

## January 5, 2025 Sunday Morning Gathering

# "The Reason for Parables" Matthew 13:1-17

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#### **Sunday Evening Gathering**

Our evening gathering begins at **5:30 P.M.** every Sunday evening. Join us as we pray through the morning's sermon passage, pray for one another, encourage one another in song, and hear a short message from God's Word.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## New Adult Bible Classes start this Sunday (Jan. 5 - Feb. 16)

New Adult Bible Classes will begin this Sunday, **January 5**. Please see the descriptions below. All are welcome! Classes begin at **9:00 A.M.** 

#### **Decision Making and the Will of God**

Each day is filled with numerous decisions—a reality that can be overwhelming and stressful. In this 7-week course, we will consider what God has to say in His Word about His will for our lives and how we should go about making decisions. We will consider both healthy and unhealthy ways to approach decisions as well as the relationship between God's sovereign will and His revealed will. By the end of this course we hope that you will know how to honor God, apply Scripture, and be wise when you make decisions. This class will be taught by Tristan Lengacher and Dan Voelker.

#### **Knowing Jesus and Being Conformed to His Image**

Join us as we consider who Jesus Christ is and what it means for Christians to be made more into his likeness. We will look to Scripture to understand who Jesus is as the God-man, what it means that he is truly and fully divine and human, and how this applies to Christians—who have been "predestined to be conformed into the image of his Son" (Romans 8:29). My hope is that your affections for Jesus and your confidence in God's sanctifying work in your life would increase. This class will be taught by Kelly Wright.

#### 2025 Church-Wide Bible Reading Plan

The Bible is God's very words that powerfully bring change. God uses it to bring life, give wisdom, cultivate joy, and nurture vitality (Ps 19:7-9). Join us as we take time to read through the Bible as a church family in 2025, and may your affections for God and your appreciation for his Word increase. If you would like

a digital copy of the reading plan and other recommended resources, please visit <a href="https://www.castleview.org/bible-reading-plan">https://www.castleview.org/bible-reading-plan</a>.

#### Men's Discipleship Reading (Jan. 15)

Our next Men's Discipleship Reading discussion will be **Wednesday**, **January 15th** from 12:00-1:00pm. This is another opportunity for men to gather, be equipped for discipleship, and continue to strengthen our relationships at Castleview.

Our next book will be <u>The Person of Christ: An Introduction</u> by Stephen Wellum. Please read the book before the meeting date. We will use our hour together to review the material and consider how the lessons apply in our personal lives and in the life of the church.

Remember that each time together will stand alone. These are designed to be attended when it fits your schedule or the topic draws you in. Please reach out to Kelly Wright with any questions.

#### Pilgrims Talk Podcast – 2 New Episodes!

<u>Castleview's discipleship podcast has two new episodes available</u>: one is an interview with Dr. KJ Drake of Indianapolis Theological Seminary, and the other is a reflection on our past year with the staff pastors.

The podcast can be accessed through most of the normal podcast channels on mobile devices. Also, from our website under the Resources tab. Both our sermons and Pilgrims Talk episodes are fully searchable, so you can find the exact recording you want.

### Women's Fun Friday (Jan. 17)

Join us for Women's Fun Friday, on Friday, January 17th from 6:30 PM - 9:00

**PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Enter through Door 7. This will be a delightful evening to enjoy a soup and salad dinner, play bingo, win prizes, and a book giveaway! Back by request, we will have more interviews to hear about the lives of women in our church. We hope this will spark new points of connection and deepen our relationships!

Please RSVP here if you plan to attend.

### **Members Meeting (January 19)**

Members should join us at 5:30 P.M. on **January 19** to hear updates about various ministries of our church and gain insight into what it looks like to participate in the life of our local church. Childcare will be provided.

### **Upcoming Events**

Women's Fun Friday: Friday, January 17

Members Meeting: Sunday, January 19

Family Fun Night: Saturday, January 25

#### **Castleview 101**

Castleview 101 is the best place to learn who we are as a church, what we believe, and how you can participate in our life together. It also functions as the first step towards membership at Castleview.

Your help is needed to encourage new visitors and long-attending non-members to attend this class. You can share this registration link with others. Childcare will be available through Family Ministries.

The next sessions begin on **January 12**.