



CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

## ***“A Place of Grace”***

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Community Church of Pincher Creek

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## **Sunday Services December 31st 2023**

**10:00 AM Live & Online\*\*      Evening Service 6 – 6:45 pm**

**Prayer Hours before services: Morning 9 am      Evening 5 pm**

**Sunday School During Morning service      Nursery Open for you to use**

**2024 Programs – Ladies’ Bible Studies Tues & Thurs, 1:30 at church**

**Mom’s Bible Study Fridays 9:30 am at church**

**Project Gals’ Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday/month at church, 10 am-3 pm**

**Seniors’ Lunch – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at church, 11:30 a.m.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Congregation and friends Potluck after church**

**Church Service 6 pm at Vista Village Extended Care**

**Men’s Bible Study Weds 7pm      Youth – 7:30 pm Fridays at the church**

### **CCC Pastor**

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**Benevolent offering - box on back table or add to your auto debit**

**Announcements: TONIGHT – our annual Play and Pray celebration for the New Year. Doors open at 8. Come and go as you like. Games food, fun and praying in the new year together.**

### **Worship through Music –Dana**

**All glory be to Christ**

**Search me oh God**

**Cornerstone**

**Lead me to the cross**

### **Worship through Prayer –**

**“To know Christ, and to make Him known locally and globally”**

## Today's Notes . . .

### The 4 Distinctives of the Early Church

#### A Studying/Teaching Church

Introduction: There were 4 distinctives that defined the uniqueness of the church. 1. Doctrine (teachings) 2. Fellowship 3. Worship 4. Prayer

Are we this kind of Church?

- Ultimately everyone of us ***must see that we as an individual are the catalyst OR the very hindrance*** to becoming a New Testament church –

There was something different that set the early church apart Acts 1:4-11

- The distinctives - The source of these was the gospel and the Holy Spirit

**So our first lesson on the distinctives is that it begins with a genuine experience with God through the gospel and the empowering and infilling of the Holy Spirit**

#### **Distinctive #1 : DOCTRINE - They were a studying/teaching church   Acts 2:42**

- Continued – to be strong towards – give dedication/devotion
- Doctrine simply means the teachings of God
- To LEARN the teachings of God we must STUDY the teachings of God!
  - o Romans 12:1-2 – Colossians 3:10 – I Peter 1:13 – Hosea 4:6
  - o Don't make excuses – “I can't understand” - I Cor 2:9-13

**The POWER to LIVE comes from your KNOWLEDGE of the Word energized by the Holy Spirit!**

**We DO NOT need to be entertained – WHAT we need is to study and be TAUGHT the WORD and Submit to its authority!**

I Peter 1:22-25

1. Imperishable
2. Living
3. Abiding

I Timothy 4:1-16

1. Take heed
2. Continue in

\*\* Are you willing to put to death all other authority of the self-life to submit to the Word of God?

\*\* If you want to know how to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ then get your head/heart in the Word of God – find out what He says then hunker down – stay over on it until it leaks out in how you live

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