

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, November 12

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| 9:00am | Sunday School | All-Campus |
| 10:30am | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 7:00pm | Senior High Youth Group | Youth Room |

Monday, November 13

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| 6:30pm | Jr. High Youth Group | Youth Room |
| | AWANA | |
| | Women's Bible Study | Room C |
| 7:00pm | GriefShare | Parlor |

Tuesday, November 14

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| 6:30pm | Quilting | Room E |
| 7:30pm | Women's Bible Study | Room C |

Wednesday, November 15

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| 7:30am | Morning Prayer Group | Parlor |
| 6:00pm | Cancer Care Team Meeting | Room F |
| 7:00pm | Men's Bible Study | Parlor |
| | Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room |

Thursday, November 16

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| 9:00am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor |
| 7:00pm | Worship Team Rehearsal | CAA |
| | Women's Bible Study | Off-Site |
| | Men's Bible Study | Chapel |

Friday, November 17

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| 9:15am | Women's Bible Study | Parlor |
| 6:00pm | Senior High Lock-In | |

Saturday, November 18

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| 7:00am | Senior High Lock-In Ends | |
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"The purpose of Christ Community Church is to make known and to promote the worship of God in obedience to the Great Commission and the Great Commandments."



Christ Community Church November 12, 2017

We continue a series on "The Hard Sayings of Jesus," with our Lord's command to love our enemies. This morning we also observe International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

"Love your enemies: nowhere is the distinctiveness of the Christian counter-culture more obvious. Nowhere is our need of the power of the Holy Spirit (whose fruit is love) more compelling."
(John Stott)

We praise God

Prelude
Songs of Worship
Welcome and Opportunities at CCC
Worship in Anthem, Prayer, and Giving

We hear God's Word

Matthew 5:38-48
Sermon, "Love Your Enemies"
Prayer for the Persecuted, the Persecutors, and Us
Benediction and Postlude

*"To return evil for good is demonic.
To return good for good is human.
To return good for evil is divine."*
(Alfred Plummer)



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CCC NEWS & NOTES

Sermon ‘Crumbs’ In worship we’ll read two paragraphs from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, but Pastor Ken will preach from the second of these only: Matthew 5:43-48. The first paragraph, verses 38-42 are similar in theme, and similarly hard to put into practice. It helps to know that Jesus uses hyperbole in this section of the sermon, and that his instructions do not give evildoers a blank check, as if we never take any kind of stand against evil. But still, his call to not repay evil for evil is *hard*. For help in understanding these hard sayings, see John Stott’s excellent commentary on the Sermon on the Mount.

Pray For Our Persecuted Family Copies of Voice of the Martyrs prayer guide are available at the Welcome Center. You can also go to icommittoprayer.com.

Thanksgiving Pies CCC again has the opportunity to share in the Annual Community Thanksgiving dinner by donating 20 apple and/or pumpkin pies. If you’d like to donate a pie, fill in a response card with “Pie” or contact the office. Pies need to be delivered to the church by noon on Wednesday, November 22.

Campus Safety CCC has developed an active shooter plan with help and advice from trained professionals. Guards, Ushers, Greeters and Guides, Program Staff and Elders have a training session for responding to an active shooter threat on Sunday December 3. We want you to know that we take our responsibility in shepherding the flock seriously.

Mike McDowell and Gary Knurr head to Guyana on Wednesday for several days of fellowship with our churches there, celebrating “Harvest Festival.” Pray for safe travel and rich ministry.

Operation Christmas Child We are collecting today and next Sunday. Each box must be accompanied by \$9.00 to cover the shipping and the bible study materials that are given to shoebox recipients. If you need an empty shoebox you can pick one up in the office.

Mark your Calendar Christmas decorating will be Monday, November 27.

Elf Network Dinner CCC will host a Christmas dinner Thursday, December 21 at 6pm for families in Zion who could use some extra cheer and encouragement. We are recruiting table hosts to help show the welcoming love of God as you get to know the families. There is a sign-up sheet in the office.

A Night In Bethlehem December 16 at CCC from 9:00am - Noon.

Why I’m Glad CCC Will Read & Preach Through the Bible in 2018

Ken Langley

1. *Everyone reading the same part of Scripture all year brings us together.*
2. Reading the whole Bible is a good way to keep the preacher and the rest of us from limiting ourselves to our favorite parts and themes.
3. *More next week*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Pray for the Bereaved Keep the families of Roy Flood and Roberta Parker in prayer as they grieve the loss of these loved ones.

YOUTH MINISTRY (9TH - 12TH GRADE)

13 Hours @ 2500 Otherwise known as the Sr. High Lock-In, the event begins at 6pm this Friday, November 17 and ends at 7am on Saturday. Join us for movies, gaming extraordinaire, open gym, a live drama performance from Moody Bible Institute’s Ad Vivum, and tons of food. Cost is \$10 and permission forms are required for those under 18. Forms are available in the office, in the youth room, and on the CCC Youth Ministry Facebook page.

The CCC Youth Ministry App is back up and running. Search for “CCC Youth Group” in your App Store and stay up to date on coming events. Special thanks to Keith Longwell for developing this free app for our ministry.

Parents - Easy Way To Study The Bible With Your Teen If you have a Jr or Sr high student, check out thebibleproject.com to see what they are studying on Sunday mornings. This year we are going through the Old Testament, one book at a time. This week we are in Judges. Look up the video and watch with us.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (BIRTH THROUGH 6TH GRADE)

To Those Serving In Children’s Ministry THANK YOU for being the hands and feet of Jesus. We can use more help in the nurseries - please contact Terri Allen today to get involved.

"Every time we remind people that Jesus said the disciples were not to keep children away, every time we remind our church that Jesus loved to hug little children and bless them, we’re elevating the status of children in our midst. I think when folks volunteer in our churches to serve children, they’re doing what Jesus himself chose to do." -John Ortberg

Christmas Program Rehearsal & Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 9, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Children’s Christmas Program

Sunday, December 10 during 10:30 worship

Donations for Gingerbread House Decorating can be left in the office. Pick up a list in the Lobby of suggested donations and to sign up to bring frosting.

WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

Craft & Sew Days December 1 & 2. Do you have any projects you need to finish for Christmas? Come for conversation, laughs and just hanging out together while crafting or sewing. \$5/person; space is limited in the Fellowship Hall so sign up today in the office or contact Chris Bereiter at 847-772-7374 or clbereiter@att.net. Includes lunch on Friday and Saturday and supper on Friday. Hours for event are Friday 8:30a-8:30pm and Saturday 8:30a-6:00p.