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ADAPTING TO OUR NEW EQUIPMENT

We have made it - the CFBC Media & Technology HD Video and Audio upgrade is finally complete! ...well, almost.

Even though the contractors and installers have returned home and all of our new equipment is up and running, the upgrade process is still ongoing. With all of this new equipment, we all have learning curves we must overcome and bugs we must work out. During service, special events or any other time we use our new equipment, please be patient and understand that we may run into issues or problems caused by the new equipment. Or, more simply, the system may (and probably won't!) work like you are used to it working...that's part of the fun and joy of installing a new system!

Just as our equipment was adapted for use in our worship center, we must also adapt to the new equipment. We will all have to learn new skills, software and components, and we will need to accept that not everything will work the way that we think it should. This will be a learning process and time of adjustment for all of us for at least the next six months. Just be confident in the knowledge that everything we have installed and instituted in our new technology WILL work and work the way that is best for the worship environment and bringing God's message to all.

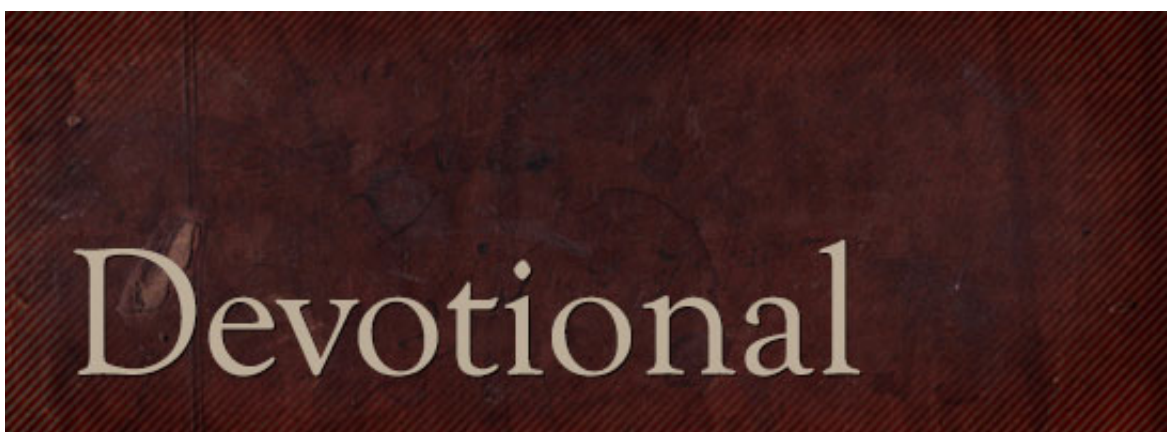
The bottom line is that we need to know of issues as they arise or equipment that isn't functioning properly (use our "Tell Media Log," which is currently located on Katy's desk in the Media Suite), but also please understand that we all must adapt to the new equipment and not assume that everything will work the way they used to.



As we begin the busy Christmas holiday season at Champion Forest Baptist Church, the staff of the Media & Technology Ministry would like to wish you and your families a "Merry Christmas."

We will all soon be very busy with preparations for the Christmas Production, Christmas Eve service and all of our other normal activities at CFBC...and it is important we pause to remember what all of this service and work is for...remembering the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. As we give thanks to God during this holiday time, we would like to begin by thanking the Lord for such a wonderful and dedicated crew of Media Volunteers and their families. We know how much time, effort and care each of you puts in to your work behind the scenes, and while most of it goes unnoticed by our fellow church family during services, we want you to know that we take notice...and truly appreciate each and every one of you.

We hope your Christmas celebrations are filled with joy and happiness. God bless!.



"LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'LOVE your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40.

Looking at the latter part of these verses, Jesus sets a high priority to loving others. In fact, loving others is a great way to practice the top priority of loving God. James 1:19-27 gives practical ways to act rightly toward others by being quick to listen while being slow to speak and to get angry—the exact opposite of human nature. Therefore, it is easy to see that loving others takes a lot of hard work. [Read More...](#)



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Champion Forest will host two Christmas Eve candlelight services in the main Worship Center on Monday, December 24th at 4:00pm and 6:00pm. This special service will be an amazing time of worship and celebration of Jesus' birth. **We will need a full crew for both services.** If you are available, please use Planning Center's "Sign Up" feature by clicking [HERE](#). If there is a position available that you normally are scheduled for, you will see a green "Sign Up" button next to the position title. If no "Sign Up" links are showing when you view the service, all available positions have been filled.



Three Tech-Friendly Choices to Preserve your Family

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It's a new dawn. It's a new day...and good old-fashioned family time in America's households continues to get sacrificed as a result of the time that families spend with their beloved technology devices. Recent surveys state:

- 28% of people say they spend less time with household members in face to face conversations since being connected to the Internet at home
- Shared family time without technology is down to 17.9 hours a month and dropping.
- 49% of women report being ignored often by a close family member due to the constant use of technology in the home.

These survey results suggest increasing technological pressures on family time. Although technology does offer many conveniences to our daily lives and can be used to create a sense of togetherness (i.e. watching TV or going to a movie together), we have to prioritize quality family time if we want our relationships and family bonding to stay strong.

Spending family time together needs to be more than just sitting besides each other on the couch while you are preoccupied by a television, smart phone, or computer screen. We have to intentionally "take a break" from it and make good choices. Good choices that are made consistently will help maintain our family relationships and create strong bonding experiences for generations to come.

Here are 3 choices to make now that will help protect and make sure your family time stays a priority:

1. **Eat dinner together regularly** - One of the best ways to set aside family time is to eat dinner together regularly. During dinner, no technology is allowed. Turn it off! Spend that hour talking together. If this is something you haven't done in a while, it may be difficult to get communications started at first. One way to get everyone talking is to have each person share the high's of the day and low's of the day. My family calls it "high, low". If you find it difficult to eat together every evening, appoint certain days of the week as family dinner nights.
2. **Plan a family night once a week** - Why not start the tradition of spending a certain time together each week as a family? Make of list of things you all like to do and choose a different one every time. There are many activities your family may enjoy that you can do. Whatever you choose should not require the use of technology. Game night is a great idea. You could play popular board games, cards, or an active game like charades. If the weather is nice, your family may enjoy spending some time together outdoors. If your family likes sports you could throw the football around or go on a bike ride. Depending on the amount of yard space you have, you may be able to set up a game like croquet or horseshoes. You don't even really need any special equipment to spend family night outdoors. Maybe you can start the tradition of taking a walk once a week so you have time to really talk without the distraction of technology.
3. **Go out as a family once a month** - If you want to make lasting memories, plan to go somewhere special with your family every month. Pick a place that will let

you talk and have fun together. Technology does not go with you though, make it a rule. When it's warm outside, try a day at the beach or lake. If you are not the outdoors type, you can plan an outing to the local bowling alley, race some go-karts or go to a miniature golf course. When you have the time and resources, try planning a road trip traveling to a place you would all enjoy.

What choices do you make to prioritize your family time so that your tech time doesn't invade it?



PLANNING CENTER TIPS

Planning Center Website vs E-mails & Smartphones: It is very easy to get in the habit of only checking your e-mails from Planning Center to see when you are scheduled...and for those of you with smartphones and the Planning Center app, it is even easier to simply check the details there. However, we **strongly** suggest that you make a habit of checking the Planning Center website throughout the month. The smartphone app can sometimes be confusing as to which services you are scheduled for and details of your crew assignments may have changed from when the e-mail you save was sent. The information on the Planning Center website is always the most up to date and is the easiest to understand.

So, while the smartphone apps are very useful and saving scheduling request e-mails generally work, it is always best to check in on the most current information via the Planning Center website

If you need help remembering your Planning Center login or password for the website, please contact [Josh Harbour](#) for assistance.

MEDIA CREW TIPS

Camera Focus & Zoom Display: Our new cameras have a very helpful feature to assist you during service...a numerical display of the camera's current zoom and focus

position. You will now notice that each camera's monitor now shows a "Z" and "F" at the top of the screen, each followed by a number. These numbers represent the camera's current zoom and focus positions. For cameras that have to quickly set-up shots in the dark (Cameras 1 & 2 for sermon and Camera 3 for baptism), this can be very handy!

Starting Sunday, December 9, notecards will be attached to these cameras with the correct zoom and focus numbers for these positions/service times. This means you can now preset your camera to the correct zoom and focus positions by simply adjusting the controls until the numbers in your monitor display match the numbers listed on your camera's notecard. This will get you as close as possible to where you need to be and will no longer require the shader to adjust your camera's gain so you can focus.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 10 @ 5pm - Christmas Production Technical Rehearsal

December 11 @ 5pm - Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal

December 12 - Tim Walker's Birthday

December 13 @ 5pm - Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal

December 14 @ 7pm - Christmas Production Performance #1

December 15 @ 3 & 7pm - Christmas Production Performance #2 & #3

December 16 @ 3 & 7pm - Christmas Production Performance #4 & #5 (in Spanish)

December 16 - Brent Dyer's Birthday

December 24 @ 4 & 6pm - Candlelight Service

December 28 - Brent Johnson's Birthday

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