

# TO ENLIST TO ARM TO OCCUPY

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Central Christian Fellowship was founded as a non-denominational christian church with the desire to not only see souls saved, but to arm them with the Word of God so that they may occupy the land.

To Enlist. To Arm. To Occupy.

For the battle is not against flesh and blood,  
but against the rulers, against the authorities,  
against the powers of this dark world and  
against the spiritual forces in the heavenly realms.  
Ephesians 6:12

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# LEADING BY EXAMPLE



## TO ARM

“You want the truth? YOU CAN’T HANDLE THE TRUTH!” The iconic quote by Col Nathan Jessup in the movie *A Few Good Men* is one of my favorites. I’m a huge movie nerd (up until about 2018 anyway) and the pursuit of truth in this movie riles me up. I love the way Tom Cruise’s character doesn’t stop pushing until a detrimental truth is exposed. A truth shakes their world and has consequences that ripple through the very foundation of their movie lives.

Truth can have the same effect on our lives and the foundations we’ve built them on - the intangible foundations of values and beliefs as well as the physical foundations bound by the laws of physics and engineering. As riveting as the latter can be, we’ll leave that to the subject matter experts...

Think about the years you have lived as a saint. The number of times the Lord opened up the truth most likely cannot be counted. Though not generally malicious, parents and society indoctrinate children in deception - a consequence of this fallen world. “Truth serves as the cornerstone of knowledge. Without a commitment to truth, our beliefs and decisions would be based on falsehoods, leading to confusion and mistrust. In scientific inquiry, truth is derived from empirical evidence and rigorous testing, ensuring findings are valid and reproducible” (diversedaily.com, the foundation of knowledge).

It has been my experience that giving and receiving truth is more an act of love than any physical gesture known to man. The Lord God, Creator of the heavens and earth, Savior of mankind has not only given Himself that we may know the truth but used that truth to bring purpose and belonging to our lives. What better example of love could exist? Oh, there was that one thing...

He sent His son. It feels like I harp on this. It is essential to the foundation of our lives that we understand this *one* thing. Most of us cannot imagine the type of sacrifice Col Nathan Jessup gave and so we don’t. The same can be said for the sacrifice of Jesus. We don’t think about it, because we cannot understand it. You will know the truth [of Jesus] and the truth will set you free (John 8:12). If we *try* to imagine the sacrifice and contemplate the ripples it creates, we develop a major faultline in the foundation we built our lives on. This truth about love, if we fully receive and accept it, is step number one in fighting the battle CCF is called to fight.



# CCF HAPPENINGS

NEWS THAT MOVES

## TO OCCUPY

To occupy this land is a command we have been given. Most people do not view commands from as “mandatory”. The military trains folks to reorder their thinking and creates a hierarchy of verbal instructions. “Command” is the top dog. The no-negotiating, you-WILL-do-this-or-suffer-consequences type of dog.

Numbers 33:53 commands us: “take possession of the land and settle in it, because I have given it to you to occupy”. The consequences of not possessing the land? Verse 55 - But if you fail to drive out the people who live in the land, those who remain will be like splinters in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will harass you in the land where you live (NLT).

In life, we sometimes learn that living by example is generally most effective in persuading someone to do a thing.

But children are a different kind of example. They mostly say what they are thinking and ask questions about things they are curious about until we teach them “proper social etiquette”.

I was watching my daughter make bracelets with her aunt one day. They were chatting about this and that when suddenly Lianna asked “do you go to church?” Her aunt said, “no, I don’t”. To which Lianna replied, “then how do you get close to God?”

I thought about this for a long time. Lianna didn’t ask to be in this land. I chose that for her. Lianna didn’t ask to fight this battle. It was chosen for her. In my ineffectiveness at “driving out the people who live in the land” she has been handed a fight that needs fighting.

Phrases like “occupying the land” and “driving out people” are not,

in my opinion, as black and white as they seem. By asking about faith and practice specifically toward God, Lianna has embodied this scripture. She is standing for what she knows and believes and making sure “the people of this land” understand where she falls on the whole God thing.

She’s been a different kind of example to me for a long time. In this situation she has redefined for me what “occupy” means. My hope is that you will also redefine occupy.

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EVENTS OF THE DAY - [WWW.CENTRALCHRISTIANFELLOWSHIP.ORG](http://WWW.CENTRALCHRISTIANFELLOWSHIP.ORG)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Door Greeter - W. Brewer Usher - C. Kephart Security - E. Taylor	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Door Greeter - G. Lee Usher - A. Clayton Security - P. Vaughn	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Door Greeter - D. Couch Usher - G. Witherspoon Security - B. Bean	16	17 Ladies Dinner - 530p	18	19	20	21
22 Door Greeter - P. Vaughn Usher - C. Kephart Security - E. Taylor	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Game Night - 5p Finger Foods & Ride Share Door Greeter - G. Lee Usher - A. Clayton Security - P. Vaughn	30	31				

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