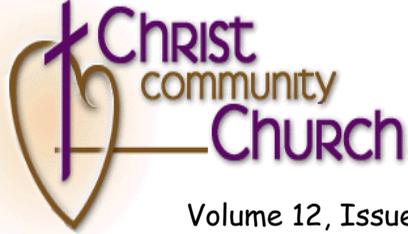


November 2014						
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November, 2014

Cornerstone

A heart for God and you

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Psalm 137:4 "How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign Land?"

First off...

Take a look at the above image. "Excellence in Exile." "Faithful living in a fallen land." Let me start off by saying these phrases must be understood in a God-gives-to-man mind-set and not the other way around. The people in Exile were given the ability to live excellent and faithfully in a fallen land, but being humans, they still doubted and failed. Yet God was still excellent and faithful to them in a fallen, and exiled land.

This post reflects the struggle of the human heart to believe that God is still worthy to be worshiped in spite of our circumstances.

The Scripture...

This Psalm is describing the experience of Israel after being captured by Babylon. They are being forced to sing their praises to God in a form of mockery. To me, those songs would have to invoke beliefs and feelings of hope, joy and peace when sung in the proper context (in Zion, Jerusalem). So, when they are forced to sing them outside of that context, they are being forced to wrestle with the lack of hope, joy and peace that they are currently facing. A bigger question they have to be wrestling with is, "Can we still believe in the God of our songs, the source of our hope, joy and peace?" It's like they want to but all of a sudden they find it extremely difficult to have centered, steadfast hearts on the truth.

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Christ Community Church

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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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Take Note!

Missions - Faith Promise

Faith Promise is the process we use to provide financial support to our missionaries. Brochures describing who our missionaries are were placed in mailboxes & are available at the Booth. If you do not support missionaries through Faith Promise, the Missions Commission would like to invite you to take a bold step this year. Would you be willing to put your name on a Faith Promise form & commit to contributing a small dollar amount each month? Even \$5 or \$10, given monthly by lots of people, can mean a big difference to those spreading the gospel around the world. The completed pledges will be received on **Sunday, November 9th.**



Continued from front **“Excellence in Exile”**

The human struggle...

Maybe another way of writing the question this Psalm poses is: "How can we remain steadfast in believing our God is still worthy to be praised?" The focus is on the human heart condition needing grace to believe the TRUTH that God is WORTHY to be praised even in a foreign land where their praise and adoration is made a mockery. The joy once expressed and experienced may turn to a somber expression, but why should it if our hearts believe that no matter the circumstance, God is worthy to be joyfully worshiped by His people!

The result of Scripture and struggle?

All of this came from a journal entry and the way I processed this personally was writing a prayer to God...Maybe today this needs to be your prayer as well:

"God, even when it seems like I am in a foreign land spiritually, you are worthy to be joyfully worshiped! My heart needs to believe that: YOU are peace, and the giver of peace; not circumstances or people. YOU are strength and the giver of strength; not circumstances or people. YOU are joy and the giver of joy; not circumstances or people. YOU are truth and the giver of truth; not circumstances or people. YOU are love and the giver of true love; not circumstances or people. YOU are holy and the giver of holiness."

A Prayer to pray: "May I be clothed in the holiness of Christ today, walking to proclaim the song of The LORD whoever and whomever I am with! Amen."

- Pastor Zach -

Join the church family at our annual Harvest Dinner.



We will have one worship service at 9:30, then dinner (turkey, potatoes and all the fixin's) will be served immediately after the service.

- * Please sign-up by October 27th
- * Dessert & Salad sign-ups are at the Booth
- * Suggested desserts are cake, pies, bars or brownies
- * Salad recipes are available at the Booth
- * Suggested donation of \$5.25 would be appreciated

CCC's Harvest Dinner - Sunday, Nov. 9th

Celebrate the Gift 2014



This year's dates are December 5, 6 & 7. Hostesses may sign-up & purchase their tickets beginning October 26th. Tickets will go on sale to the public November 3rd, so be sure you get the tickets you need soon!

Men, don't forget, we can't do this event without all the help you so willingly give. Please sign up at the Info Booth or at the table in the foyer when available. Thank you!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing during the month of November. It's time to pack a box and make an eternal difference in the life of a child.

There are **GO Boxes** (Gospel Opportunities) in the foyer for you to use if you would like.

Operation Christmas Child Dedication Sunday is **November 16th** at CCC. Keep your boxes with you and we'll bring them up together at the proper time during the service.

National Collection Week is November 17-24th. Our **Relay Center** will be open each day. If you would like to help at the Relay Center there is a sign-up at the Info Booth. It's fun, training is available, and treats are provided!

If you would rather not shop for things to put in a box, but still want to be a part of OCC, you can help provide shipping money through "**Adopt a Box**" located at the Info Booth. Checks can be made out to Samaritan's Purse.

We will be traveling to the Minneapolis **Distribution Center on November 29th** and working a 10am-4pm shift. We will inspect boxes and prepare them for international shipping. A sign-up sheet will be at the Info Booth by November 2nd. If you have never been to the Distribution Center, please consider going. It is an amazing experience!

Contact Dawn at 835-5906 if you have any questions.

AWANA Club Corner

AWANA Special Dates

November 5th - Crazy Hair Night

November 12th - Challenge Night

November 19th - Thankful Night

November 26th - No AWANA

Happy Thanksgiving!

Women's Ministries



Breakfast & Bible Study

Saturday, November 8
9-11:00am - CCC Fireside Room
True Women 101

*A sign-up sheet is
available at the Info Booth*

Just For Fun . . .

Six-year-old Angie & her 4-year-old brother Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough.

"You're not suppose to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said,

"See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."