

Remembering Christ this Christmas

As we get closer to Christmas, our lives often get busier and busier. We put up decorations inside and out. We shop endlessly for the perfect gifts. We travel to see family. We get lost in the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season.

This is when we need to take a moment to think about what Christmas is all about ~ the birth of Jesus Christ.

Luke 1:30-33: “And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.’”

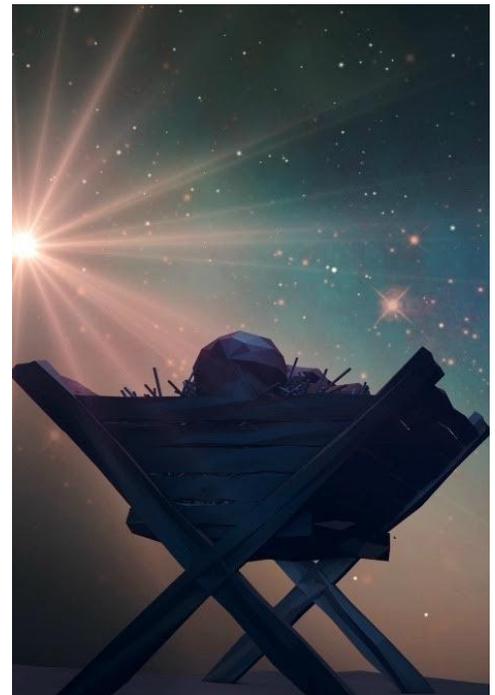
Luke 2:10-12: “And the angel said to them (the shepherds), ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.’”

It is always important to remember the reason we celebrate Christmas. We need to remember that God sent His Son to this world to save us from our sins (John 3:16). He came as a baby and grew into adulthood, just like we do. He experienced the ups and downs of life, just like we do (Hebrews 4:15). All this started at Christmas, Jesus’ birth.

We encourage you to take time to remember Christ this Christmas, and to join us for our Christmas services:

- **Christmas Eve Candlelight**, December 24, at 6:00 pm
- **Christmas Day**, December 25, at 10:30 am.

Feel free to invite your family and friends to worship the reason for the Christmas season. We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Events

Top 25 Highlights of 2016

What a year for Clay Center Christian Church! We are a busy church family, with a heart for the Lord, giving through our time and resources, helping people to know and love Jesus. [Read about the top 25 highlights of 2016.](#)



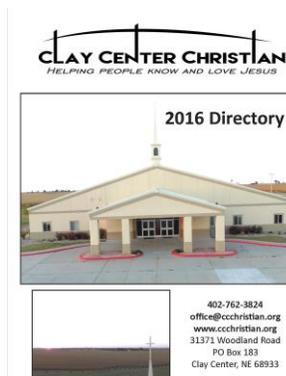
Welcome the New Year on **Sunday, January 1, at 10:30 am** with guest speaker Arick Johanson of Christian Student Fellowship. A CCCC Timothy, all C4 Students are invited to lunch to learn more about the Timothy Scholarship. Applications will be available.



Information Meetings for the 2017 Annual Meeting are **Sundays, January 8 and 15**, at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Church Office
Closed**

Monday, December 26,
for Christmas



Pick up your copy of the 2016 CCCC Directory at the Welcome Center



[C4 Students](#) are on Christmas break ~ the next meeting is **Sunday, January 8**, at 6 pm for the C4 Spring Kickoff

New Beginning

Mission of the Month:

[New Beginnings](#) church plant in Kenya ~ read the [latest updates](#) from this and other missions supported by CCCC

