



CFEC: SAY WHAT NOW???

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Christian Fellowship Evangelistic Church, Inc is a house of worship for congregants, a beacon of hope and support for the community, and a safe haven for community members, the disenfranchised, and members of the congregation.

Message From Pastor Michael Kea



We talk about community often—about what it truly means to be the Body of Christ. When we use words like *fellowship* and *family*, we're not just talking about Sunday morning handshakes; we're talking about deep, reliable connection.

This brings me to a topic that I believe is critical for our spiritual health: the danger of being a **"fair weather" friend**.

A "fair weather" friend is someone who is present only when the sun is shining. They are easy to find at the celebratory dinner, the successful event, or when you have something positive to offer—a good mood, a fun idea, or simply convenience. They make us feel good, but that relationship is fundamentally built on ease and external circumstances.

The problem with this kind of friendship is its inherent instability. The moment the clouds gather, the job is lost, the health crisis hits, or the convenience fades, the fair-weather friend is nowhere to be found. They are friends of your *circumstances*, not friends of your *soul*.

The Bible, however, gives us such a beautiful, unwavering definition of what real, covenant connection looks like. It demands more of us. It asks us to be steadfast and immovable, anchors for one another when life gets rough.

In the book of Proverbs, we find this powerful declaration:

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."

(Proverbs 17:17, ESV)

Notice those two critical phrases: **"loves at all times"** and **"born for a time of adversity."**

This scripture defines true friendship not by comfort, but by **commitment**. It tells us that real brothers and sisters in Christ don't just show up for the celebration; they are *commissioned*—they are "born"—for the times of trouble.

So, my challenge to our beautiful church family this week is this: Let us commit to abandoning the fair-weather mentality. Let's agree to be the friends who carry the umbrella when the storm is raging over someone else's life.

When we see a sister struggling with a crisis of faith, let us not criticize, but sit with her. When a brother loses his job, let us not shy away from the awkward conversation,

but show up with practical support. Let us be present not just in the *perks* of friendship, but in the *pain*.

That is how we build a true community that reflects the self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ—a love that never fails, even in the darkest night.

I am so grateful to serve alongside you. Let us continue to build a network of unconditional love and unwavering support.

Much Love!

Pastor Mike

SPOTLIGHT

CFEC is blessed to have an anointed young man as Senior Pastor. This month's Spotlight will be centered around the fourth anniversary of Michael Kea as Pastor of Christian Fellowship Evangelistic Church. On September 14, 2025, CFEC honored Pastor Kea with both a morning and afternoon service preached by guest ministers, a dinner at the church, and gifts. [Photo credit: Photos were provided to Spotlight by Michelle Rouse. All photos were either taken by her or collected by her]



Pictured above: Pastor Michael Kea and First Lady Deanna

Kea thanking the guests and congregation.





Elder George Wilson preaching 1100 service.



Pastor Michael Kea and First Lady Deanna Kea



Paulette Spencer, Deanna Kea, and Judy Sherman



(Bishop Harry Pendleton and Elder George Wilson)



(Ministers praying for Pastor and Mrs. Kea)



(Elder George Wilson and Mrs. Wilson)



(Photo left: Dinner is served)



Bishop Harry Pendleton presenting afternoon sermon

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