

December 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00 MAKS @ Home 7:00 Property 7:00 Cong Care	3 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	4 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm	5 6:15am Men's Grp	6  <i>Celebrate the Gift thru Sunday</i>
7 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	8 6:30 Outreach	9 4:30 Women's Ministries 7:00 Youth Commission	10 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	11 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm	12 6:15am Men's Grp 8:00pm Club 180	13 6:00am Men's Ldrs 7:30 Next Man Up
14 8:00 Missions 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	15	16 6:30 Elder Board Meeting	17 6:00 AWANA 6:00 Jr High 7:00 Sr High	18 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm	19 6:15am Men's Grp 8:00pm Club 180	20
21 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. <i>Program</i> 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	22	23 6:30 Adult Discipleship	24 5:00 <i>Christmas Eve Service</i>	25 	26 6:15am Men's Grp	27
28 9:00 Worship 5:00 Prayer	29	30	31 <i>No Youth Activities</i>			



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# Cornerstone

*A heart for God and you*

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### “A Forgotten Word”

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*“From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.’”*  
Matt. 4:12

In Matthew, Chapter 4, shortly after being tempted by the devil in the wilderness, we read that “from that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.’” Earlier in Matthew’s gospel we also read that “John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea and saying, ‘Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near.’” (Matt. 3:1-2) “Repent” is a word which, I believe, often times is forgotten. Often, it seems, we as people regret or are sorry that we did something, but in our heart and mind we do not progress to a point of true repentance. We do not turn from our sinful behavior and do as Jesus instructed the woman caught in adultery, “Go now and leave your life of sin.” (Jn. 8:11)

Our enemy the devil, or even our sinful nature, often deceives us into thinking that we are just fine. Yet, we may be harboring sinful attitudes or behaviors in our lives. Chapter 13 of Luke begins by telling us of some people who were sharing with Jesus about some Galileans whom they felt had suffered because of unrighteous behavior. Jesus responded to them by saying, “Do you think these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” It is very easy to judge others, who may very well be more righteous in God’s eyes than us, and overlook our sinful behavior.

In Scripture, repentance is predominantly directed toward unrepentant sinners who reject the gospel of Jesus Christ and refuse to acknowledge their lost, sinful condition which separates them from God. Jesus while speaking of the lost sheep that was found, says, “I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who re-

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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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# AWANA Club Corner

## AWANA Special Dates

Dec. 10 - "Tea Party" for 3rd & 4th Grade Girls

Dec. 24th & 31st - No AWANA

*Merry Christmas!*



## Christmas Eve Service

*Anyone desiring to have a part in this year's Christmas Eve service is invited to contact Gloria Seifert. If you have a poem, reading, special song, or instrumental piece you'd like to share please let Gloria know. Our Christmas Eve service is very family oriented, so all ages are welcome to participate.*

**December 24th at 5:00pm**

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pents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." (Lu. 15:7) However, the apostle Paul when writing to the church in Corinth says in 2 Cor. 7:10, "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." As Christians, I believe, we continually need to be sensitive to the Spirit's work within us, revealing truth and convicting of sin. When we know we harbor sinful attitudes or behaviors, we must apply the often forgotten word "repent". Not only should we seek forgiveness, but go and sin no more. By God's grace we can! May the Lord's blessing be upon us as we seek to walk humbly in a spirit of repentance before Him.

Seeking to know God & make Him known,  
*Pastor Howard*

## Potluck Brunch

Gloria Seifert's last Sunday as our Worship Arts Director will be January 4th. To honor Gloria, and her many years of service to the church, the Congregational Care Commission is hosting a Potluck Brunch on January 4th. The congregation is invited to stay after our 9:00 service, enjoy a meal together, and thank Gloria for her service. A short time of recognition will follow the meal.

## MISSING RESOURCES

A LifeGroup is waiting to use curriculum from the church's resource library that has not been returned for some time. If you have the following material and are through with it, please return it to the church office:

Dr. David Jeremiah - *What in the World is Going On* - DVD

## From the Outreach Commission

The Outreach Commission is providing you an easy way to share information about our church with your friends & neighbors. Beginning December 7th you will find "keep-it" clips at the Info Booth, and later that week you will find one in your mailbox. These have the church name and information on them. You can hand it to people as is, or clip it to a gift of cookies, candy, bread, or popcorn. It's an easy way to open the conversation about Jesus and why we celebrate this very special season. We challenge each of you to use at least three clips and include a conversation about eternal things.



*Celebrate the Gift is almost here! Be sure to get your tickets now, ladies! It's a great time to invite friends and neighbors to join you and to remind us all why we celebrate Christmas.*

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY - JANUARY STUDY

- **BREATHE** by Priscilla Shirer
- **Beginning in January**
- **Registration begins in December**



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