marriage begins on Tuesday, January 11, and will run for 9 weeks on Tuesday evenings. You can learn more about Alpha Marriage or signup at [coswayne.org/alphamarriage](https://coswayne.org/alphamarriage).

Over the past 2.5 years, more than 140 couples have registered for this course. Would you consider making this investment in the health of your marriage? And bring some friends along for the ride – this course is designed for couples from any faith background.

We'll see you in January!  
Leslie & Christian Eichhorn

# ROOTED

Are you looking for a place to connect and grow at Church of the Saviour? Consider joining our Rooted community group during the winter semester. We will be going through the 11-week Rooted material focused on deepening your connection with God, the church, and your purpose. Being led by the material, we will spend time in the community, exploring and practicing rhythms that the Bible points to as ways to get rooted - in relationship with God, people, and why we are all here.

Do you feel Rooted in these areas? We want to invite you to this opportunity for growth.

Rooted will be meeting on Tuesday nights starting Jan. 11 from 6:30 p.m. till 8:15 p.m. There are online and in-person options available. Check out more details or register at [coswayne.org/rooted](https://coswayne.org/rooted).

Already in a community group? We are encouraging existing groups to experience the Rooted material to encourage each other in the healthy habits or rhythms of the Christian life. If you want more information reach out to Erin at [portraitsbyerinmichele@gmail.com](mailto:portraitsbyerinmichele@gmail.com)

# ROOTED PRAYER NIGHT

Is prayer a regular rhythm of your life? Have you tried to connect with God more deeply through extended periods of prayer? Prayer is one of the best ways to praise God, seek repentance, lay your requests before Him, and earnestly listen to His desires for you. God created us to be in communion with Him through prayer (Philippians 4: 6-7, 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18). We would like to invite all of Church of the Saviour to an evening of praise and prayer to help ignite and deepen this rhythm of prayer in your daily lives. This is an invitation to one night of prayer, but also an invitation to connect with God and grow in a lifestyle of prayer!

The next prayer night will be **Tuesday, February 1 from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.** in the Welcome Center. The evening will include praise, corporate prayer, and a guided overview to help structure your prayer time. After the group welcome and introduction, there will be time dedicated for you to find a quiet place on campus to engage in individual prayer. We will then reconvene as a group for a meal and discussion. Rooted classes will be participating in this evening of prayer and all COS congregants are encouraged to join. We hope to see you there!

Please register at [coswayne.org/rooted](https://coswayne.org/rooted) so we can order enough food.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## YTD FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Ministry/Operations</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Giving to Date	\$1,318,197	\$342,353
Budget	\$1,284,731	\$400,230
Over/(Under)	33,466	(57,877)



### Text Messaging

Text **"JOIN COS"** to **833-744-9334** to receive alerts or important messages from COS.

### Questions & Feedback

We welcome and encourage all inquiries:

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