

JANUARY 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Church Office to be closed</i>	2 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:15 Worship Team	3 6:15am Men's	4
5 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	6 10:00 Women's Study 6:30 Precepts	7 10:00 MAKS 4:30 Women's Ministries 6:30 Worship 7:00 Property 7:00 Cong Care	8 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr/Sr High	9 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:15 Worship Team	10 6:15am Men's 8:00 Club 180	11 6:00am Men's Ldrs 7:30 Next Man Up 9:00 Ladies' Breakfast
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Christ Community Church Mission Statement
 As a local body of believers, we will seek to glorify God in worship, in evangelizing the unsaved and in teaching Christians to obey everything Christ commanded. To that end, prayer will be our foremost task, Scripture will be our authority, God's Holy Spirit will be our source of power and love will be our motivation.

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Cornerstone
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I've Been Thinking about . . . Faith's Question
By Pastor Chris

One angel: Gabriel. Two promises to two people: Zechariah and Mary. Opposite responses from these two people: unbelief and faith.

In Luke 1:11-20, Gabriel appears to the old priest Zechariah, promising him that his always-infertile-now-postmenopausal wife Elizabeth will bear him a son. They are to name their son John. He will call the people of Israel to repentance, turning many of them back to the Lord their God. Going before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, he will make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Zechariah and Elizabeth's son is to be John the Baptizer—the advance man for the Messiah!

Zechariah's initial terror at Gabriel's appearance is exceeded only by his disbelief of the angel's announcement. The old priest retorts, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." Zechariah doubts the angel's message; he wants proof. In essence, Zechariah's response is, "How *can* this be?" It is the response of unbelief.

Gabriel replies that he stands in God's presence and has been sent with God's word. So it is God's word that Zechariah has not believed. As Zechariah has been deaf to God's voice, so he will be mute with no voice, "until the day that these things take place."

In Luke 1:26-38, Gabriel appears to the virgin Mary, promising her, "You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

Mary replies, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"* Mary's response is, "How *will* this be?" It is the response of faith. Mary knows that what the angel of God says will be, will indeed be; she simply seeks the means by which it will be, given her virginity.

Zechariah gives the response of unbelief: "How *can* this be?"
 Mary gives the response of faith: "How *will* this be?"

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Women's Ministries

Beth Moore's - *Mercy Triumphs*

8 Sessions on the Book of James - \$20 cost
Mondays at 10am - begins Jan. 6th
childcare will be provided - please register at the Info Booth

Ladies' Breakfast & Bible Study

Sat., January 11th

9-11:00am



Mission Commission Report (Faith Promise Support for 2014)

The Mission Commission is thankful for all of those who are supporting the mission program and in particular the missionaries supported through the Faith Promise Program of CCC.

The participation rate for 2013 was **49** giving units. Our goal for this year was **75**. The goal was giving units in order to encourage more people to be involved in supporting this very important ministry. The number of giving units for 2014 is **53**.

Two missionaries have been added to the list of individuals committing their lives to serving the Lord by spreading his Gospel message. Both of them serve with CRU. These are Dan Hedge who is working with youth at Minnesota State University, Mankato, and Eric & Leah Price who are serving in the inner cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. We welcome them and wish them the best.

CCC literally has a mission reach both locally & in the far reaches of the globe. We're extremely thankful for those who have answered God's call to serve & spread His word throughout the world.

Currently, several of the missionaries supported by our congregation will be receiving a little less funding this year as a result of a reduction in giving to their ministries. They depend upon this support to stay in the mission field. If you have not made a commitment, please consider joining us in supporting our missionaries. The amount is not as important as your participation. Forms are either at the Info Booth or in the office and can be placed in the mission box at the Info Booth. If you do not have a preference as to who to support, contribute to the undesignated account and the mission commission will distribute based upon need.

Again, we appreciate and thank all of those who are supporting our missionaries as they serve throughout the world.

AWANA Club Corner

Special Dates



January 1 - No AWANA
January 15 - Bring a Friend Night
January 22 - Pie in the Eye Night

MAKS
Moms And Kids



MAKS is an organization for mothers of young children.

Join us the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Fireside Room from 10-noon.

January 7th

"Money Matters for Kids"

Join us as we hear some important financial planning tips.



January 21st

"Stampin' Up"

We welcome Judy Vogelsang as she shares her expertise in making cards. We'll all be able to make & take a couple home with us!



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When we encounter God's promises, which response do we make: "How *can* this be?" or "How *will* this be?" The former is the response of unbelief that doubts the promise. The latter is the response of faith that believes the promise, simply seeking the means by which it will be fulfilled. For example, when we give generously to the Lord's work, we may wonder how we're going to pay the bills and buy the groceries. To that concern, God promises that he will meet all our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19). Will we doubt the promise, asking "How *can* this be?" Or will we believe the promise, asking "How *will* this be?"

All of God's promises are "Yes" in Christ (2 Cor 1:20). So let us not ask unbelief's question, "How *can* this be?" Let us rather ask faith's question: "How *will* this be?"

*In Mary's response, "How will this be?" the Greek verb is *estai*, which means "will be." The verb is in the indicative mood, which is the mood of fact. Mary knows for a fact that whatever the angel of God promises will happen, "will be."