November 8th, 2026 – Week #2
Milton Campus – Pastor Branden Mestach

Bring it HOME
Outside Influence Starts Here

Week 2:

A Godly Marriage

Ephesians 5:22-33

A. Genesis Established Covenantal Marriage

1. Leave, cleave…

"Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife…." Genesis 2:24a-b (ESV)

2. …then become.

"…and they shall become one flesh." Genesis 2:24c(ESV)

3. Jesus affirms the covenant marriage.

"He answered, 'Have you not read that He Who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.'" Matthew 19:4-6 (ESV)

Notetakers are History Makers:

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B. Marriage Through the Lens of Christ.

1. A wife's submission is "as to the Lord".

"…submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her…" Ephesians 5:22-24 (ESV)

2. A husband's authority must aim at his wife's holiness.

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of His body." Ephesians 5:25-30 (ESV)

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C. Marital submission is not gender specific; it is a shared goal of Cross-focused service.

1. Marriage is more than a hierarchy.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Ephesians 5:31 (ESV)

2. The wife's submission and the husband's love are not two unrelated levels of value. Both are Christian responses to Christ.

"This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:32 (ESV)

3. Both, husband and wife, are called to lay down entitlement and seek each other's good.

"However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband." Ephesians 5:33 (ESV)

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Bottom Line:
Submission is not permission for domination.

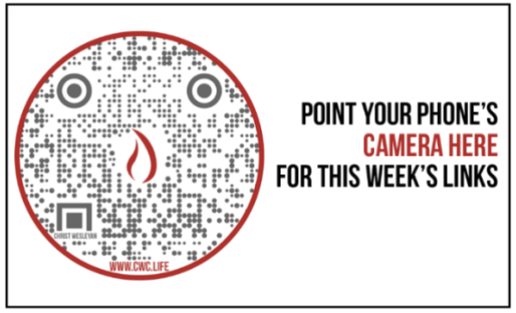
To begin a relationship with Jesus…
Text: "Jesus" to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday:
Bring it Home

Week 3: Godly Parenting

Psalm 127:3-5, Ephesians 6:4

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Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 83.9%
Giving (year to date): 87.3% of goal
Giving (Tithe) behind by: $303,136
Attendance Last Weekend: 2,020
Salvations to date: 60 | Baptisms to date: 101

Upcoming Happenings:

September 13 – November 22 - Marriage Matters: Intentionally Growing Healthy Relationships
(During First Service)

November 8, 15, and 22 - 9:00a Growth Track - Room 102A

November 8, 15, 22, & 29 – Poinsettia orders taken at the Hub

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday November 12th, 13th, and 14th – Christ Wesleyan Theatre Productions Presents: The Secret Garden, The Musical. Get tickets today @ The HUB and online.

"Reach the One" Campaign Update

490 Total Participants
$4,000,000 – Giving Goal by Nov. 2027
$2,687,914.28 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027
$2,394,042.55 - Received Donations – 59% 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

- ***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 classes/Sunday morning

- 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 His church. This class will guide you to not only become a vital part of our ministries, but more importantly, how to use what you learn to continue growing in your faith to share with others. Our next Growth Track opportunity is coming up on November 8th at 9:00am in classroom 102A. You can see what classes are available by going to cwclife.churchcenter.com/registrations and select the Next Steps filter.

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