

## Ready to be inspired?

### Nebraska Rural Church Conference is March 17

What better way to get re-energized and inspired about your ministry role at [Clay Center Christian Church](#) than to attend a conference designed to do just that!

We encourage everyone, no matter the role you serve at Clay Center Christian Church, to attend the [Nebraska Rural Church Conference](#) from 9 am-4 pm on **Saturday, March 17**, at [Third City Christian Church](#) in Grand Island.

Lunch and childcare will be provided. And best of all, **we will cover your registration fee**. All you need to do is to sign up in the church lobby, on the back of your Welcome card, or [register online](#). For more information, contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or [office@ccchristian.org](mailto:office@ccchristian.org).

We are excited to be able to bring this opportunity to you! Here's what to expect:

**8:15 am Registration begins**

**9:00 am Opening session** with Third City's Taylor Jones and Ransom Wentworth leading worship  
**Keynote presentation: "Being the Church for the Unchurched"**  
**with David Bycroft**



The flyer features a background image of a cornfield under a blue sky with clouds. At the top left is the NCC Nebraska Christian College logo. At the top right, the date and location are listed. The main title is 'nebraska rural church conference 2018'. Below this is a paragraph describing the conference's purpose and listing speakers. Further down, the location, schedule, and registration information are provided.

**NCC NEBRASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

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



David Bycroft is the retired pastor of [Tyro Christian Church](#) in Kansas and is well-known for his gift of evangelism. With a population of 250, Tyro is a surprising location for a church that has grown during David's 49-year tenure from an average Sunday attendance of 40 people to now 950 each week. David currently serves through the [MOKAN](#) network to plant churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas. He and his wife, Kathy, have also founded E-320 Ministries to serve churches. With his passion for small town churches, David's message is certain to challenge, encourage, and uplift conference attendees.

### 10:20 am Breakout Sessions

- **"Low Budget/High Impact: Five Priorities for Every Children's Ministry"** by Dawn Gentry, instructor at Nebraska Christian College
- **"Rural Church Revitalization"** by Jim Hardy, Pastor at StoneBridge Christian Church in Omaha
- **"Leadership Systems"** by Aaron Asay, Executive Pastor of Calvary Christian Church in Omaha
- **"Staying Healthy as a Couple in Leadership"** by David and Kathy Bycroft
- **"Outreach in Context"** by Jon Haizlip, Team Leader at One Life Church in Plattsmouth
- **"College Ministry in a Rural Setting"** by Kim Haizlip of One Life Church in Plattsmouth

### 11:30 am Lunch

### 12:30 pm Audience Interview with David Bycroft

### 1:10 pm Breakout Sessions (same sessions offered)

### 2:20 pm Breakout Sessions (same sessions offered)

### 3:30 pm NCC Presentation, Evaluations, and Closing Message from David Bycroft

**Looks like a great day, doesn't it?**

Join us for this day to worship and fellowship with others from across the state while picking up ideas to uplift our work here at Clay Center Christian Church!

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## Upcoming Events

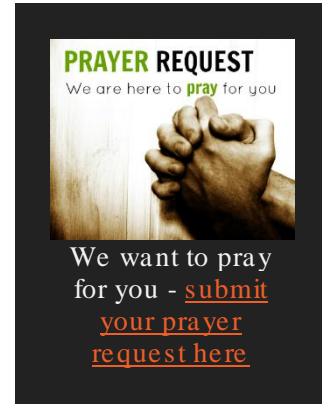
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Join us for lunch and learn more about [Clay Center Christian Church](#) during the next Pathways Class this **Sunday, March 4** -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or [office@ccchristian.org](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



Help Sutton natives Seth and Melissa Johnson of Haiti's [Children of the Promise](#) raise money to adopt 2 of their foster children -- [order your shirt online](#) by **Tuesday, March 6** -- cost is \$15 for a t-shirt or \$22 for a long-sleeved shirt, with proceeds going toward the Johnsons



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[Financial Peace University](#) classes are meeting this **Sunday, March 4**, at 9:30 am and next **Thursday, March 8**, at 7 pm -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or [office@ccchristian.org](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



Do you like to sing? Everyone is welcome to join our Easter choir -- rehearsals begin this **Wednesday, March 7**, at 6:30 pm -- contact Geneice Smith at 402-762-5034



All women and girls ages 12+ are encouraged to attend the Wonderfully Made event on **Thursday, March 15**, at 6 pm at First St. Paul's Lutheran Church (501 N. Burlington Ave, Hastings) -- cost is \$15 per person and includes refreshments and dessert -- [register online](#)



**EHS** groups are meeting this **Friday, March 2**, at 6:30 pm; **Sunday, March 4**, at 12 noon; and **Tuesday, March 6**, 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 gives us the morning message at 10:30 am this **Sunday, March 4**, in the Worship Center - listen to past sermons [here](#)



C4 Youth Group meets at 6:30 pm this **Sunday, March 4** -- contact Steven VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-1707 or [svon2002@gmail.com](mailto:svon2002@gmail.com)



We are holding a 24-hour Prayer Vigil on **March 16-17**, starting at 6 pm on Friday -- sign up in the church lobby -- contact Peggy VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-3707 or Maryann Thompson at 402-762-3223



Help us welcome Dave Bycroft, retired pastor of [Tyro Christian Church](#), on **Sunday, March 18** -- he will be sharing about his ministry at 9:30 am, giving the morning message at 10:30 am, and leading a seminar at 1 pm on "Small Town Evangelism" -- contact the church office at 402-762-3824 or [office@ccchristian.org](mailto:office@ccchristian.org)



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

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**Mission of the Month:**

## HOC

*A ministry bringing the Gospel to Muslim nations*

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

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A graphic titled "3 Ways to Give" with three icons and their corresponding instructions: a person icon for "In Person: put your offering in the plates on Sunday morning", a computer icon for "Online: give on a computer at [www.ccchristian.org/give](http://www.ccchristian.org/give)", and a smartphone icon for "On our App: search 'ccchristian', download and give". Below the graphic, the text reads: "Giving [online](#) is easy -- thank you for helping people to know and love Jesus!"

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Help us gather small, individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs for our upcoming Easter egg hunts -- 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 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 now -- contact Steven VonSpreckelsen at 402-469-1701



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)



Join us this Easter season starting  
with the Community Egg Hunt on  
**Saturday, March 24**, at 10:30 am  
at the Fairgrounds (701 N. Martin  
Ave, Clay Center) and continuing  
with our Good Friday Service on  
**Friday, March 30**, at 7 pm and  
more events on **Easter Sunday**,  
**April 1**, beginning at 9 am -  
- 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 for a project team in the church lobby -- contact Monica Whitmore at 719-568-1697 or [joyfulmj@hotmail.com](mailto:joyfulmj@hotmail.com)



Pick up a baby bottle in the church lobby, fill it with cash and change or a check, and return by **Sunday, March 25**, to benefit the [Wellspring](#) pro-life ministry in Hastings -- contact Sandy Livgren at 402-762-5439

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