

Welcome!



*A growing, Christ-centered,
Bible-teaching fellowship*



Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We love our newcomers! Copperfield Bible Church is a family of believers, and we heartily invite you to join our family!

Yours in Christ's service,

Dan Phillips

Pastor Dan Phillips

Who We Are

CBC is an independent, non-denominational body of Bible-believers with a common love for Jesus Christ.

The Bible is our sole rule for faith and practice. We seek to glorify Christ through the faithful exposition and application of God's Word.

CBC is an elder-led church based on the New Testament model with a biblically sound doctrinal statement and constitution.

Our mission:

The Lord has charged His churches with a big mission:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18–20)

Everything we are and do is built around that God-given primary mission of *making disciples – students – of the Lord Jesus*.

If you are interested in a particular ministry, ask us! As God brings believers to serve as members in this joyous work, more ministries are being created and growing.

Our facilities:

This church as a body of believers began in 1934. Our meeting place has changed and grown over the years. As you look about, you see the signs of decades of growth, and of loving use and care by generations of folks of all ages.

Our priority:

The Lordship of Jesus Christ is our non-negotiable focus. We embrace this in the way Jesus directed: by continuing in His word, making Christ the focus of all we are and do. We constantly search for the most effective way to glorify God by spreading His Word

Who We Are

Sunday School Ministry

“...What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.” —1 Corinthians 2:9

This verse in context speaks of the wisdom of God. Apart from the work of the Holy Spirit through Scripture, we cannot know the mind of God. But when the Spirit gives us new life in Christ, He enables us to know the unfathomable riches of God, as revealed in His Word.

Teaching the Word of God enables us to “proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Here at Copperfield Bible Church, we take seriously the study of the Word of God.

Our desire is to seek God’s pleasure and the edification of all believers through teaching and applying His Word.

We have worked hard to ensure that our classes are teaching sound doctrine from the best materials available. We invite you and your family to participate actively in our Sunday School ministry. We at Copperfield Bible Church highly value family education and worship.

Please keep in mind that even though our children’s classes are based on age groups, your children are welcome to join you in the adult class if you prefer.

Our Sunday School classes begin at 9:30 a.m., and nursery care is available for children two years old and under.

Sunday School Ministry

Adult Class

Our adult class includes everyone from age 12 and up. This class features teaching of Biblical passages and/or doctrines, and can include corporate singing, prayer, and an interactive discussion of the passage.

Children's Classes

God calls parents to be the primary spiritual mentors and instructors of their children (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). We have chosen materials we believe will help parents accomplish this task.

We have two classes for children: ages 3-8 and ages 9-11. Both groups use the *Generations of Grace* curriculum which leads kids through the narrative of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, outlining God's redemptive plan.

Children in each age range learn from the same passage of Scripture in a way that is appropriate for their respective age levels. A unified curriculum enables families to discuss the passage together reinforcing the lesson children have learned in Sunday School.

Children's Church

Children's Church is for children between the ages of 3 and 6.

Children remain with their parents in the service until they are dismissed during the last hymn before the sermon.

On the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sunday), children remain with their parents.

Children are welcome to stay with their parents throughout the entire main worship service, if that is the parents' wish.

Ministries & Opportunities

Evening Ministries

On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, we have opportunities for all ages to dig deeper into the word of God.

Check our website at cbctex.org/events for up-to-date information about schedules for these ministries.

Truth Ministry

Our ministry to youth (ages 12+) is designed to assist parents in the spiritual growth of their children. God never designed a youth ministry to be a substitute for parental shepherding. We emphasize the home as the primary center of instruction and example. We focus on teaching young people the Word of God so that they may grow spiritually and know how to deal with the world in which they live.

Adventure Club

This is a fun class that teaches systematic theology to kids ages 3-11 through songs, games, Bible lessons, and memory work. Each child receives his or her own workbook, which contains the memory verses and fun activities that reinforce the lesson. Adventure Club meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Ladies' Bible Study

This study is the perfect place for moms to enjoy a time of Bible study, prayer, and fellowship while their children are in *Adventure Club* or *Truth Ministry*. Older women and younger women learn from each other as they seek to be "Titus 2 Women."

Adult Ministries

Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Ministry is designed to help men live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ through Bible study, discipleship, prayer, accountability, and fellowship.

The men meet twice a month for Bible Study, on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 8 AM.

Women's Weekday Bible Study

On Friday mornings at 10 am, CBC women meet in person and on Zoom to study the Bible chronologically using the SOAK method. Read more on our website at cbctex.org

Fellowship Opportunities

We have many opportunities throughout the year to join with one another in fellowship, such as:

- Monthly Fellowship Meals (first Sunday of the month)
- Reformation Day Celebration (last Saturday in October)
- Chili Cookoff & Dessert Bake-off (February)
- All-church workdays
- Baby showers
- ...and more!

Outreach & Service Opportunities

We have regular opportunities for service to those outside the church, including cleaning the CareNet facilities on a quarterly basis, participating in CareNet fundraising events, and evangelism in nearby neighborhoods.

Ministries & Opportunities

“ Go therefore and make disciples...”

Missions

We take seriously our Lord's "Great Commission" in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you."

We encourage every member to reach out to those people whom God has brought into our lives who need the saving message of Jesus Christ. It is important not only to proclaim the Gospel, but to live our lives in such a way that it adorns and displays the impact of the message we are proclaiming.

CareNet Pregnancy Center of Houston

Care Net Pregnancy Center demonstrates the love of Christ to those facing a pregnancy decision through the provision of spiritual, physical, emotional, and educational support and by proclaiming the Gospel in a loving, confidential atmosphere. They are committed to upholding the truth that God creates human life in His image at conception.

<https://friendsofcarenethouston.com/>

Justin Peters Ministries

Justin is an evangelist who preaches and teaches expositionally. He very fruitfully exposes error, and champions the inerrancy and authority of scripture, and the vital truth of its sufficiency.

<https://justinpeters.org/>

International Missions

CBC currently supports a missionary family in South America. More information about this family and their ministries is available upon request.

Resources

Sermon library

We have an extensive library of sermons accessible from our website at:

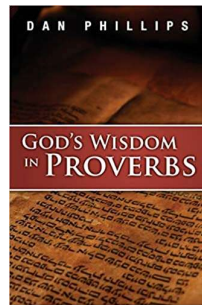
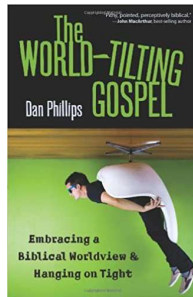
cbctex.org/sermons

You can search by series, title, date, or speaker.

Recommended books

We have several books available in our lobby, including two written by Pastor Dan (*The World Tilting Gospel* and *God's Wisdom in Proverbs*).

If you would like to reimburse us for the cost of the book, there is an envelope inside each book with a suggested donation amount.



Homeschool and More Library

We have a well-organized and cataloged library full of homeschool curriculum, fiction and non-fiction books for children and adults, as well as many videos and Bible study books.

Members and regular attenders are welcome to check out books on the honor system for as long as needed. You can browse and search the catalog online at:

cbctex.org/library

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus

Distinctives

Just like each person's fingerprints, no two churches are identical. Every church is composed of different people, with varying spiritual gifts and levels of maturity. Here at CBC, we believe that our doctrine determines our direction. What we believe affects every area of our lives, both corporately and individually.

Five distinctive characteristics of Copperfield Bible Church are:

God's Glory

Our passion is to see God exalted, praised, and magnified. The goal of creation, the church, and every human life is to praise God for His amazing grace, mercy, and compassion, and to glorify Him for who He is and what He has done.

Sufficiency of Scripture

Far from merely giving lip service to the Word of God, we seek to be led by the Holy Scriptures which are "God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16-17 LSB). Holy Scripture alone contains every word of God that we need on any area of life.

Expository Preaching

God has given us His word in the form of a book, meant to be understood by applying normal rules of grammar and syntax. We believe that God's design is for us to study His Word, and His word is to rule the pulpit (cf. 2 Timothy 4:1-4). Therefore, all preaching must be richly Biblical, whether it is preaching through Bible books or opening up the Bible's teaching on any given subject.

Church leadership

The terms *pastor*, *elder*, and *shepherd* are all interchangeable, since they refer to the same church office. It is that office which Christ designated to lead the church, as it is filled by men whose qualifying characteristics are provided in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. *Deacons* also serve our body in tangible ways, so as to free the elders to feed the flock, to protect the flock from false teachers, and to provide oversight of the flock. Their qualifications are given in 1 Timothy 3:8ff).

Meaningful Membership

The Bible makes it clear that Christians should be involved in a local church, exercising their spiritual giftedness. Members hold one another accountable in many areas. Each and every member is expected to serve, since "each one has received a gift" (1 Peter 4:10).

One of the functions of the leadership is the "equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-13 LSB)

Membership is the process whereby a believer makes known to the elders of Copperfield Bible Church his/her desire to call this church his/her spiritual "home." In a word, it is a commitment – to the Lord, to the elders, and to the believers at CBC.

Membership

Principle of Membership

The principle reflected in membership is abundantly stressed in Scripture. In the book of Acts, when someone came to faith in Christ, he/she immediately identified with the local church. When a believer moved to a new area, that person immediately identified with a local church in the new location. Only thus could discipline, leadership and oversight be exercised and experienced (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17).

The thought that a believer can just “come and go,” with no sense of accountability and commitment, reflects American culture—not the teaching of Scripture.

What is Involved?

An individual must be a born-again believer who has given a very clear testimony of following Christ. You should fill out a membership application, which will help us in leading you and giving you spiritual direction. The application covers your written testimony, where you have served in previous churches, and your beliefs about the doctrine and practices of the Christian faith.

You will be scheduled for a membership class during which we will discuss the church’s history and doctrine, and the meaning of church membership, as well as answering any questions you may have.

If the elders approve you for membership, you will be introduced before the church family. New members will be asked to make public affirmation together of their desire to join CBC in membership. You will pledge your commitment to the church body, and the body will pledge commitment to you.

Why Should I Join CBC?

The primary responsibility of our elders is to minister to those who have identified themselves with CBC as members, formally looking to CBC's leadership for the care and oversight of their souls (Hebrews 13:17).

Leadership and teaching positions in church ministries are limited to members, although attendees are encouraged to take part as helpers.

Benevolence monies will be primarily provided to member families. We are not a social or government agency and must focus primarily (though not exclusively) on aiding member families who have joined this local body.

What is Expected of Members?

Members have pledged themselves to

- be faithful Christians, and to be obedient to what the Bible teaches.
- make regular church attendance a priority.
- use their spiritual gifts for the benefit of the church body.
- be good stewards of what the Lord has provided.
- interact with each other, hold each other accountable, encourage each other, pray for each other, and bear each other's burdens, along with all the various calls Scripture issues for loving service
- make scriptural application a part of their daily lives.
- be a witness to those around them.

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. God is holy and cannot look approvingly on sin.

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty” (Revelation 4:8)

“You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong...” (Habakkuk 1:13)

2. Man is sinful and separated from God.

“None is righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23)

“but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God...” (Isaiah 59:2)

3. Because God is just, man deserves to die physically and spiritually.

“For the wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23a)

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:15)

4. Man can never save himself, even through “good,” religious works.

“...all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment” (Isaiah 64:6a)

“he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...” (Titus 3:5)

5. In His astonishing love, the Triune God made a plan in eternity that involved God the Son coming to pay for His people’s sin by dying on the cross, bearing God’s just wrath.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; ...and with his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

“the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7b)

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

6. You must repent, by the power of God, and trust only in Christ to save you.

“Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.” (Acts 11:18)

“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,” (Acts 3:19)

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,” (John 1:12)

“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (1 John 5:12)

7. Salvation is a free gift which can only be received as such, and can never be earned.

“but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9)

Is this hope yours? If not, then why not today? Why not now? None of us is guaranteed another second, let alone another day! Turn to Christ, believe in Him, trust in Him alone as your Lord and Savior, call on Him to save you and be your Lord. And talk to one of our elders or deacons; we would love to explain to you the way of salvation and life in Christ, and to encourage you

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New to Houston?

Houston is the fourth largest city in the United States and the largest city in Texas, with a population of over 2 million souls. The city encompasses 579 square miles. Residents of the Houston metropolitan area enjoy a relatively low cost of living with diverse educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

The websites listed below may be helpful to you as you relocate and make Houston your new home.

Living in Houston

Greater Houston Partnership

www.houston.org

Harris County Demographics

www.muninetguide.com/states/texas/Harris.php

Harris County District Clerk's Office

www.hcdistrictclerk.com

Cost of Living, Home Prices, and Real Estate Tax Information

ACCRA Cost of Living Index

www.coli.org

Houston Association of Realtors

www.har.com

Harris County Appraisal District

www.hcad.org

Relocation Information

Here in Houston Relocation Guide

www.houston.org/living

Katy Relocation Information

www.katymagazine.com

Cy-Fair Relocation Information

www.cyfairmagazine.com

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