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CCY exists to introduce people to Jesus, connect them with other Christians, help them grow in their faith, discover their purpose and honor God with their life.

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

6-7 p.m.

- *Story of Christ's Birth • March to the Manger*
- *Communion Service • Guest Music*
- *A special gift for our children*



ron rasmussen

preaching pastor

On a recent Saturday, before Thanksgiving, I made my wife happy—I put up our outdoor Christmas lights. Actually there is nothing that special about them. They are all the same color, they're clear! There aren't a whole lot, just enough to highlight the front roofline. But I have to say, I am proud: proud that we got them up before bad weather; proud that I climbed above my "comfort-zone-height" (without hurting myself) so that the lights reach all the way to our 20 foot peak; and especially proud to be the first one with lights up in our cul-de-sac.

Quite a good deal of effort that we go to, don't you think? For just a little more Christmas spirit. Jesus would like us to be at least that concerned about giving off spiritual light. "You are the light of the world," He said. "...let

your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
 (Matthew 5:14 & 16)

Have your neighbors seen your *God-Light* lately? Shine it now, before the storms hit, make sure it is visible and don't wait for someone else to go first.

We have actually been thinking about turning on our lights BEFORE Thanksgiving. Oh those wild and crazy Rasmussens!



ccy news

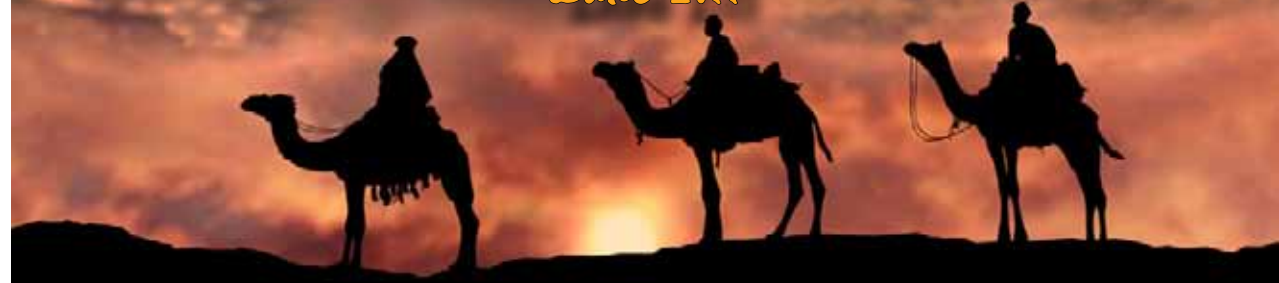
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*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
 Luke 2:11*

Have a Blessed, Merry Christmas! - From Your CCY Staff



clay parrett

youth & family pastor



"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Cor. 15:57

Here are a few things I wanted to share with you:

1. Along

with our teens, I will be **leading in the PowerZone!** on **Sun., Nov. 27th**. We invite any of you to come join us at 10:30 a.m. as we share/lead in the lesson time, songs, communion and small groups with our 1st-5th graders!

2. Youth Fundraiser Lunch

after church on

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Interim ♦ young children

Ok...so, I'm shopping at Wal-Mart...you know the drill...milk, bread, coffee, jalapeno Cheetos...when I see Pastor Ron walking towards me. As he approaches, he assures me it is not his intention to ambush me at Wal-Mart; however, I am on his list of calls to make. Hmmm. He tells me Ms. Debi mentioned I'd once worked with her and Ms. Bree facilitating the two year old program. So, would I prayerfully consider leading the nursery - pre-K program until such time as God provides a new Children's Pastor? Umm...gulp! I prayerfully considered and joyfully accepted!

I spent the next two weeks

shadowing Debi for "training". You probably saw us. Debi was the one walking and talking fast. I was the one with the stupefied expression on my face desperately attempting to memorize every word Deb uttered. Wow!

It is **absolutely** necessary for me to say... if you have not yet thanked Debi for her 13 years of exceptional service at CCY, please do so now! Several have asked me, "Are you the new "Debi"?" Nope. There is only one Debeda (as toddler Hudson Heathco called her). I am simply me... Tami, a servant of God. I am excited (yes, a little nervous!) and extraordinarily honored

Sun., Dec. 4. Donations will go towards the "Extreme Makeover" for our south building and youth room. We want to begin this remodel after the first of the year.

3. "Parents Night Out" Fri., Dec. 9, 6-9 p.m. in the south building. Donations will go to offset the cost of our overnight lock-in on Dec. 29th. Anyone need a date night???

4. "Laser Quest" Lock-in Thurs., Dec. 29 Meet at church at 10 p.m. and we will return at 7 a.m. Cost is \$33 each. We will need help with transportation to or from Laser Quest. If you can help, please contact me at the church. Thanks!

I pray that you and yours will be filled with "Thanksgiving" as the holiday season is now upon us! May God Bless You this Holiday Season!

- Clay



for the privilege to help lead the little ones to Jesus for as long as God will allow me. So, you'll be seeing me around. Have a holly, jolly Christmas! After all, it IS the best time of the year!

His branch -
Tami

John 15:5

Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree Ministry is a way to bless families and ease their financial burden during the holidays. The tree is up and decorated with ornaments representing a child's Christmas wish. If you would like to participate this Christmas, take as many ornaments as you like, purchase the gift indicated, and return the unwrapped gift - with the ornament attached - to the CCY office no later than **Dec. 18**.

Christmas Eve Service

Share in the warmth of the Christmas Season at our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service! We have a very special evening planned, including the Story of Christ's birth, March to the Manger, Communion Service, guest music, and a special treat for our children. The one-hour service will begin at 6 pm.

Parents Night Out

Attention Parents! Need a date night? (Or shopping night?!) As a fundraiser, our teens will be providing you with a Parents' Night Out (and supervised by several moms!) on **Dec. 9, 6-9 p.m.** in the gym. Activities will include games, crafts and dinner, and lots and lots of fun! Recommended donation of \$5 will help our youth keep costs down for their Christmas break activities.

Baptism!

Congratulations to Christine Walker on her recent baptism!

Media Ministry

Is technology your gift? We are in need of expanding our Media Ministry...if you would like to be a part of the team (lighting, projection, photography, etc.) email janey@ccyok.com or call the church office.

Christmas Cards

The CCY Women's Ministry has once again made their Christmas Card Box available - a place to bring cards for your CCY family. Donations of only 10 cents per card (much cheaper than postage!) will go to the Women's Ministry. Don't forget to look for *your* cards this Sunday...at the Connecting Place.

End of Year Giving

End-of-year gifts are, of course, always welcome (and much needed this year!) Remember that our offices will close at noon on Dec. 29th as well as all day Fri., Dec. 30th.

Philippines Mission

Many thanks to all who gave so generously for missionaries Paul & Mary Wilson. Together you raised \$3,024 to help with cost of materials & tools to make their home *livable!* John & Kathy Miller and Keith Lemke will be traveling there to help with the construction project. Please be in prayer for safety...and look for photos after their return the end of December.

Great News!

SignFund Update (as of 11-20)
Total Given: \$18,225
Total Pledged: Almost \$22,000
Goal: \$25,000

New Baby!

Congratulations to Chris & Regina Webber at the birth of **Cal Samson Webber** born Oct. 28, 7 lbs. 4 oz. and 19.5"

Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies to:
John Roper and family at the death of his father;

Zane LaCroix and family at the death of his brother, Renn;

Jim Dixon and family at the death of his nephew, Chris Hankins, age 50;

Janis Tanksley and family at the death of her son, Tyler Groschick, age 22.

Todd Park and family at the death of his grandmother Martha Drain, 92, San Antonio, Texas.

Thank You!

To my amazing church family, Thank you for the celebration you shared with me on Sunday in recognition of my 13 years at CCY! It was a very moving and special time of remembering so many special moments throughout my years. I loved my canisters and my tea kettle! Thank you for your precious cards, words of love and encouragement, and the money given. Most of all, I thank you for making me feel so honored and loved! I cannot imagine a place I would rather worship, than beside you at Christ's Church!

May God Bless each of you, His children, and our church!!

With Love,
Debi