



COVENANT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP



Relaunch in 2026

We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers and partnership as we step forward with fresh vision and renewed momentum. God has been so kind to our little fellowship here in East Naples. While 2025 held difficult challenges for the Mission, 2026 is starting off well. We are seeing new visitors almost weekly, a new prayer group has been started, we have expanded our worship team, and a plan for relaunch and revitalization is now in place.

In November, Tim Zuck and Mark Barninger spent three days with us as the official assessment team from the Board of Church Extension. They worshiped with us, hosted a town-hall meeting, and spent meaningful time in prayer and fellowship. Their encouraging report led to our official approval in December for a focused one-year relaunch strategy in 2026. We are humbled and deeply grateful—the Lord has given us another year to gather faithful people, grow in grace, and plant the Gospel here in East Naples. Tim is now walking closely with us as our coach, helping us stay on track with clear quarterly benchmarks.



A Name Change:

The Naples Mission Church will be relaunched as Cypress Bible Fellowship later this year. We are hopeful that this name will give us a distinctive identity in Naples, as a much larger church in our community has begun using the name “Covenant” in the last few years. We are already hard at work to accomplish this goal. While our attendance dropped by half at the end of 2025, we have seen the addition of new attenders. To date we have added several families as regular attendees and hope to see more soon. While the loss of so many due to internal conflict is hard, we are confident that the LORD is leading CBF in our relaunch strategy.

It is with this in mind that we would covet your prayers. Please pray that the LORD would continue to move the work forward. Additionally, pray that people in our community would resonate with our new identity as Cypress Bible Fellowship and begin attending regularly as the LORD would lead them. The LORD is not done in Naples, and we are not done either. We continue to thank all our BFC brothers and sisters for their prayers, support, and generosity

A Few Prayer Requests:

- That the men s prayer group would keep growing and multiply into new groups.
- For new visitors to become committed participants and members of the Mission.
- For a smooth name transition and bold rollout of our fresh vision.
- For increased attendance, giving, and volunteer engagement.
- For our leadership team, the Filbert family, and everyone involved in the relaunch.

On a Personal Note:

Please also pray for our family—especially as we seek to lead our children well during this phase of ministry and life—and for Jason as he carries the weight of leadership and preaching in this season. We are so thankful for your love and prayers.

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