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As we start a new year still coming out of the COVID pandemic that was 2020 and is still with us in 2021 I am reminded of what Oswald Chambers wrote in his devotional My Utmost for His Highest for January 01, in this devotional Oswald Chambers writes, "But before we choose to follow God's will, a crisis must develop in our lives This happens because we tend to be unresponsive to God's gentle nudges. He brings us to the place where he asks us to be our utmost for Him and we begin to debate. He then providentially produces a crisis where we have to decide-for or against. That moment becomes a great crossroads in our lives."

If last year was not to some degree a crisis in your life I do not know how much more of a "nudge" we need from God to make our decision, "For or against" Jesus. As for me last year made me decide that I am more for Jesus than in all the previous years of my life. As your Pastor I challenge you to make your decision "for or against" Jesus and after having made your decision "for" Jesus to be your Utmost for His Highest in what ever it is that God will call you to do this year no matter how big or how small it might appear to be in the eyes of the world.

I invite you to join me this year in following the instructions in Ephesians 6:10-18 daily,

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 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 Lord's people.

Yours in Christ,

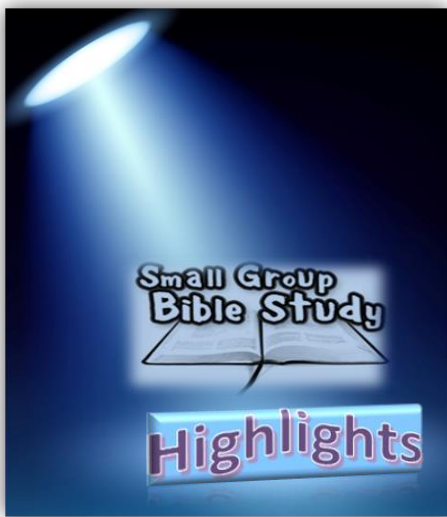
Pastor Ian McDonald



- **We are excited to announce the launching our own YouTube channel. (special thanks going out to Aaron Esch & Pastor Ian for donating their time and supportive ideas to provide CCUMC with additional Social Media choices for our congregation)**



Find us at YouTube: Carson City MI UMC and subscribe



Small Group Study - Ben and Toni Wilson are facilitating the study below using RightNow Media resources. The study will be available in-person as well as via Zoom. Please contact Toni (989-763-8061) for Zoom sign-in information or join us in the *Servants of God* room Sunday mornings at 9:50 AM.

***Forgotten God* by Francis Chan is a study to help us to understand, embrace, and follow the Spirit of the living God. Thorough scriptural support and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we've forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.**

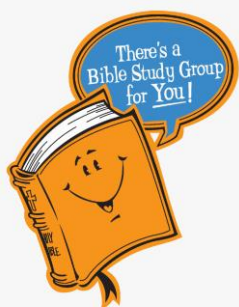


Class meets on Sunday nights at 6:30 in the Servants of God Room for an 8 week study. We're using a book by Priscilla Shirer called "Elijah".



Class meets Monday nights @ 6:30 pm or can join from home via a Facebook group. Currently, we are doing the third part of a Genesis study written by John MacArthur. It is a 12 week study about Jacob and his 12 sons and a daughter. It is about real people facing really problems and trying to do things their own way. But through it all God is in control and is constantly caring for us.

On Feb 22nd we will start the Lent study called The Last Days of Jesus. There is a DVD component which takes us to the places Jesus was. We "walk" with Jesus as he prepared his disciples for his death and events leading to his resurrection. Then we will return to the Genesis 34-50 study for the remaining lessons.



Check out the next Newsletter for more small group spotlights.



Dates to Remember

February

- 14 Ad Board meeting – 12:30 pm
- 15 VBS meeting in Jonah's Cove – 6:00 pm
- 19 UMW Soup Luncheon – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (TAKE OUT & DELIVERY ONLY)

March

- 19 UMW Soup Luncheon – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (TAKE OUT & DELIVERY ONLY)

April

- 16 UMW Soup Luncheon – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (TAKE OUT & DELIVERY ONLY)



Church Information

Stay connected! Follow us on:



Join Us Each Sunday

Traditional Svc 9:00 am

Contemporary Svc 11:00 am

Sunday's Cool Hour 9:50 am

(those that aren't able to wear masks due to medical issues-please sit in chairs located West of Pews)



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- **Seeds of Faith** - daily devotion on Facebook by Pastor Ian McDonald. The pastor will be giving a four to five minute devotional on a portion of scripture that speaks to our faith

- **Online giving available** - on CCUMC
Website: <http://www.carsoncityumc.com/donate.html>