

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## GO GLOBAL INTEREST MEETING 2025

CBC is passionately committed to reaching unreached people groups with the Gospel and those experiencing Biblical poverty by working through churches, pastors, and organizations to impact, transform, and advance the Gospel, globally. We link arms with over 35+ partners around the world to provide unique opportunities to carry the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the Earth. Our team of qualified leaders trains and disciples each team of individuals to ensure they are prepared physically, mentally, and spiritually for the journey ahead.

Go Global is an opportunity for you to hear from those who have been on a mission experience, those leading, and some of our Global Partners. For more information, visit [www.communitybible.com/global](http://www.communitybible.com/global)

## WORSHIP NIGHT W/ CHANDLER MOORE

**NOVEMBER 4TH AT 7:30 PM**

Join us for a special Worship Night! We are thrilled to welcome Chandler Moore for an unforgettable night of worship on November 4th at 7:30pm at Community Bible Church. This is a free event, but space is limited. Don't miss out on this powerful night of praise! Tickets are required, you can reserve your Free tickets at [www.communitybible.com/events](http://www.communitybible.com/events)

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

**JANUARY 31ST - FEBRUARY 1ST**

Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the 2025 CBC Women's Conference, happening January 31st - February 1st! This two-day event will be filled with biblical teaching, fellowship, and a lot of fun as we welcome two dynamic speakers: Faith Eury Cho and Chrystal Evans Hurst. They'll bring powerful messages that will speak directly to your heart, helping you grow in faith, purpose, and community. Invite a friend! You won't want to miss this incredible weekend! Mark your calendars—registration opens November 1st, 2024 and Early Bird Pricing is available through November 20th! We can't wait to see you there and experience this incredible time together! [www.communitybible.com/womensconference](http://www.communitybible.com/womensconference)

Visit [communitybible.com/events](http://communitybible.com/events) for all event information and to register!

# WEEKLY RHYTHMS

## CARE GROUPS - CENTRAL TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM

CBC Care Groups are here to offer support and help you find community.

## MDWK - ALL CAMPUSES WEDNESDAYS AT 6:45PM

Join us for our midweek gathering for 6th-12th grade students!

## COMMON GROUND - CENTRAL THURSDAYS AT 7PM

18-25 year olds - join us for our Thursday gathering!

## RECOVERY GROUPS - CENTRAL FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM

Recovery community for adults, students and kids.  
**Celebrate Recovery:** Adults  
**The Landing:** Students  
**Celebration Place:** Kids

## NEW BELIEVERS & FIRST TIME GUESTS:

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, we'd like to celebrate with you! Stop by our Next Steps space or text **CHRIST** to **210-762-4747**. If you are visiting for the first time, we want to welcome you! Stop by one of our First Time visitors' tents for a free gift or text **GUEST** to **210-762-4747** so we can reach out to you at a later time.

## NEEDING PRAYER?

We have a pastoral team at our CBC Cares area in the lobby ready to pray with you. You can also scan the QR code to complete a prayer request form.



# When My Preference Becomes My Prison

**PASTOR MAURICE COX**

**Title:** When My Preference Becomes My Prison

**Text:** 1 Samuel 16:1 NIV

**Target:** When we cling to our personal preferences over God's promises, we find ourselves stuck in places we were never meant to stay.

Saul is a representation of people's **preferences**, not God's **promise**.

*But the people refused to listen to Samuel's warning. "Even so, we still want a king," they said. and the Lord replied, "Do as they say, and give them a king." Then Samuel agreed and sent the people home.*

1 Samuel 8:19,22 NRSV

**If I am going to break free from the prison of preference, I must...**

**I. Be honest about the amount of **TIME** spent in my season of grief.**

- A. It's not the **POSTURE** of mourning that God is dealing with; It's the **PERIOD** of mourning that He is dealing with
  - 1. "How long..." 1 Samuel 16:1 NIV
- B. Mourning is human. Mourning too long is childish.
  - 1. Scripture calls us to lament, to feel, and to allow grief and sorrow to have their place.

**II. Remember what God **TOLD** me**

- A. "I have rejected him from being king." 1 Samuel 16:1 NIV
- B. When things don't go our way, we tend to blame Satan for things that God is doing in our lives.
- C. "...Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4 NIV

**III. Consistently **TURN** towards God, not my past.**

- A. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1 ESV
- B. "Now the Lord said to Samuel, "You have mourned long enough for Saul. **I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.**" 1 Samuel 16:1 NLT
- C. "Do not say, "Why were the former days better than these?" For it is not from wisdom that you ask this." Ecclesiastes 7:10
- D. "The 'good old days' are the combination of a bad memory and a good imagination" (Warren Wiersbe)

**Takeaway:** In Christ, every ending is the beginning of something better.

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