



CFEC: SAY WHAT NOW???

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Christian Fellowship Evangelistic Church, Inc is a house of worship for congregants, a beacon of hope and support for the community, and a safe haven for community members, the disenfranchised, and members of the congregation.

Message From Pastor Michael Kea

I just wanted to take a moment today to share something that's been stirring in my heart, something vital for our growth as individuals and as a community of faith. We often talk about the good things God has done, and that's right—we should celebrate His faithfulness! But today, I want us to lean into a truth that can sometimes feel challenging: **the essential need for flexibility.**

We all know people who get stuck in the comfortable "way things have always been." They love tradition, and there's beauty in that, but when we resist the change God is initiating, we risk stagnation. The danger of resisting change isn't just that we miss out on a good idea; the danger is that we miss out on a **blessing**. When we stubbornly hold onto the past, we build a wall against the future God is creating for us.

Think about the world outside our windows. We live in a place of gorgeous, distinct **seasons**. What would happen if a mighty oak tree decided it liked its green summer leaves so much that it refused to shed them in the fall? It would be unprepared for the winter snow, and the weight of that refusal would break its branches.

The tree understands a profound lesson: **To survive and thrive, you must remain flexible.** You must cooperate with the changing of the seasons. If we want to stay healthy and fruitful in our faith and our church, we must be like that tree, ready to shed what was, and to be led by the Spirit when the Lord signals a new season.

God's work is dynamic; it is constantly moving forward. And He is always calling us to meet Him in the **new thing** He is doing. That's why the Scripture challenges us:

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19)

Do you not perceive it? That question cuts right to the heart of the matter. God is doing something new *right now*, but if our eyes are fixated only on the familiar, we won't even see the fresh stream of water He's providing in our desert.

Let's commit to being a church family that faces new challenges—new outreach methods, new community needs, new ways of serving—not with dread or resistance, but with **excited**

flexibility. Let's trust that the Hand guiding our ship knows the waters, even if they look different than they did last year.

I'm praying for us all to have hearts that are open, humble, and ready to say, "Yes, Lord! Show me the new thing, and I will be flexible enough to follow."

-Pastor Mike

SPOTLIGHT

This month, the spotlight is on **Thanksgiving**. Thanksgiving is a holiday that brings friends and family together. It is one of the busiest travel days of the year. Everyone tries to break bread with their loved ones. Thanksgiving usually connotes turkey with all the trimmings, delicious cakes and pies, the companionship of family and friends, laughter and fun, televised Thanksgiving Day parades, etc. When you say grace to thank the Lord for your delicious meal, don't forget that there are others less fortunate than us. Everyone doesn't have a warm home or a table laden with an array of foods set before them. Some people are alone, depressed, and hungry. While you are giving thanks for all of your blessings, please remember to say a prayer for people less fortunate than you.

If possible, sometime during the holiday season, volunteer to work a few hours in a shelter, stop and converse with someone that looks sad or depressed, give someone homeless money to get a hot cup of coffee or tea or a hot meal. Listen to them and let them know they are not alone. Share with them the fact that our Father is omnipotent. He hears all prayers. Tell them that He loves all of us. And before you walk away, tell them happy Thanksgiving and remind them that they are loved.

RECENT EVENTS

CFEC recently wore pink and purple on 11 October 2025 for breast cancer awareness and domestic violence awareness. Elder Judy Sherman spoke to the congregation about this theme. She provided the following information for our newsletter this month.

The theme for Breast Cancer Awareness Month in 2025 is "Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters". The national theme for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) in October 2025 is "With Survivors, Always".

The themes for both are a call for us to show up for people, supporting them in any way possible as they go through their very personal journeys.

If you need or you know someone who needs help, here are 2 very important numbers:

- The Susan G. Komen Breast Care Helpline can be reached at 1-877-465-6636
- The national domestic violence hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE



The CFEC congregation on 11 OCT 25. [Photo credit: Michelle Rouse]

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[Breast cancer slide courtesy of Bethany Kea]

O **Donations** in the form of special assessments are still being collected for CFEC's Building Fund. These donations do not take the place of your tithes; They are in addition to your tithes. Whatever you can spare will be greatly appreciated. It is only through God's continued grace and working together that CFEC can continue to complete dominion projects. You need not be a member to contribute. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

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