



## CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

**December 2021**

### **THE FORGOTTEN GIFT**

It's December 2021, full of the hustle and bustle that comes along with the Christmas season. Although, stores are teeming with shoppers and online carts are overflowing there's often one forgotten gift. Even amid Covid's defiance, the yearning for family gatherings is as strong as ever. Yet one guest may have been forgotten or not invited at all. The tree has been decorated with beautiful ornaments and strings of bright lights, but many have forgotten the brightest light of all.

We spend so much time on preparations for Christmas day, we can often forget the real reason for the season, Jesus Christ, the Messiah! How can we forget that God gave us the most amazing gift of all, His only begotten son for our salvation? May we never forget to invite into our homes and daily lives the most important guest ever. (Actually, why not invite Him to stay?) Let us not forget that Jesus is the light of the world and even the star that guided the wise men cannot compare.

Let us not forget that the baby in the manger did not stay a baby. "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him." Luke 2:40 (ESV) Let us not forget that He is the brightest light of all. "And Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whosoever follows me will not walk in darkness but, will have the light of life." John 8:12 (ESV)

As we give and receive gifts this Christmas, let's never forget that the greatest gift of all is Jesus Christ, God Himself, come to earth because He loved us so much! Let's remember that the best and most enduring gift we can give is the good news of the gospel. Then we can join with the "multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Luke 2:13b-14 (ESV)

Have a Blessed Christmas, Christ Community Church Family and Friends

### **SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

In an effort to ensure the safety of everyone attending worship service, we have the following protocols in place:

- Required masks
- Required temperature check
- Hand sanitation at both entrances
- Suspended fellowship time after service
- Seating with family members

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW TOGETHER

One of the values that we embrace as a ministry is to grow together. This fall, CCC is providing key opportunities to support you in your growth.

### *Wholeness: Walking in Spiritual and Emotional Health*

This Life Group Season, we embarked on a church-wide study. Our focus this session is on wholeness: spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. This study will help us strive to be the best version of ourselves, to be used for the purposes and plans of God. The goals of this study are:

- to increase worship to God
- to develop a healthy self-image
- to boost overall health to be used for kingdom purposes

*Wholeness: Walking in Spiritual and Emotional Health* has been conducted over the course of four sessions on select Saturdays between October and December from 10 am – 12 pm. Below are the dates and topics of this study, please note that the final session is December 11th:

Saturday, October 9: Even Prophets Get Depressed.

Saturday, October 30: How Did I Get in the Cave?

Saturday, November 6: Rebuilding Our Emotional House

Saturday, November 20: Dream Again

Saturday, December 11: We Need Each Other

If you have any questions, please contact the church by email ([info@worshipccc.com](mailto:info@worshipccc.com)) or phone (216-417-7958)

### *Through the Bible: A Study through the Scriptures*

Continuing this month, we will provide a verse-by-verse study through the Scriptures beginning in Genesis. This study will explore the Bible's connection to the historical and cultural backdrop of ancient time periods. The final class of this first semester will be virtual and offered on Thursday at 7 pm on December 9, 2021. Stay tuned for the schedule of the next semester. All participants must register by emailing the church ([info@worshipccc.com](mailto:info@worshipccc.com)).

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

CCC New Members class will be held in December. If you are interested in joining the CCC family or if you just want to gain more information about the church, please consider joining this class. Classes will be on Sunday mornings from 9 am – 10 am, before service. If you are interested, please contact the church by email or phone.

## PRAYER MEETINGS

Prayer meetings are held via Zoom on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays. To join us, as we go before the Lord, opt in to receive our text alerts.

**\*\* You can opt in to receive text alerts, and announcements, or updates about CCC events and classes by texting @christcom to 81010.**

## YOUR GENEROSITY MEANS SO MUCH

There are multiple ways you can give to Christ Community Church.

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- Credit Card.** Visit [www.worshipccc.com](http://www.worshipccc.com) and click on Give to make a safe and secure donation.
- Text to Give.** Text CCCGIVING to 73256.

Thank you for your contribution. May God be honored through your gift.