

AUGUST 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:15am Men's	2
3 9:00 Worship 5:00 Prayer	4	5 7:00 Property 7:00 Cong Care	6 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 Joint Commissioners	7 12:00 Men's Lunch	8 6:15am Men's Group	9 6:00 Men's Leaders 7:30 Next Man Up
10 8:00 Missions 9:00 Worship 5:00 Prayer	11 6:30 Outreach	12 4:30 Women's Ministries	13 6:30 Worship Team 7:00 LifeGroup Leaders	14 12:00 Men's Lunch	15 6:15am Men's Group	16 <i>Missions Garage Sale</i>
17 9:00 Worship 5:00 Prayer	18 6:30 Newcomer -Membership	19 6:30 Elder Board Meeting	20 6:30 Worship Team	21 12:00 Men's Lunch	22 6:15am Men's	23 8:00 20.20 Leader Training
24 9:00 Worship 11:00 Picnic 5:00 Prayer	25 6:30 Newcomer -Membership	26 6:30 Adult Discipleship	27 6:30 Worship Team	28 12:00 Men's Lunch	29 6:15am Men's	30
31 9:00 Worship 10:00 Informed Parents Mtg. 5:00 Prayer						

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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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A heart for God and you

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Summary Report of the Marino Sabbatical 2014

“Praise God!” That really sums up the last two months of my life. Celeste, Eli and I are incredibly grateful for the last two months of sabbatical the church has granted us. I can’t start to express how important this time off was for not just me, but our family as well. God did some great things in our lives over this time off and I want to briefly share some of the highlights!

Family—> Practically speaking, we were able to hang out with both sides of our families for extended periods of time. Both Celeste and I are very close with our families and so for us to connect with them, for Eli to develop deeper relationships with his cousins, aunts, uncles, and of course, grandparents, was such a blessing! As we hung out with our families, we started to discover we have entered a new phase of parenting, the “discipline” phase. While we were up at my parents over the fourth of July week, we gained some valuable insight from my sister on parenting a more “strong-willed” child. Yes, in light of all his smiles and laughter, our little man Eli has a devious side:) This time together provided great support for us as we start to tackle this new phase of our life. Aside from quality family time and growing as parents, our marriage saw great enrichment and growth over this time away. We saw God work very clearly in both of our hearts and therefore in our marriage, and we are very grateful for it!

Spiritual—> As I just mentioned, God did some amazing things in our lives. Specifically, God shone His light of grace on the struggle with fear I have been having for a long time. To sum up a long period of my life, I have always struggled with what people have thought of me. I have a few people in my life that, when they give input, I sometimes end up valuing more than what God says is true about me. That is fear; and God has graciously shown me that via my marriage and His Word (Isaiah 41:10). It has been a difficult thing to come to terms with because I see the ways it has been hurting not just me but others as well. To be a true godly man, husband, father and church leader, I must fear, honor, revere God’s Word and His alone. What’s great is, now that this in the light, I am prayerfully working through it each day. I pray I can live in fear of God each day. That means I share my honest feedback more with people in a loving yet truthful way. That means I share my opinion even though I know it may cause a less than desirable outcome. I have learned I cannot fear people or their potential responses. God is honored when I share my convictions in a loving, gracious and truthful way, and that is what I’m focusing on. However, this not only affects me sharing my convictions, but living my convictions out in spite of potential disagreement. On a deep level, I have allowed people to shape who I am instead of listening to God’s voice and living the life He wants me to be living. So, all in all, God pulled back a pretty big layer of my life and I’m so grateful!

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Marino Sabbatical

Additionally, God has shown me the need for a more consistent habit of biblical fasting. I have always known that I need to develop a more consistent fasting habit, but this book really has challenged me to re-think fasting. Basically, it broadened fasting out to make me look at the conviction of fasting and when it comes down to it, it's choosing to put aside idols and focus on the one True God, seeking His face in prayer and His Word. With that perspective, my goal is to prayerfully consider how I can develop a more consistent habit of fasting in my daily life.

Ministry—> For those of you who aren't aware, I have been working on a book targeted at students within the Church, challenging them to RISEUP in their faith and live passionately for the Gospel. I have been convicted, as a shepherd of young people, to lovingly come alongside them and reshape their perspective on who God is, the role of scripture and the role of church in their life. I believe by gaining a more biblical understanding of these things, they will be equipped to throw off any complacent living and live passionate lives for the Gospel. One of my ministry goals over sabbatical was to further write and develop this book. Well, God opened up so doors to meet with Youth Pastors/Students around the country to gain their perspectives on this topic. It was amazing to see how God is working in other parts of the country and therefore learn how I can better create an effective tool for seeing students live passionately for the Gospel. If you are interested in learning more about my project or how you can join me in it, feel free to talk to me!

Lastly, God revealed some very clear ministry areas that He wants developed and grown in 2020. I won't go into detail for each area, but listed below are the areas that I will be focusing my time and attention in intentionally growing and developing: **parent ministry, ministry development of Club 180, JR HIGH ministry and evangelism opportunities.** I have a more detailed outline of what I want to see accomplished in each one of these areas and so if you are interested in learning more, please let me know! I believe these areas of our ministry, if developed intentionally and consistently, will provide great spiritual growth in the lives of our students and therefore have a greater impact on the lost souls of students in this community! My goal this year is to see our students RISEUP as an army of light in this community. I want to deploy an army that will go and in Christ's love, fight the darkness and bring many into the light! I hope you can see I am passionate about this and looking forward to what God will do through our students and our church this year!

In closing, we are beyond grateful for the time off, the prayers, the support as we saw God refresh our family, our families and our personal lives. I personally feel like my tank has been re-filled and it's my goal to not hit "turbo boost" right away but develop a sustainable, efficient and effective ministry routine that is Spirit-led and empowered. It's a big transition back for us after being out of routine for two months and so your prayers are welcomed as we re-enter the ministry here at Christ Community Church.

Grateful servants,
Zach, Celeste, Eli and Baby Marino



Precepts Bible Study

Revelation – Part 1 – Jesus' Message to the Church

Begins: Monday, Sept. 8, 2014 (11 weeks)

Time: 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$24.75 (workbook)

Please register at the Info Booth by August 24th



Study God's messages to the seven churches of Asia & see how His messages, recorded by John long ago, still speak to the church today.

Contact: Fred or Dottie Salsbury

Women's Ministries

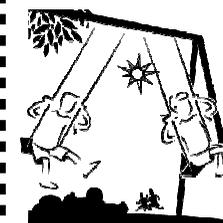
Save the date for:

"Home Sweet Home"

Women's Retreat
at Camp Victory
October 10 & 11

More details to come!!

MAKS in the Park



August 5 & 19
University Park
10:00 am
Bring a picnic lunch

Questions: Stacy Dufault 461-6236

Operation Christmas

Child Shoe Box Hint



August is a great month to find deals on many items for shoe box gifts. Look for school supplies, sunglasses, jump ropes, flip flops, hats & caps.

By including school supplies like paper & pencils in your shoe box, you could be sending a child to school for the very first time.

Happy Shopping!

Please note date change

***Our Summer
Worship Schedule
continues thru Sept. 7th***

One service at 9:00am

No children's Sunday school

Outreach Picnic

Christ Community Church

11:00 AM, Sunday, August 24th

following our 9:00 am worship service at CCC

We are preparing for a picnic & a fun afternoon to be held at **Northeast Park**, just across the road from CCC, to reach out to our friends, neighbors & co-workers.

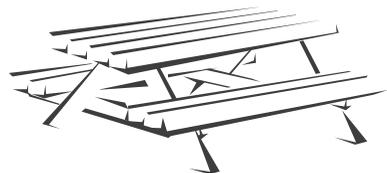
It is our opportunity to fellowship and share the abundance God has so richly given us and to follow the disciple-making pathway. We plan to have a Bounce House & games available.

In order to do this effectively, we need everyone's help. Please sign up at the Info Booth to indicate how you can help:

- People & vehicles are needed to transport picnic tables from other parks to NE Park on Saturday and to return them on Sunday
- Canopy tents to borrow & set up

Also -

- **INVITE PEOPLE** (watch for invites to be provided for your use)
- Lawn chairs & blankets needed for extra seating
- Food plans will be announced later
- *Please watch for updates*



MISSIONS FUNDRAISERS

Garage Sale:

Please save your "treasures" for the upcoming garage sale at CCC on **Saturday, August 16th**.

Large items, small items, furniture, equipment, tools, clothing in good condition will be accepted beginning August 1st. Anyone willing to help is welcome!



A (Bolga) Basket Case:

We will be hosting a basket auction at the American Legion tentatively set for **Sunday, September 14, 2014**. We will serve a meal followed by a live auction. We are asking that church organizations, small groups, families and/or leaders fill a basket according to a theme.

The items in the basket can be donated from businesses, purchased or homemade. Some theme ideas: Night at the Movies; Sports; Cooking Class; Readers Delight; Quilting; Kids Crafts; Homemade Delights; etc, etc.

We will be raising funds for the Ghana mission trip and raising awareness of the need of women in that country. Our choice of location is intended to encourage involvement in this ministry.

If you would like to help provide gifts for the Team to take to Ghana, please see the list in the bulletin or at the table in the church foyer.