

## Small Groups

If you call CVBC your church home and you want community, you are encouraged to join a small group!

- Small Groups at CVBC focus on building deeper relationships with fellow believers. We do this by providing a smaller community as we pray together, study the Bible, and challenge each other to grow in our faith and reliance on God in all aspects of life.
- Small groups often discuss the most recent sermon, or other books of Scripture, and focus on applying it to their lives.
- Small groups prioritize prayer and shouldering one another's burdens in life.
- Small groups have a goal of meeting at least 2x per month.
- Small groups meet at various times, days, and locations throughout the year.

Contact Mark Wathke or email him at [smallgroups@cvbc.net](mailto:smallgroups@cvbc.net) for more information.

- ◇ For more details about this ministry and others, visit our website at [cvbc.net](http://cvbc.net).
- ◇ For a wide assortment of biblical materials suitable for small groups, check out the CVBC Library!



# CVBC

CHIPPEWA VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

Love God | Love People

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30am | 715.723.2872 | [cvbc.net](http://cvbc.net)

Sunday, February 18, 2024

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Welcome | Greeting | Announcements

Songs: *Sing to the King, House of the Lord, O Praise the Name*

Family Prayer

Alan & Emily Dunham, Carmen Dunham, Cathy Endres

Small Groups at CVBC

Eau Claire Leaders: City Mgr. Stephanie Hirsch, School Superintendent  
Mike Johnson


Sermon

Song: *How Great Thou Art*

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### What's Happening at CVBC

- **The Adult Sunday school series, PARENTING,** goes through **February 25.** Join us Sundays in Room 50 at 9am.
- **Ruby's Pantry is Tuesday, February 20.** Ruby's Pantry is a monthly food distribution program that is held at CVBC on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Ruby's Pantry is for people that eat! There is no income or residency requirement and Ruby's Pantry is for anyone looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. Each guest donates \$25 for a 'share' and receives an abundance of grocery items. Join us as a guest, as a volunteer, or both! **Extra volunteer help is needed between 2:15 and 5:30pm to load cars.** First-time volunteers, please use the following link: <https://www.rubyspantry.org/become-volunteer>.
- **Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive continues through March 3.** See the collection box in the lobby for details and the list of items to donate, as well as small reminder cards you can take with you.
- **The next Men's Event is Monday, March 4:** Bowling and pizza at Bowl Winkle's in Eau Claire at 6pm. All men are welcome.
- **CVBC's technology upgrades and security changes** mean you will need to log into our Wi-fi weekly or each time you are here. The password is *jesusislord*.
- **The Men's Retreat will be Friday-Saturday, April 26-27.** It is a great time to grow your faith and friendships through worship, Bible teaching, meals, games and rest. All men from CVBC are welcome. You can register in the lobby or [HERE](#). 



**Main Point:** In times of suffering, we either \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves from the Lord and His People, or we come \_\_\_\_\_. Christian, come closer!

Application:

1. Be close to God and his people now, so you are \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer well.
  2. When suffering hits, be \_\_\_\_\_ in your pain.
  3. When suffering hits, don't throw away your \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. When suffering hits, expect \_\_\_\_\_.
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**Small Group Questions:**

1. What is something that stood out to you from the passage or sermon?
2. How can a Christian prepare to suffer well? What does suffering well look like?
3. How can you still see God as sovereign and good when you are facing pain?