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Believe, Belong, Become



Birthday Blessings

A moment of reflection for the year that has passed, A thankful heart for the grace that's been shown. A spirit of hopefulness for the year but ahead . . .

Knowing that God is preparing the path for your feet to step, walking close, holding your hand, and forever offering His abiding presence.

Teresa Nixon

January Birthdays

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| 1 Dolores Butler | 19 Dennis Salts |
| 3 John Booy | 21 Pat Bailey |
| 4 Savannah Hoag | 22 Robert Davenport |
| 7 Dave Steenbergen
Frank Kester | 25 Allison Van Aalsburg
Kelly Porrazzo |
| 9 Kiandra Haaf | 27 Delaney Pancake
Mary Scholten
Rick Morgan |
| 13 Michael Edgar
Raymond Castillo, Jr. | 28 Else Stolk |
| 16 Alannah Brumhead
Emmi Pagan | 30 Braelynn Wilson
Linda Anderson |
| 18 Arleen Orellana-Ruiz
Penny Gonzalez | |

Happy Birthday!!!

If you have a January birthday, but it's not listed, please call the church office so we can update our records.

A PLACE TO BELIEVE
BELONG, AND BECOME

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Christ Community Church Community Communiqué

January 2012

Launch of Lifetree Café

The coming of a new year gives opportunity for us to make fresh starts and new beginnings in our lives. Yet, too often at the turning of the year the only thing that is new in our lives is a 2012 calendar. So much simply stays the same. Sometimes in the church we get caught in the "we've always done it this way" cycle as well. However, this new year there truly is something new coming to CCC. As you may have heard, we are launching Lifetree Cafe this year. We hope to be open in February but much needs to

happen before then. Lifetree is not a literal café but is a place and experience designed to help people connect with God in a cafe-like setting. The Life-



tree cafe program was designed by Group Publishing and is now happening all over the country in

churches and in business places.

Our Lifetree Cafe will need a team to be successful. In fact, several teams are a part of this ministry. You will have an opportunity to become involved in Lifetree Cafe by finding a team that fits your gifts. Come to the Lifetree Cafe vision casting sessions on Wednesdays January 11, 18 and 25 to discover how you may become a part of something that is truly new. It is going to be a great new year!

Pastor Doug Scholten

'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'
Jeremiah 29:11 (NASB)

Know that wisdom is thus for your soul; If you find it, then there will be a future, And your hope will not be cut off.
Proverbs 24:14 (NASB)

About Lifetree Café

Lifetree Café is a comfortable place and time for people to gather weekly to explore life and faith. It looks and feels like the kind of place you'd typically meet a friend for food and drink and fun; where the atmosphere encourages conversations, questions, and personal stories.

The hour-long Lifetree Café experiences feature real stories of real people, friendly conversation, time

to build relationships with new and old friends, laughter, fun, spiritual insights, and opportunities to serve in the local community.

Lifetree stories dig into the big and little stuff that shapes our lives. Family. Friends. Fears. Busyness. Balance. Money. Materialism. Health. Heaven. Peace. Purpose. Lifetree Cafe is not just for "church people" but for any-

one – believers, seekers, skeptics – i.e., anyone who wants to see how God has relevance to daily life.



Women's Ministry



Our study of I Kings, Chapter 17 contains an account of the "prayer battle" between 450 of Baal's prophets calling out to their god and Elijah calling out to the living God. Baal's men went through quite a lengthy routine to get their god to answer ... without success. But Elijah prayed confidently and God answered. You need not ever worry that He does not hear our prayers. We can have this same confidence that each of our prayers is heard and He is ready to answer and direct our path.

Well, the holidays are over and we find ourselves in 2012. As Pastor Doug said in his New Year's Day sermon, we get the chance for a fresh start; to have no regrets about 2011 and all prior years, and look forward and rejoice in the days ahead of us. Let's make the remainder of this Women's Ministry season one of discovering God's direction through his word, of extending a helping hand to those in need, and of growing in our relationships with each other.

Cindy Taunton

January

Circle Meetings

Church Meetings (Room A-1)

Jan 5, Th - *Charity* 7:00 pm
Jan 17, Tu - *New Life* 7:00 pm

Home Meetings

Jan 5, Th - *Faith* 10:00 am
Jan 5, Th - *Petra* 7:00 pm
Jan 5, Th - *Hope* 7:00 pm
Jan 9, Mo - *Serenity* 7:00 pm
Jan 16, Mo - *Light* 7:00 pm

Mommy & Me

Jan 18, Wed @ 12:30am
"B" Bldg. Purple door

Leaders Meeting

January 3rd & January 31
7:00 pm @ Jackie Koob's home

Executive Board Meeting

Jan 26 @ 7:30 pm

Community Men's Fellowship CME, Men's Ministry *John Offringa*

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool. Isaiah 1:18 (NASB)

Take away my sin, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7 (NCV)

Community Men's Fellowship - Due to continued growth we now meet every Thursday in the fellowship hall.

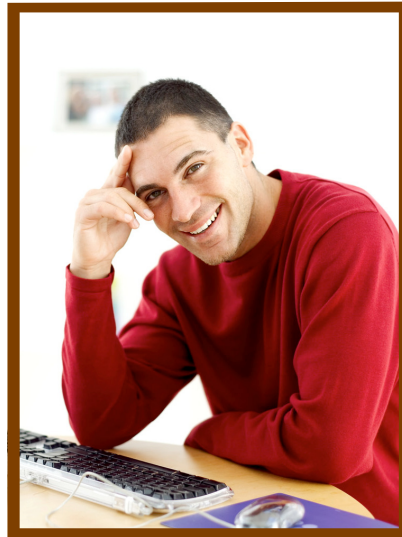
Sunday 9:00 – 10:00 am, Room A3, *Being God's Man... Through Tough Times.*

Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Room FH, *Being God's Man... in Leading a Family.*

New Thursday night study starting January 5, *Being a God's Man...in Leading a Family.*

More than ever, families are desperate for spiritual leadership. And that starts with you, the husband and father. Are you equipped and ready to assume the role and responsibility God has for you? *Being God's Man...in Leading a Family* will help you accept your calling and experience God's bless-

ing as a spiritual leader to your wife and children. In this study you'll discover the six keys to true spiritual leadership in the home:



Being God's Man...in Leading a Family could revolutionize not only your life, but also the lives of your wife and children - and impact generations to come.

- ◆ Deciding: Taking ownership of your own spiritual journey
- ◆ Demonstrating: Modeling a relationship with God
- ◆ Displaying: God's love in your relationship with your wife
- ◆ Displaying: God's love in your interactions with your children
- ◆ Daily spiritual leadership through fostering spiritual connections in the home
- ◆ Daily spiritual leadership through serving

Care Team Ministry

The Care Team wishes to thank each and every one of you who had a part in sharing the spirit of Christmas through Christmas baskets that were lovingly decorated, filled with goodies, and delivered by our church family.



This amounted to a total of 24 baskets that were prepared for delivery to people who needed a little encouragement this season of the year.

Generously, a total of 44 people gave of their time and efforts to bring this about.

May God bless each one of you.



Sociable Seniors *Audrene Schmidt*

Think about this. What holiday do we celebrate in our country where pie is the favorite dessert? Of course, on Thanksgiving pie is the traditional favorite dessert. A fact you probably didn't know – **January 23rd is National Pie Day**, so, of course, we want to give "pie" the honor it deserves. A "Pie Party" is in the works. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving together as we watch the classic movie, "Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving". Following

the movie, we will have a chance to celebrate by sampling a large variety of pies.



If your last name begins with G - Z, please bring a pie to share. It can be made at home or commercially. We have some suggestions of the kind of pie to bring if you need help with that.

Call Audrene at:
714 - 526 - 7505

WHEN: Thursday, January 19, at 1 PM in the Fellowship Center.

New

Member's Corner

Gifts of Christmas *by Chrissy Wightman*

I am no different from anyone else. I have gone thru hard times, times when I felt God had let me down. But, in the last 5 years I have learned that if you step back and let God do His work, things will work out.

In 2006, I was pregnant and after 2 girls, we were hoping for a baby boy. At 18 weeks, I miscarried the baby and was devastated to learn it was a boy. I was angry at God and never wanted to step foot in church again. But a few weeks later I forced myself to go. I remember sitting in church and hearing the message that even when we feel like God isn't listening, he is always with us. As both my oldest daughter and I held hands crying, the person sitting behind us reached forward, rubbed my back and told me it was going to be ok. I wasn't so sure, but I continued to pray that it would get easier. I kept reminding myself and believing that God had a plan for me and my family, and it wasn't for me to question, but to let Him do his work. A year later we were not only blessed with a healthy baby boy, but a new house, and a job for my husband as a union plumber.

Being a union plumber, has its seasons: steady work, then no work for a few months. Yet in 2010 that no work phase continued for a year and Christmas was soon upon us. We were struggling to pay rent and bills. I prayed all the time. Amazingly, while my work was raising money for charity, they picked my family to donate to. Because of this gift, we were able to pay our rent, but Christmas gifts for the kids seemed out of the question. I continued to pray. Again, God showed us his constant care. We received an unexpected gift from church which allowed us to put food on the table and purchase gifts for the kids.

Then, 2011 arrived and, gratefully, work for my husband picked up, but that season changed as no work befell us once again for three long months, taking its toll on us financially. Again, Christmas had arrived, yet in spite of insufficient money for the kid's presents, I decided to look outward to encourage someone else, the way we were encouraged the year before. An opportunity was made available through our church's delivery of Christmas baskets. When I contacted the church office to inquire about delivering a basket, I was told that I was just the person who was trying to be reached. Apparently someone from our church read my prayer request that week and God laid it upon her heart to help our family. I was told that this anonymous person had been seeking someone to help for Christmas, but didn't feel a pull until reading MY prayer request. As requested, I provided wish lists from my kids. Although that in itself would have been enough, at the same time a Facebook friend contacted me saying that she, too, wanted to do something to help my family and provided us with a \$100 gift card for groceries as well as \$100 gift card for Target!

Now standing in awe, I have learned these last two Christmases that when I leave my needs in God's hands, amazing things will happen. He is indeed a God who provides.

"Member's Corner" is a place to encourage each other in the faith. Do you have an encouraging story of how God has worked in your life, taught you anew, expressed His wisdom, met your needs, or encouraged you? If so, e-mail the church office at: info@cccbbp.org with your story or to offer an interview.

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. | Thess.5:11