

## A DEVOTIONAL FROM IFCA

### All Things for Good

Stepping out into my garage it is not uncommon to discover one of our cats with its paws wrapped around some hapless mouse or other woodland creature. Very often the doomed animal is still alive, forced to provide some live entertainment before becoming the main entree. The cat, tail swishing rhythmically, paws at its prey, alternately batting its body back and forth between its hands or pinning its tail beneath a handful of claws. After a prolonged period of tenderizing, the cat will inflict on this wretched creature a violent, gruesome death. I will probably find its entrails on my doorstep.

This is the scene unfolding before our eyes in Genesis chapter forty-four. Joseph is the cat, and his eleven brothers are the mice. Joseph's brothers have fallen prostrate before him, charged with a crime they cannot disprove and conscious of God's judgment for sins previously committed. Resigned to their fate, Judah speaks for his brothers: "What can we say to my Lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants; behold, we are my lord's slaves..." (v. 16).

Except Joseph doesn't pounce on his brothers. He does just the opposite: He hugs them, gives them life-sustaining food, and invites them, their father, and their families to move to Egypt and live in the best land his adopted country had to offer. Why did Joseph behave this way? How was he able to graciously overlook his brothers' offences? Joseph was firmly convinced that God causes all things—even sin—to work together to produce good in the lives of His children (Genesis 50:20). Are you convinced? Or, finding yourself in circumstances like Joseph's, would you respond like that garage cat?

Tim Ross, Associate Pastor,  
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### MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Income & Expenses	Actual	Budgeted
June	Giving Income	\$15,172.01	\$17,916.67
	Expenses	\$39,259.92	\$35,981.66
Year to Date	Giving Income	\$94,720.22	\$107,499.98
	Expenses	\$214,348.57	\$215,890.04

A detailed accounting of all expenses as well as additional income & operating funds are available to CBC members upon request. Please see Selina for a copy.



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## THE LORD'S DAY July 23, 2023 – 11:00 AM

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Scripture & Prayer

Romans 14:13-23, *Pastor Ed Caballero*

#### Worship through Song

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"  
(Hymn # 352)

#### Congregational Greeting

#### Announcements

#### Missions Focus: IFCA International

*Presented by Peter Ellis*

#### Worship through Song

"There is a Fountain"  
(Hymn # 336)

#### Worship through the Preached Word

"You are the Man!" (part 2)  
2 Samuel 12:14-31  
*Pastor Scott Bashoor*

#### Worship through Song

"In His Time" (Hymn # 681)

*Parents, please pick up your children promptly from Children's Church.*

## TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9:45 AM** – Bible Classes for Kids, Teens, and Adults
- 11:00 AM** – Morning Worship Service
- 6:00 PM** – Evening Worship Service. *Pastor Scott will be teaching from Psalm 51.*

## THIS NEXT WEEK

### Wednesday

- Prayer Meeting (Bilingual) 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM
- Midweek Bible Study, 7:00 PM. *Pastor Balt will be teaching a combined Bible study this week.*

### Thursday

- Ladies Evening Bible Study, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in Vipond Hall

### Sunday

- Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children, 9:45 AM. *The Adult and Teen Classes will meet together for a lesson by Pastor Balt.*
- Morning Worship Service, 11:00 AM. *Steve Esmond will be preaching. There will be no Children's Church but activity boards will be made available.*
- Evening Worship Service, 6:00 PM. *Steve Esmond will be preaching.*

## UPCOMING

- **Fiji Ministry Trip**, July 26 - August 10.
- **Hopi Ministry Trip**, August 2 – 9
- **Summer Congregational Business Meeting**, Aug 27, after the AM service
- **IFCA Regional Meeting**, Sept. 9 (Sat), 8:30 – Lunch.

## GIVING

You can give to the Lord's work by:

- ▶ **The Collection Boxes** in the back of the Chapel and Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **PayPal** on our church's website, [www.Community-Bible.com](http://www.Community-Bible.com)
- ▶ **Mail** to Community Bible Church, 2930 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim, CA 92804



## CAMPUS NEEDS

If you see something around campus that needs repair or attention, please email [Deacons@Community-Bible.com](mailto:Deacons@Community-Bible.com) or see one of our deacons: Bob Huber, Paul Taylor, George Nelson.

## MISSIONS FOCUS



Our church has long been affiliated with IFCA International, a fellowship of independent Bible churches united for promoting the gospel and defending the faith. While IFCA is not a denomination, membership provides churches like ours with various benefits, including publications and materials, regional rallies and retreats with like-minded churches, an annual convention, military chaplaincy endorsement, and church development resources. IFCA also provides a means for us to funnel support to international missions and relief work in times of crises. Headquartered in Grand Rapids, the fellowship serves over 2,000 churches, ministries, and personal members worldwide. Read more at [www.IFCA.org](http://www.IFCA.org).

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## MINISTRY TRIPS

**FIJI MINISTRY TRIP:** Be in prayer for the Bashoor family as they travel to the Fiji Islands (July 26 – Aug 10) to minister at the Fiji Bible College and area churches. If you would like to donate to offset some travel expenses, designate a gift by writing "SPECIAL MISSIONS: FIJI TRIP" on your giving envelope.

**HOPI MINISTRY TRIP:** From Aug 2-9, Pastor Balt will be leading a CBC ministry team to the Hopi nation inside Arizona where they will be serving the saints at the local evangelical church on the reservation. If you would like more information on how to support this ministry, please contact Pastor Balt.