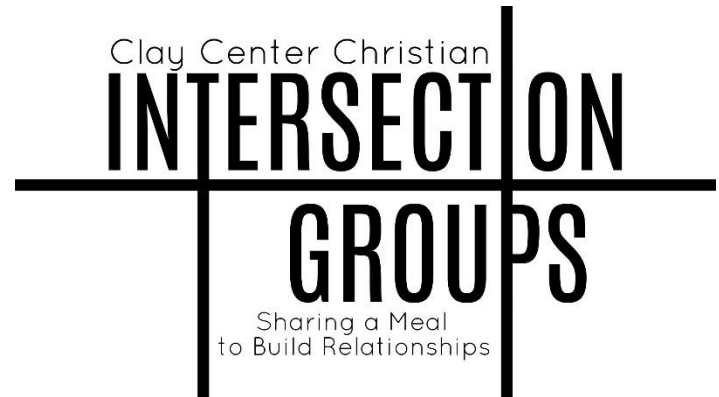


## A New Opportunity for Connection

*Intersection Groups to launch this fall*

I think we can all agree that life is hectic and busy. It often seems we don't have time for much of anything. Often, we tend to be so busy we lose track of relationships we have, don't really work on the relationships we have, or form any new relationships.

Yet, we still need these relationships in our lives. They give us a sense of belonging. They allow us to have a sense of connection.



Here at [Clay Center Christian Church](#), we have 4 Pathways to help us accomplish our Mission -- "**We Exist to Help People Know and Love Jesus**":

- CONNECT people to Jesus and His people,
- GROW in our relationship with Jesus,
- INVITE others to know and love Jesus, and
- SERVE the church, community and world with the message of Jesus.

This fall, we are offering a new opportunity to step onto 2 of these Pathways: CONNECT and INVITE. **This opportunity is Intersection Groups.**

Intersection Groups will offer a time to have a meal with others and get to know them better. These groups will meet 2 or 3 times over the course of a few months. We hope this will help get people more connected to Jesus' people, the church. We also hope this will be an opportunity to invite someone who doesn't come to our church and give them a chance to get connected with our people in a low-key environment.

It is important to provide such an environment, because many people feel uncomfortable during their first visit to a church building. They feel disconnected, because they don't know the traditions or have relationships with the people like we do. Through Intersection Groups, these relationships

can be formed prior to them coming to our church.

## These relationships can help them to have a more positive first experience with Jesus.

Our goal is to have Intersection Groups in every community that is a part of Clay Center Christian Church. At this point, that is 10+ communities!

We hope to have 4 to 6 people from our church get together to form an Intersection Group. These people would invite people who aren't connected to our church to come to their group. This would make a group of 8 to 12 people. These groups would then get together at a time that works for the group, have a meal together, and get to know each other better. There is no need to prepare a lesson or study for these groups, as that is not the focus of Intersection Groups. The focus is building relationships and to pray for each other.

We need people to lead and/or host these groups. For more information or to volunteer to lead and/or host, contact Nathan at [nathan@ccchristian.org](mailto:nathan@ccchristian.org) or 402-762-3824.

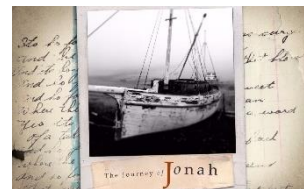
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## Upcoming Events

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Arick Johanson, CCCC Timothy, is visiting Clay Center Christian Church on **Sunday, August 27**, to share about his work with [Christian Student Fellowship](#) at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall -- stay for the Worship Service at 10:30 am for his morning message on "The Story of Jonah"



Pastor Kevin Whitmore begins a new sermon series, "The Story of Jonah," at 10:30 am this **Sunday, August 20** -- listen to past sermons [here](#)



Minister to the residents of Harvard Rest Haven at 3 pm this **Sunday, August 20** -- contact Ken Lockling at 402-762-5315 or [nelogpro@gmail.com](mailto:nelogpro@gmail.com)



Women's Pibel Bible Camp is **Friday-Sunday, September 8-10**, near Ericson, NE -- cost is \$45 per person before **Friday, September 1**, (\$50 after) -- contact Ruth Ann Schilousky at 402-340-6289 or [rschilousky@yahoo.com](mailto:rschilousky@yahoo.com)

**PIBEL BIBLE CAMP 2017**  
**SEPTEMBER 15-16 - \$30**  
*Registration starts at 5:30 pm*  
*Supper is at 6:30 with programming starting after the meal*  
*Concludes with shooting and recreation after lunch on Saturday.*  
*\*\*campers are encouraged to sign up at [www.pibelbiblecamp.org](http://www.pibelbiblecamp.org)\*\**

Join us for a weekend set aside to connect with other men in our area; worship together, learn together, and have a good time together! We will be hearing messages based on the summer's theme "The Rest of the Story" and enjoy a handful of dynamic and practical workshops. We also plan to do some work around the camp grounds and have the opportunity to shoot guns on our gun range. Mark your calendar now and invite a few friends to come along!

**Speaker: Jim Hardy**  
 Jim has served several churches in Nebraska and currently commutes to his home church in Skidmore, MO each weekend to serve the congregation there!

*...the rest of the story*  
*19 Pibel Bible Camp 2017*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17*

**Man Camp** is **Friday, September 15-Saturday, September 16**, near Ericson, NE -- cost is \$30 per person— contact Nathan Brands at 417-434-7237 or [nathan@ccchristian.org](mailto:nathan@ccchristian.org)



All 6th-12th grade students are invited to a Bonfire Bash at 6:30-9:30 pm on **Friday, August 25** -- C4 kicks off for the school year at 6 pm on **Sunday, September 17** -- contact Nathan Brands at 417-434-7237 or [nathan@ccchristian.org](mailto:nathan@ccchristian.org)

### Ministry Team Leaders

The next Ministry Team Leader Meeting is **Sunday, September 24** following the Worship Service -- lunch will be provided -- contact Pastor Kevin Whitmore at 719-568-0154 or [kevin@ccchristian.org](mailto:kevin@ccchristian.org)

### Mission Updates:

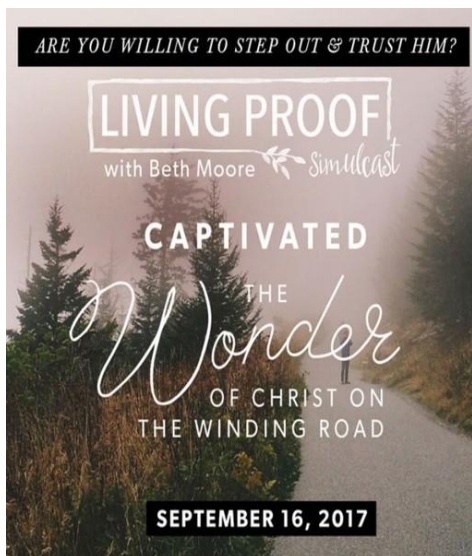


Read [updates](#) from all of our missions partners, including [Miriam's Hope \(Hastings, NE\)](#)

### 3 Ways to Give

- In Person:**  
put your offering in the plates on Sunday morning
- Online:**  
give on a computer at [www.ccchristian.org/give](http://www.ccchristian.org/give)
- On our App:**  
search "ccchristian" download and give

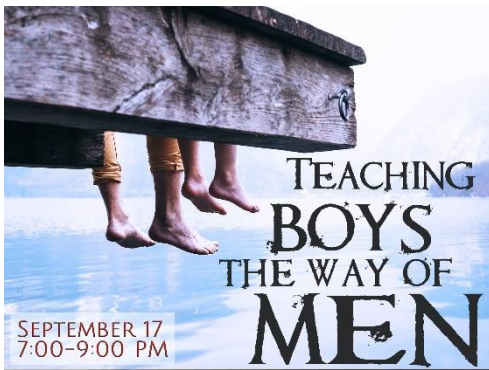
Giving [online](#) is easy -- thank you for helping people to know and love Jesus!



[Clay Center Christian Church](#) is hosting a simulcast of "Living Proof with Beth Moore" on **Saturday, September 16**, at 8:30 am-3:15 pm -- cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch -- contact Peggy VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-3707



[Clay Center Christian Church](#)'s Family Fun Day begins at 10:30 am on **Sunday, September 17** with Worship in the Clay Center City Park and continues with a bounce house and games, potluck lunch, afternoon golf at Crooked Creek Country Club (\$5 per person), and evening cookout -- invite your friends and neighbors--contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or [office@ccchristian.org](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



A ONE-NIGHT EVENT AT HEARTLAND EFC - CENTRAL CITY, NE

What makes a man a man? Is it the strength of his grip? Does it come down to what he owns or what he accomplishes? Masculinity is complex, and the answer to these questions seem lost in a society that is confused about manhood.

Join men - young & old - from across the Midwest on Sept. 17 to discuss biblical manhood. Pastor and author Zeke Pipher will speak about how to pass on a true definition of masculinity to the next generation. Former NJ State's coach & team's founder Tom Osborne will speak about the role of fathers, grandfathers, and mentors in teaching boys the way of men.

Register by August 20 in order to receive "The Wild Man Collection" - a \$40 value - including The Wild Man cap, The Wild Mountain Tribe II week guidebook, event t-shirt, and more. Register for just \$2 until August 20 at [www.how.dominion.com](http://www.how.dominion.com) or call Heartland EFC - 308.546.2595. (Registration cost increases to \$15 after August 20)

**- SPEAKERS -**  
**TOM OSBORNE**  
**ZEKE PIPHER**

All men and boys are encouraged to come to Central City, NE, on **Sunday, September 17**, from 7-9 pm -- cost is \$5 per person by **Sunday, August 20**-- contact Kevin Whitmore at 719-568-0154 or [kevin@cchristian.org](mailto:kevin@cchristian.org)



All women are invited to Clay Center Christian Church for a simulcast of "Revive '17" at 5:30-8:30 pm on **Friday, September 29** -- contact Peggy VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-3703