

It helps us understand how the entire Old Testament leads up to the promise and the person of Jesus Christ.

The main purpose of Matthew's book was to record the life and teachings of Jesus. Matthew had two primary themes in mind when he wrote his Gospel: biography and theology.

“This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.” Matthew 1:1

Matthew takes pains to tell Jesus' story to a world that needs to hear it -- including Jesus' birth, His family history, His public ministry and teachings, the tragedy of His arrest and execution on a cross, and the miracle of His resurrection from the dead.

Matthew wasn't writing just his biography: he had a bigger goal for his Gospel. He wanted to show the Jewish people of his day that Jesus was the promised Messiah -- the long-awaited King of God's chosen people, the Jews. Spiritually, he would be the one to redeem them from their own sin. Matthew declares that Jesus has established his everlasting kingdom.

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21

I pray you will take this 8-week journey to learn more about the life of Jesus, how He wants to continue to transform your life, and what it means to follow— as Matthew did -- the long-awaited Messiah.

I look forward to going through The Gospel of Matthew with you!

Pastor Kevin Whitmore,
Clay Center Christian Church



Upcoming Events



All 6th-8th graders are invited to [CIY: Believe](#) in Kansas City on **March 23-24** -- cost is \$100 per person by **Wednesday, February 21**, which includes transportation, hotel, conference & meals -- **adult sponsors go at no cost** -- contact Steven VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-1701



We welcome guest speaker, Dan Buller of the [Crossroads Center Rescue Mission](#) in Hastings, to give a ministry update during the Bible Class time at 9:30 am and the morning message at 10:30 am on **Sunday, February 25** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



[Financial Peace University](#) classes are meeting: **Tonight, February 8**, at 7 pm; **Sunday, February 11**, at 9:30 am -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



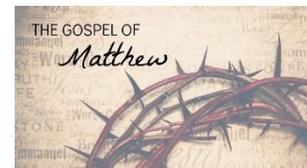
Join us for lunch and learn more about [Clay Center Christian Church](#), including our beliefs and what makes us unique, during the next Pathways Class on **Sunday, March 4** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



We are holding a 24-hour Prayer Vigil on **March 16-17**, starting at 6 pm on Friday, to pray over Serve Day, Easter, and other ways that God is working through our church -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



[Emotionally Healthy Spirituality](#) groups are meeting:
Friday, February 9, at 6:30 pm; **Sunday, February 11**, at 12 noon; **Tuesday, February 13**, at 6:30 pm - contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Join us as Pastor Kevin Whitmore speaks on "The Gospel of Matthew" at 10:30 am this **Sunday, February 11**, in the Worship Center -- listen to past sermons [here](#)



Saturday, March 17th
Grand Island, NE

nebraska rural church conference 2018

The RCC is a day planned by Nebraska Churches to challenge, encourage, and uplift all who have a passion for the rural church, with a special emphasis on church leaders. David Bycroft from Tyro, Kansas is the main speaker this year with a number of choices for workshops throughout the day. Speakers for the day include Dawn Gentry, Aaron Asay, Jim Hardy and more.
(see below for information regarding speakers)

Location
3rd City Christian Church, 4100 W 13th St, Grand Island, NE
This conference site is Handicap accessible.

Schedule
Check-in begins at 8:15 a.m.
Individuals - \$15 (includes on-site lunch)
Churches - \$75 (for 6 or more, includes on-site lunches)
Programing begins at 9:00 am
Conference concludes at 4:00 pm
Childcare available for 5 yrs and above

For **On-Line Registration**, more details regarding Conference speakers or scheduling, go to <https://www.nchristian.edu/rcc>
OR registration forms available for mailing at church office

Contact Jane Jech for more information jane.jech@nchristian.edu / 641-751-7591

Everyone is invited to attend the [Nebraska Rural Church Conference](#), sponsored by Nebraska Christian College, at 9 am-4 pm on **Saturday, March 17**, at Third City Christian Church in Grand Island -- lunch and childcare provided -- ***we will pay your registration fee***; [sign up online](#) or in the church lobby -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



C4 Youth Group meets at 6:30 pm this **Sunday, February 11** -- contact Steven VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-1707 or svon2002@gmail.com



Help us minister to the Harvard Rest Haven at 3 pm on **Sunday, February 18** -- contact Kevin Whitmore at 719-568-0154

Mission of the Month:



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



All couples are encouraged to attend an upcoming Weekend to Remember marriage retreat in **Lincoln (March 23-25)** or **Omaha (April 6-8)** -- [register online](#) and enter "claycenterchristian" in the group code -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or office@ccchristian.org



Our 2018 Serve Day is **Sunday, March 25** -- sign up to be a project team lead in the church lobby -- contact Monica Whitmore at 719-568-1697 or joyfulmj@hotmail.com

3 Ways to Give

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

Giving online is easy -- thank you for helping people to know and love Jesus!