

 Cascade Christian Spiritual Theme Matrix, 2026–2027: 2 Corinthians 5:17 – Made New	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
	Transformation			Formation			Mission & Restoration		
Monthly Focus	A New Heart (through the Holy Spirit)	A New Identity (in Christ)	A New Mind (renewed by God’s Word)	A New Abiding	A New Power	A New Way to Live	A New Mission (ambassadors for Christ)	A New Hope	A New Creation
Monthly Events & Highlights	Preview Days School Starts Labor Day (9/7) Fair Day (9/18)	GEN Week	Veterans Day (11/11) Conferences/REAS Thanksgiving Break (11/25–11/27)	Christmas (12/25) Christmas Break (12/21–1/1)	New Year’s Day (1/1) MLK Day (1/18) Open House (1/23)	MAP Testing (2/1–2/26) Spiritual Emphasis Week (2/8–2/12) Presidents’ Day (2/15) Midwinter Break (2/15–2/16)	IMPACT Auction I–Term Launch & Feet to Faith Grandparents Day Good Friday (3/26) & Easter (3/28) Spring Break (3/29–4/2)	Spring Break (3/29–4/2)	National Day of Prayer (5/6) Memorial Day (5/31)
Week 1	Introduction to Theme: 2 Corinthians 5:17 <i>Through our faith in Christ, God makes us new. The old nature is gone, and we are to live new lives in and for Jesus.</i> - Romans 6:9–11 - Galatians 6:15	Righteous in Christ Romans 3:21–4:25 <i>We are justified (declared righteous) through faith in Jesus.</i> - Galatians 2:20–21 2 Corinthians 5:21	Big Question: Why do the righteous experience suffering and injustice? Book of Job The world says: Good people shouldn’t suffer; suffering means something went wrong. God’s Word says: Even the righteous may suffer, and even when we don’t understand, God is still wise, sovereign, and worthy of trust.	Abiding in the Vine John 15:1–17 <i>Jesus is the true vine, and His followers are the branches. As we remain connected to Him, He produces spiritual fruit in us.</i> - John 14:23–24 - Galatians 5:22	Power to Endure Colossians 1:3–14 <i>God gives us strength to persevere through life’s challenges.</i> - Ephesians 3:16 - Hebrews 3:6	Humble Obedience: Trusting God’s Providence Esther <i>Esther displayed humble obedience by choosing to trust in God’s providence, despite being in a frightening circumstance.</i>	Sent as Witnesses Acts 1:6–11 <i>Jesus commissions His followers to testify about Him to the world.</i> 1 Thessalonians 1:5 - Luke 24:49	Living Hope 1 Peter 1:1–9 <i>Jesus’ resurrection has given us living hope. We rejoice even in trials because of the hope we’ve been given.</i> - Romans 8:17 - James 1:3	The Worthy Lamb Revelation 5:1–14 <i>Jesus, the slain Lamb, is worthy to rule and bring God’s plan for history to completion.</i> - John 1:29 1 Peter 1:18–21
Week 2	The Need for a New Heart Ezekiel 11:14–21 <i>God confronts Israel’s idolatry and promises to remove their heart of stone and to give them a new heart that follows Him.</i> - Ezekiel 14:11 - Jeremiah 31:33	No Longer a Slave to Sin Romans 6 <i>We have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. We are alive to God in Christ Jesus.</i> - Galatians 5:13 1 Peter 2:24	Big Question: In a temporary and fleeting world, what gives life meaning? Book of Ecclesiastes The world says: seeking the most happiness and pleasure the world has to offer. God’s Word says: fearing God and living faithfully to Him.	Abiding in the Word John 8:31–47 <i>Abide in God’s Word: this is how we learn the truth and are set free from the Enemy’s lies.</i> 2 John 1:9 1 Peter 2:16	Power to Serve Colossians 1:24–2:5 <i>Jesus equips us to serve the church, the body of Christ, with love and faithfulness.</i> 1 Corinthians 12:25–26	Courageous Obedience: Following God’s Leading Joshua 1–4 <i>Joshua demonstrated courageous obedience by faithfully following God’s commands, even in the face of daunting battles.</i>	Sent with Holy Spirit Power Acts 2:1–41 <i>The Holy Spirit fills every believer and empowers them to boldly proclaim the gospel.</i> - John 7:37–39 - Joel 2:32	Hope that Transforms 1 Peter 1:13–25 <i>The hope we have for the future changes how we live today. We choose to be holy, as God is holy.</i> 2 Timothy 4:5	God’s Warning & Judgement Revelation 18 <i>God calls His people to turn away from corrupt kingdoms and trust that He will bring justice.</i> 2 Corinthians 6:16–18
Week 3	The Shepherd We Need Ezekiel 34:11–16; 34:22–24 <i>Before God gives a new heart, He promises a new Shepherd, pointing forward to Jesus.</i> - Psalms 23 - John 10:11–16	A Child of God Romans 8:1–17 <i>Those who are led by God’s Spirit have been adopted into His family. We are God’s children and are co-heirs with Christ.</i> 1 Corinthians 6:11 - Galatians 3:26	Big Question: Why is God worthy of thanksgiving and praise? Psalms 100 The world says: God is only worthy of praise for what He gives me. God’s Word says: God is worthy of praise for <i>who He is</i> and because He is our Creator.	Abiding in the Light of the World John 1:1–18 <i>Jesus came into the world as the true light. Jesus reveals God’s glory, grace, and truth.</i> 1 John 1:2 - Colossians 1:15–20	Power to Discern Colossians 2:6–23 We are given power to resist deception and hold fast to truth through discernment. 1 Timothy 6:20 2 Corinthians 10:5	Influential Obedience: Leading Others to Follow God Judges 4–5 <i>Deborah faithfully obeyed and followed God’s guidance, acting boldly according to His plan and leading others to do the same.</i>	Sent through Opposition Acts 8:1–8 <i>God uses persecution and opposition to advance His mission and grow His church.</i> Acts 5:41–42	Hope that Endures 1 Peter 4:12–19 <i>Our hope in God helps us stand firm and persevere through persecution.</i> Philippians 3:10	Christ’s Triumph Over Evil Revelation 19 <i>Jesus, the victorious King, conquers evil and brings triumph for His church.</i> - Psalms 149:4–9 - Revelation 17:14
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Week 4	The Promise of a New Heart and Spirit Ezekiel 36:24–28 <i>God promises to cleanse His people, give them a new heart, and put His Spirit within them so they can love and obey Him.</i> - Hebrews 9:13–14 - Philippians 2:12–13	A Member of One Body Romans 12 <i>In Christ, we form one body. Each of us is gifted to serve and love one another.</i> - Hebrews 13:15–16 1 John 3:18	Thanksgiving	Christmas	Power to Become like Christ Colossians 3:1–17 <i>The Holy Spirit empowers us to think, live, and love like Jesus!</i> - Philippians 3:14 - Romans 6:4	Faithful Obedience: Refusing to Compromise Daniel 3:16–30 <i>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to compromise their loyalty to God and His Word. They faithfully stood firm, even at the risk of their lives.</i>	Sent to the Nations Acts 13:43–49 <i>We are called to take the good news of Jesus to all people, everywhere.</i> - Isaiah 49:6 - Luke 2:32	Hope in Christ’s Return 1 Peter 5:1–11 <i>We can live confident of this: Jesus is going to come again.</i> - James 1:12 2 Timothy 2:10	The New Heaven and Earth Revelation 21:1–8; 22:1–5 <i>God promises a restored creation and to live with His people forever in a world free from sin and death.</i> - Isaiah 65:17 2 Peter 3:13
Week 5	New Life by God’s Spirit Ezekiel 37:1–14 <i>Through the vision of the dry bones, God shows that His Spirit will bring life and restoration to His people.</i> John 5:21–29						Spring Break, no chapel (3/29–4/2)		