

November in photos

THANKSGIVING MEAL



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Dear Church Family,

As we head into the Christmas season and the New Year, there are a number of details and bits of information that I want to share regarding various activities, schedules, and plans here at the church.

Christmas Services: The children's Christmas program will be on December 11, immediately following the worship service. All children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to participate, and kids will continue practicing their songs during Children's Church leading up to that Sunday. Our Christmas Eve candlelight service will again be held at 7:00 p.m. This is a special tradition of pausing together to worship the *One who is the Light of the World*. Additionally, because Christmas falls on a Sunday morning this year, our Christmas morning worship service will begin at 10:30, in order to afford some extra time for families on Christmas morning.

Praying in the New Year: In recent years, a number of folks have participated in an effort to pray for the church family, ministries, and mission on New Year's Day. Please consider signing up for a half hour time slot to devote time to prayer (an online sign-up will be emailed to the church later this month). Though it's not necessary to sign up in order to pray, I've found that committing to a time slot for prayer on New Year's Day has been a helpful way to prioritize prayer for the church.

Elder Nominations: This past summer, we took elder nominations from the church body. Six men received three or more nominations and of these six, two were interested in serving as elders. The names of nominees are intentionally kept confidential in order for nominees to have the freedom to withdraw confidentially and also to be evaluated and trained as necessary without pressure of a timeline to appointment. After discussion with each nominee, the current Council of Elders and Church Leadership Council officially nominates

Al Hany and John Krone to the church for a vote to commission them as elders at the 2017 Annual Meeting on January 15th. Elder nominees are announced to the church a minimum of 30 days prior to a congregational vote in order that any in the church who do not believe the nominees meet the biblical qualifications of elder may express that concern to one of the current elders (Steve Barnhart, Tim Johnson, Grant Stauter, or me).

Church Plant: Kyle has been working hard to lead the way on a direction for the church plant. Since he has been here and continued to meet with people and research the possible areas of opportunity, we have been further affirmed in believing that there is good reason to go to either the east or the north with a church plant. With Kyle's input leading the way, the elders intend to make a final call this month, in order to present information for the church plant at the Annual Meeting in January.

Please continue in prayer for Kyle and Courtney and all that is entailed with church planting. During our church planting series in September and October, many people from the church committed to fasting and praying during breakfast and lunch on Wednesdays for the church plant. Though the series is over, the discipline of regular fasting and prayer is one that you may want to consider continuing for the church planting endeavor or for being devoted to prayer for other purposes. Let's be fervent in prayer, believing that *"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain"* (Ps. 127:1).

**Grace and Peace,
Andy**

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December Dates

Sr. High Post Office 12/11 & 12/18
Children's Christmas Program 12/11 @ 10:15 am
Little Lambs Christmas Program 12/15 @ 6 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 12/24 @ 7 pm
Christmas Morning Service 12/25 @ 10:30 am
Youth Group Christmas Breaks 12/28 & 1/4

Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship 9 am-10 am
J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday
K-3 Children's Church; 4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays
Communion served 4th Sunday
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am

Youth Groups

Wednesdays
Jr. High 5:30 pm Jordan McKinsey, leader
Sr. High 7:30 pm Danny Kaupp, leader

Pastoral Staff

Andy Huette, Sr. Pastor
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor
Kyle Romine, Associate Pastor

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Joy to the World!

"We are living between times, between the first and second comings of Christ, between what He did when He came and what He will do when He comes again, between kingdom come and kingdom coming . . ."
—John Stott, Basic Christian Leadership

Building Renovations

The Finance Team has made some capital improvements! The Women's Restroom has been completely transformed and new shingles were installed just in time for snow!

Before...



After!



Thanks to the Finance Team (Derek Meiss, Bob Wettstein, Chris Gentes, Doug Nelson, Larry Hoyt and Phil Hartzler), Kelly Mool and Heather Gentes (pictured left) for their hard work and commitment in remodeling the Women's restroom.



A new roof just in time for snow!



Carlson Exterior provided the tear off and reshingling that the church departmentally needed.



Christmas Giving to Bless Others

Looking for ways to help others this Christmas? Here are some ideas:



Christmas for Local Families COMMUNITY WELL is a non-profit in El Paso that runs a thrift shop and the El Paso

Food Pantry. They are partnering with the EPG schools to provide Christmas gifts for local families unable to purchase their own gifts. If you would like a wishlist for the entire family or for one child please contact Jackie at 309-310-9980 or email community-well55@gmail.com to sponsor a family.

Gridley Food Pantry

The Local Outreach team is sponsoring the Christkindl Market breakfast on Saturday,

December 10 from 10 am to noon. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the Gridley Food Pantry. The Gridley Food Pantry distributes Christmas food boxes to over 75 families.

To make a donation: make checks payable to "Gridley Food Pantry," and give it to Barb Ringger or Maralon Stauter.



SHYG Post Office

Bring your Christmas cards for Christ Community attendees on December 11 and 18th. The Sr. High will sort them alphabetically and have them ready for you to pick up in the Family Center during Coffee Fellowship.



The Jr. High Youth Group (pictured above) canvassed Gridley for canned goods for the Gridley Food Pantry. Thank you to all who were involved and to all who donated!

December Birthdays

- 2 Keri Hany
- 4 Isaac Porzelius
- 6 Linda Schoppet
- 6 Delmar Smith
- 8 Kansas Krone
- 9 Kim Edwards
- 9 Beth Carrion
- 10 Ken Hall
- 10 Tristan Mool
- 11 Dennis Foor
- 11 Kay Hofmann
- 12 Susan Laiming
- 14 Ethan Jeffreys
- 14 Audrey Roth
- 17 Julie Blair
- 17 Madison Rosenberger
- 19 Lois Klein
- 20 Connor Kaupp
- 20 Spencer Mool
- 22 Kaylene Butikofer
- 22 Hadley Welsch
- 25 Ben Klein
- 26 Lydia Stauter
- 27 Bev Nelson
- 29 Russell Erwin
- 29 Lily Wettstein
- 30 Karmelle Meiss
- 30 Hannah Wenger
- 31 Tiffney Palmer

Anniversaries

- 4 Mark & Stacy Ludy
- 4 Kevin & Kathy Yergler
- 7 Ben & Lois Klein
- 7 Mark & Kaylene Butikofer
- 17 Danny & Courtney Kaupp
- 28 Steve & Lisa Barnhart
- 30 Derek & Sarah Meiss

"An excellent opportunity to grow alongside fellow believers!"



My name is Dan Kaupp and I am the senior high youth director here at CCC and I absolutely love RightNow Media. I have used it for our small group nights at youth group and it has enhanced peer to peer discussion tremendously. Currently we are going through an Apologetics series by Matt Chandler that I highly recommend because it is short, engaging, and provides excellent topics of conversation. Also, Right Now Media provides easy-to-use small group guides to help facilitate discussion. Some of my friends and I have gathered around the TV, turned on a RightNow Media study, and have talked about what we've watched. Their website is simple to use and provides an excellent opportunity to grow alongside fellow believers! If you are looking to start up a small group, invite some people over, flip on RightNow Media and enjoy. It's that simple!

'Tis the Season...

To find a good video series from RightNow Media! Here are just few resources that display the wonderful works God during this time of year:

- "He Came" A 6-part video series by David Platt
- "The Christmas Experience" A 6-part series by Kyle Idleman
- "Heaven Come to Earth" A sermon and Christmas carols explaining the significance of the birth of Jesus

And for the Kids...

- There is a series that explains the true meaning of Christmas. (Caution: It reveals the truth about Santa)
- "Why Do We Call It Christmas?" A 50-minute video by Phil Vischer that your kids are sure to love and begin to understand the reason for the season!



Winter Weather Closings

We will send an email and post on Facebook when the church closes due to winter weather.

If you don't use email or Facebook, call the church office at 309-747-2299 and listen to Voice Mail. The message will tell you if a service is cancelled.

Youth Group activities are cancelled when EPG schools close or close early for weather.

Please don't venture out if it's unsafe! If we have services, you can listen online at: <http://christ-cc.org/sermons>. There is also an archive of sermons online.



Closing 2016

Annual Reports

Ministry reports are due from Team Leaders by December 16.

Annual Reports will be available January 8. The Annual Meeting is January 15.

2016 Expenses

Submit receipts by December 29 to be paid under the 2016 budget.

2016 Giving

Submit checks and cash by December 29.

"Better is the end of a thing than its beginning..." Ecclesiastes 7:8

Attendance & Offering

11/6	467	\$17,639
11/13	419	\$7,769
11/20	470	\$13,617
11/27	356	\$6,580

Join us for our Candlelight service Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. And our Christmas Day Service at 10:30 am

