



**Darkness Defeated
in the Grave**

Matthew 28:1-7

A. It appeared that darkness had won.

- 1. It appeared that God’s presence was held captive.

*“After the Philistines had captured the ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. Then they carried the ark into Dagon’s temple and set it beside Dagon.”
1 Samuel 5:1-2 (NIV)*

- 2. It appeared that God’s Son was defeated.

“After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.” Matthew 28:1 (NIV)

Notetakers are History Makers:

B. But... then came the morning!

- 1. Then came the morning at the temple.

*“When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! They took Dagon and put him back in his place. But the following morning when they rose, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! His head and hands had been broken off and were lying on the threshold; only his body remained. That is why to this day neither the priests of Dagon nor any others who enter Dagon’s temple at Ashdod step on the threshold.”
1 Samuel 5:3-5 (NIV)*

- 2. Then came the morning at the tomb.

*“There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, Who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said.’”
Matthew 28:2-6 (NIV)*

Notetakers are History Makers:

C. And then came a commission.

- 1. Jesus is not dead, so go and tell!

“‘Then go quickly and tell His disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.’ Now I have told you.’” Matthew 28:7 (NIV)

- 2. Jesus is not dead, Dagon is!

*“And when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory (vanquished forever). [Is 25:8] O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ [Hos 13:14] The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin [by which it brings death] is the law; but thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [as conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (AMP)*

Notetakers are History Makers:

Bottom Line:

Darkness has and always will
bow to the Light.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

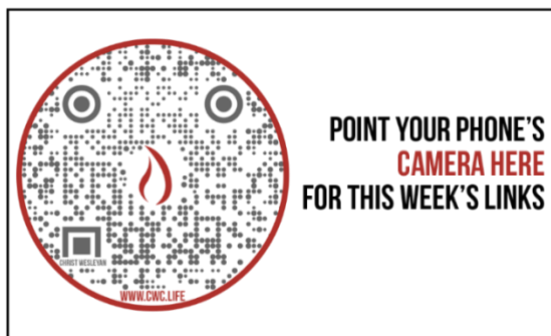
Next Sunday: A New Series! Fully Armored

Week 1: Spiritual Briefing

Ephesians 6:10-12

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach

Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 80.3%

Giving year to date: 85.9% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,963

Salvations to date: 471 | Baptisms to date: 65

Upcoming Happenings:

Sunday, April 12th - Baptism Class, 10:45, classroom 120

Sunday, April 12th – Membership Class, 12:30p, classroom 102a (Lunch provided)

Sunday, April 12th – Classics (50yrs old and over) Spring Dinner. 12:30p Silver Moon Banquet Hall. Sign up at the HUB today!

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

458 Total Participants

\$4,000,000 – Giving Goal by Nov. 2027

\$2,351,436.54 - Donations Expected by Nov. 2027

\$1,762,907.36 - Received Donations – 44% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

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Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party: 1st Sunday of Every Month

(Except for Easter Sunday)

- If you are new or if you’ve been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you’re asking the question, “*How can I make friends here?*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track: 3-week class on Sunday Mornings

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You’ll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don’t worry! Growth Track runs every other month, on Sunday mornings, and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to **cwclife.churchcenter.com/registrations**.

Membership Class: Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life