

## Elders Corner

### *Teaching about personal finances*

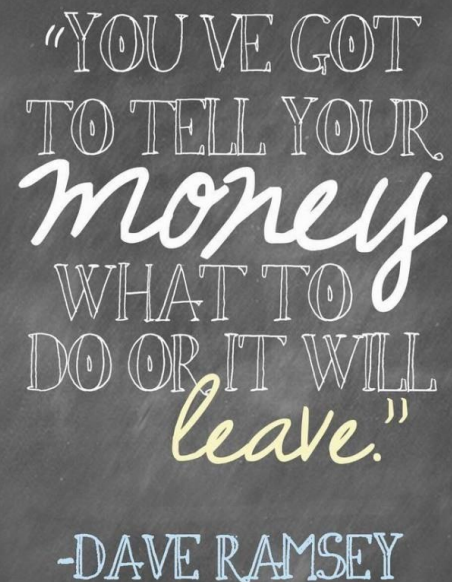
Regretfully, church leaders shy away from teaching about personal finances because they don't want to be criticized for talking about money all the time.

**If we truly care about people, we will teach about money and the things money can buy.** We should be concerned about the fiscal health of our people, while caring for their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

God wants us to control this aspect of our lives. The Bible mentions money and what it can buy more than 2,000 times, while several of Jesus' parables address the same topic. When Scripture addresses a topic so thoroughly, it is important to pay attention. It's imperative to teach people about God-honoring personal finances.

We teach and preach about marriage and family, so why not money and finances? Money may seem to be a more combustible topic, **but if we fail to teach about it, an explosion of debt can destroy a marriage, a family, and even a congregation.**

We will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University several times a year. Moreover, we will preach annually about personal finances. In addition, hopefully, we will be teaching a 4-week mini series on money. During those 4 weeks, we will have small groups and Sunday Bible classes study financial materials that amplify each week's message.



"YOU'VE GOT  
TO TELL YOUR  
*money*  
WHAT TO  
DO OR IT WILL  
*leave.*"  
-DAVE RAMSEY

When you teach about personal finances every year, healing will occur. People will learn to live within their means. Debt will be repaid more quickly.

In Christ,

*Butch Stratman, Elder of*  
*Clay Center Christian Church*



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

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## Upcoming Events

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[Financial Peace University](#)

classes are meeting:

**Tonight, February 15**, at 7  
pm;

**Sunday, February 18**, at  
9:30 am -- contact the church  
office at 402-762-3824 or  
[office@ccchristian.org](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



All 6th-8th graders are invited to [CIY: Believe](#) in Kansas City on **March 23-24** -- cost is \$100 per person, which includes transportation, hotel, conference & meals -- \$30 deposit due by **Wednesday, February 21** -- **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](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



[Emotionally Healthy Spirituality](#) groups are meeting:

**Friday, February 16**, at 6:30 pm; **Sunday, February 18**, at 12 noon; **Tuesday, February 20**, at 6:30 pm -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or [office@ccchristian.org](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



Join us as Pastor Kevin Whitmore speaks on "The Gospel of Matthew" at 10:30 am this **Sunday, February 18**, in the Worship Center -- listen to past sermons [here](#)



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



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](mailto: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 Peggy VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-3707 or Maryann Thompson at 402-762-3223



C4 Youth Group meets at 6:30 pm this **Sunday, February 18** -- contact Steven VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-1707 or [svon2002@gmail.com](mailto:svon2002@gmail.com)


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**Mission of the Month:**



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.cchristian.org/give](http://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!



Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>  
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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.nechristian.edu/rcc>  
OR registration forms available for mailing at church office

Contact Jane Jech for more information [Jane.jech@nechristian.edu](mailto:Jane.jech@nechristian.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](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



Help us gather small, individually wrapped candy to fill Easter eggs -- we need candy for upcoming Easter egg hunts (more information coming soon!) -- drop your donation in the candy bin in the church lobby by **Sunday, March 18** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or [office@ccchristian.org](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



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](mailto: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](mailto:joyfulmj@hotmail.com)

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