

# NCC Connection 04/02/2026

Good afternoon, Church Family!

There's an old saying, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen." The week after Palm Sunday, as Jesus Christ was stepping through His last days and hours leading up to the cross, His disciples would be tested. They had been handpicked, walked with Jesus every day, observed healings and miracles... But, when the heat got turned up, the disciples scattered, and Peter even denied Christ.

How can we respond when the heat gets turned up for us? Lean on God's Word, it is the source of God's revelation to us. Pray, talk to your Creator and listen for Him through His Word. Lean on each other; the Body of Christ is commanded to care for one another. Put on the full armor of God, that is how we resist the enemy of our souls and take our stand!

Here are a few things going on this week:

- Thanks to the deacons for organizing the Church Cleanup Day. Thanks to all who came out and helped get a lot of work done in a short amount of time! See the pictures below.
- There were 56 men who attended the Guys Night Out event Monday evening and enjoyed good food and fellowship, and a massive cornhole tournament! Jim Thomason challenged us to think strategically and tactically on how to recognize and assess the spiritual threats around us, our families, our church, and our community. With that knowledge in hand, we can purposefully resist the enemy and advance against his deceptive lies through our personal worship and living. See the pictures below.
- Anchor Crew has wrapped up of the semester. Thanks to the many team members who helped make our ministry to the children of NCC and the community a possibility!
- This Easter Sunday, Pastor Kerry will be sharing a message titled "Darkness Before the Dawn" at the 7:00am Sunrise service from Matthew 27:45-66 and a message titled "He's Not Here" at our regular 9:00am worship service from Matthew 28:1-10. Blessings on your week!

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