

Ready for Some Fun?

Family Fun Day kicks off this Sunday with Worship in the Park

Have you ever wanted to invite someone to church, but are afraid the person may be uncomfortable at a church building or unsure if the person is really going to enjoy themselves?

Well, we have the perfect Sunday lined up for you to invite someone to church. This **Sunday, September 17**, we are having our 3rd annual Family Fun Day. This year, there is something new -- we are going to have our

morning worship at the Clay Center City Park. We are excited about this, because it will provide a casual, non-threatening environment for visitors to come and check out our church.



The whole day is filled with lots of fun for the whole family, no matter the age:

- **Worship service at 10:30 am at the Clay Center City Park**
- **Potluck lunch** after the worship service
- **Inflatables and games** for all ages, all day, at the park
- **Your choice of golf** at Crooked Creek Country Club in Clay Center (\$5 per person; sign-up at 1:30 pm; tee time at 2 pm), **or shooting** at the home of Dave and Judy Woods near Clay Center (no cost; begins at 2 pm)
- **Cookout** at 6 pm back at the park.

We hope to see many new faces at this year's Family Fun Day! Please encourage your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members to use this Sunday as a way to check out who we are as a church.

Please think and pray about who you can invite.

As a reminder, there will be **no Bible classes for any age at 9:30 am**. Also, the **C4 Kickoff for 6th-12th grade is happening at the park from 6-8 pm** as part of the Family Fun Day.

Being Honest with God

New sermon series on Psalms begins this Sunday at the City Park

Join us at 10:30 am in the Clay Center City Park this **Sunday, September 17**, where Pastor Kevin Whitmore will kick off a new sermon series on Psalms during [Clay Center Christian Church](#)'s Family Fun Day!



"Psalms: Being Honest with God" will take an in-depth look into the Book of Psalms, a collection of lyrical poems, or praise songs. Psalms was the church's original hymnbook. The psalms are at the heart of the bible, yet they are largely overlooked and underused in the church today.

Psalms express the emotion of the individual poet to God or about God. Different types of psalms were written to communicate different feelings and thoughts regarding a psalmist's situation.

Psalms reflect every human emotion, but they do so in a distinct and important way: They are emotions seen in relationship to God. Every psalm is written in the presence of God. This book, therefore, teaches us how to be honest before God. If you have a problem, tell God about it. Don't hide it. Don't cover it up and try to smooth it over. If you are angry with God, say so. If you are upset about something He has done, tell Him so. If you are resentful, bring it out. If you are happy and glad, express that.

That is what worship is -- a heart's honesty.

As Jesus said to the woman at the well in Samaria,

"The true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth"

(John 4:23)

God wants this from us. As we worship in Spirit and truth, may we see God's greatness.

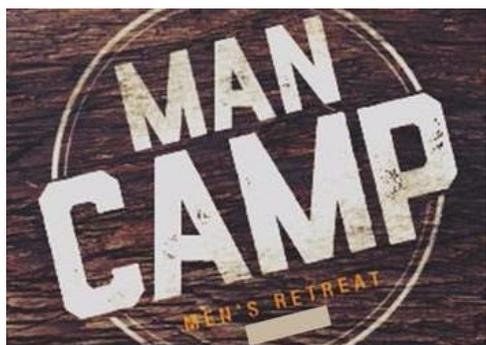
The Book of Psalms expresses worship. Throughout its many pages, Psalms encourages its readers to praise God for who He is and what He has done. The Psalms show the greatness of God, and affirm His faithfulness to us in times of trouble and darkness. As the Psalms present a clear picture of God lovingly guiding His people, the responses of praise and worship to God are never far from the psalmists' pens. The portrayal of worship in the Psalms offers us glimpse after glimpse of hearts devoted to God, individuals repentant before Him, and lives changed through encounters with Him.

I (Kevin) pray that, over the next several weeks as we immerse ourselves in this marvelous book, each of us finds not only that which speaks of our own moods and attitudes, but also that we each see the heart of God. I hope we will see how the writers wrote out of pure honesty and how it is OK to be honest about our feelings and emotions as well. Don't run from them, but instead embrace them and see what God wants to teach us. My goal is that we would be honest with God and tell about His greatness to others as well.



Our hearts go out to the victims of Hurricane Irma and Harvey. We encourage you to pray for them and to consider donating toward emergency response and ongoing recovery efforts. Join together through organizations like [Samaritan's Purse](#) and [IDES](#).

Upcoming Events



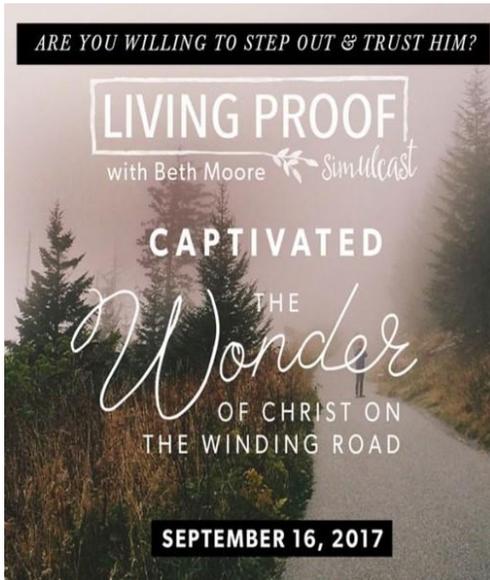
Man Camp is this **Friday-Saturday, September 15-16**, at Pibel Bible Camp near Ericson, NE -- cost is \$30 per person

-- [register online](#) or contact Pastor

Nathan Brands at 417-434-7237 or

nathan@ccchristian.org





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

In-Home Meetings

Join us to learn more and share your thoughts on the proposed transfer of ownership on the [Clay Center Christian Church](#) parsonage, our ministry direction, and finances:

- **Monday, September 18** -- meet at 7 pm at the home of Clay and Kathy Fisher (30760 Hwy 14, Fairfield);
- **Tuesday, September 19** -- meet at 7 pm at the home of Dave and Cheryl Blome (102 N Center, Clay Center);



Pastor Kevin Whitmore will kick off a new sermon series, "Psalms: Being Honest with God," at 10:30 am this **Sunday, September 17**, at the Clay Center City Park -- listen to past sermons [here](#)



Help us minister to the residents of Harvard Rest Haven at 3 pm this **Sunday, September 17** -- contact Ken Lockling at 402-762-5315 or nelogpro@gmail.com



C4 kicks off for the school year at 6 pm this **Sunday, September 17**, at the Clay Center City Park -- all 6th-12th grade students welcome -- contact Pastor Nathan Brands at 417-434-7237 or nathan@ccchristian.org

- **Thursday, September 21** -- meet at 7 pm at the home of Scot and Robyn VonSpreckelsen (30940 Rd M, Clay Center);
- **Sunday, October 1** -- this last meeting will be at 12 noon at the church.

There will be a special Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, October 8**, following the Worship Service to vote on the parsonage transfer proposal -- contact Lyle VonSpreckelsen at 402-984-1218



All ladies are invited to [Clay Center Christian Church](#) on **Friday, September 29**, at 5:30-8:30 pm for a free simulcast of "Revive '17" -- contact Peggy VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-3707



Dave Fremstad of [Deaf Missions](#) is visiting Clay Center Christian Church on **Sunday, October 1**, to give a ministry update at 9:30 am and the morning sermon at 10:30 am

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

Mission of the Month:



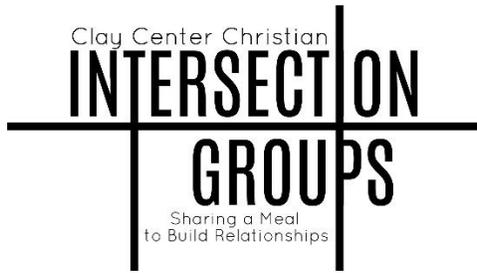
Learn more about **South Pacific Christian Fellowship (New Zealand)** in this [update](#)

Read all the [latest updates](#) from the missions supported by Clay Center Christian Church, including a follow up from **Christian Student Fellowship's 300 Campaign**

3 Ways to Give

- In Person:**
put your offering in the plates on Sunday morning
- Online:**
give on a computer at www.cchristian.org/give
- On our App:**
search 'ccchristian', download and give

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



Enjoy meeting new people? Intersection

Groups is a new way to connect with people in your community, providing a time for casual fellowship and relationship-building through prayer and a meal – seeking families to host a meal

3-4 times over a 4-6 month period--

contact Pastor Nathan Brands at

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