

44 Shoeboxes Collected!

Operation Christmas Child to bless overseas kids

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts to fill 44 shoeboxes for [Operation Christmas Child](#) this year!



This is the third year [Clay Center Christian Church](#) has been a part of this ministry of Samaritan's Purse. The shoeboxes we collected were taken to the collection site this week, and will then be prepared and prayed over -- to be distributed to children in more than 100 countries through local pastor-coordinated children's outreach events at orphanages and other at-risk locations. Samaritan's Purse also offers a booklet about the story of Christ to shoebox recipients.

The children who receive a shoebox also have the opportunity to enroll in a 12-lesson Bible study. Often, the children who complete this study are who open the door to discipleship among their parents, siblings, and friends.

Operation Christmas Child is a way to make a big impact in the life of an overseas child in poverty **while also spreading the message of the Gospel to the next generation**. It is not only to the children who benefit through the gifts and faith education, but also the children here in our local church who help fill the shoeboxes and who witness the individuals and families in our church participating in this activity. Thanks, again!

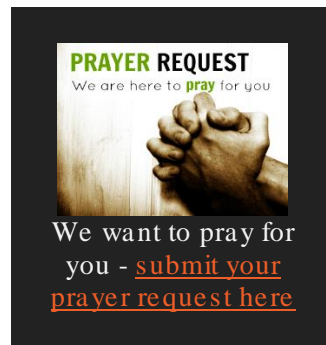
Upcoming Events



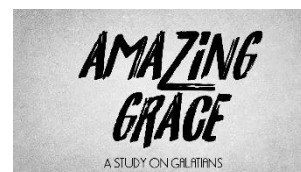
Help the elderly and families in need this Christmas season with fruit and grocery baskets, and gas vouchers -- please place your donation, marked "Christmas Home Mission," in the offering plate -- contact Judy Woods at 402-469-8140



Know someone who could use help with Christmas gifts? Pick up a form in the church lobby and mail it to the address on the form by this **Friday, November 17**, to be on the list of the [Clay County Giving Tree](#) -- contact Robyn VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-6889 or robynlaree@datacc.net



We want to pray for you - [submit your prayer request here](#)



Pastor Kevin Whitmore continues the sermon series, "Amazing Grace: A Study on Galatians," at 10:30 am this **Sunday, November 19**, in the Worship Center -- listen to past sermons [here](#)



Help us minister to the residents of the Harvard Rest Haven at 3 pm this **Sunday, November 19** --contact Ken Lockling at 402-762-5315 or nelogpro@gmail.com



Love to sing Christmas songs? We are putting together an all-ages Christmas Eve Choir to sing during the Worship Service at 10:30 am on **Sunday, December 24** -- practices began this week and continue from 6:30-7:30 pm on **Wednesdays, November 29-December 20** -- contact Geneice Smith at 402-762-5034



Celebrate Thanksgiving at [Crossroads Center Rescue Mission](#) in Hastings, NE, with a dinner from 4-6 pm on **Thursday, November 23** -- the meal is open to the public -- we are also seeking volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and cleaning up -- contact Bob Albrecht at 402-621-0794 or bob@crossroadsmission.com



C4 meets at 6:30 pm this **Sunday, November 19** -- contact Pastor Nathan Brands at 417-434-7237 or nathan@ccchristian.org

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on **Thursday, November 23**, and **Friday, November 24** for Thanksgiving

Mission of the Month:



New Beginnings
[church plant](#)
(Webuye, Kenya)

Read the [latest updates](#) from all the missions we support

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
-  **On our App:**
search "ccchristian", download and give

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

SPECIAL OFFERING of THANKSGIVING

Our annual Special Offering of Thanksgiving is an opportunity to show thanks to God for his blessings to our church -- pray about what God would want you to give above and beyond your usual giving during the Worship Service at 10:30 am on **Sunday, November 26** -- 10% of the Special Offering of Thanksgiving will go to [Crossroads Center Rescue Mission](#) in Hastings, NE, for new furnaces, and the remainder benefits the church's budget and pays down the building loan -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Practices begin at 9:30 am this **Sunday, November 19**, for grades 3rd-5th, for the Children's Christmas Program, "A Super Christmas," to be performed on **Sunday, December 10** -- all children ages 2 years-5th grade are invited to take part -- contact Lisa Kanode at 308-627-2481 or dlkanode01@yahoo.com



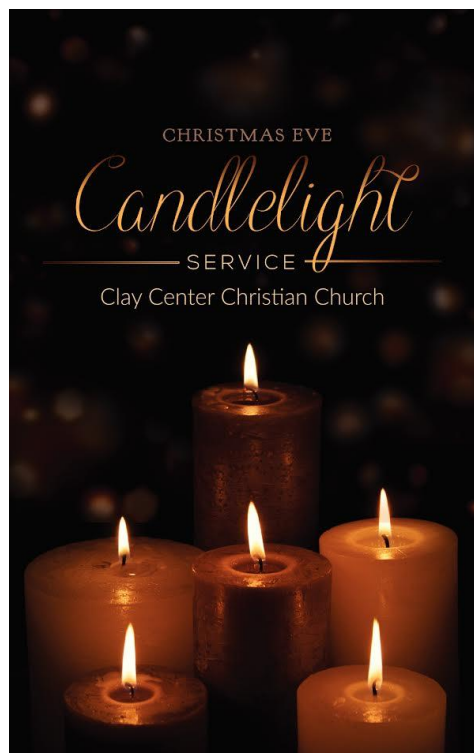
Ladies are invited to [Christmas Unraveled](#) with comedians Anita Renfroe and Ed Wiley at 7 pm on **Saturday, December 9**, at Peace Lutheran Church in Grand Island, NE -- tickets are \$20 per person -
- contact Peggy VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-3703



Stay for soup in the Fellowship Hall following the Children's Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 10**, and then caroling and delivery of our Christmas Home Mission food baskets -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



We are holding a Toilet Paper Drive to benefit the [Crossroads Center Rescue Mission](#) in Hastings, NE -- bring your donations to the church lobby by **Sunday, December 10** -- contact Bob Albrecht at 402-621-0794 or bob@crossroadsmission.com



Join us for our candlelight Christmas Eve service at 10:30 am on **Sunday, December 24** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org