



SUNDAY at CHRIST COMMUNITY

Beginning AUG 27 there will be room changes for Sunday morning groups. Light Bearers will move to 9:00a. Check back for more details!

ADULTS |

- 9:00a All welcome
 - : GenXers [parents of kids elementary-high school] C1
- 10:45a All welcome
 - : Light Bearers [generally 50+, all ages welcome] C1
 - : Faithwalkers [faith-strengthening adults, 50+] C3/4
 - : Journey [20-30's couples & singles or married] not meeting during the summer
 - : InterConnect [anyone wanting to dive deeper into Sunday's message] G2

STUDENTS |

- 9:00a
 - : Middle school [6th-8th grade] CORE C3/4
 - : High school [9th-12th grade] CORE C2

CHILDREN | all children check in at ORBIT HERE *near west entry

- 9:00a
 - : early childhood ORBIT [birth - PreK]
 - : elementary ORBIT [Kindergarten - 5th grade], Connect A-Z
- 10:45a
 - : early childhood ORBIT [birth - PreK]
 - : elementary ORBIT [Kindergarten - 3rd grade], Connect 8/9

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

SINAI: Faith in the Wild | You and I – as Jesus' disciples -- are on a most important journey; indeed, THE most important journey. In this life, we are traveling toward a promised resting place, and to live in a promised era of God's blessing – both of which are beyond our imagination. God has promised it – the place and the era – to those who journey by faith.

So what kind of journey is this? From where have we come, and what is the route, and where are we headed? What's at stake? And, what does it mean to "journey by faith"? Here's the truth -

God richly rewards the obedient traveler of relentless faith

...and it's important to journey well! Join the journey this summer at CCC!

HIGHLIGHTS

Congregational Meeting | Sunday, AUG 27, 4:30-6:00p in Gather 2; Child Care is provided for Nursery through 5th Grade. The entire Christ Community Ames church family is encouraged to attend.

The Hope in Back to School event was held AUG 5. We served 300 children. We had 140 volunteers from 5 different churches in Ames. This event was a great example of the body of Christ working together for the good of the community. Your support and prayers helped to make this event possible. Families received so much more than a backpack - and God was glorified in the process.

NEXT STEP is an event designed to introduce you to Christ Community Church. Next Step helps you find ways to connect, and join other newcomers in finding out more about our staff, programs, purposes, and values of Christ Community Church. This month, NEXT STEP will be on the second Sunday, SEP 10 at 10:45a at the START HERE desk.

NOTEWORTHY

Classic 2 | In just a few weeks we will be launching our second Classic service [Sunday, August 27] at the 10:45 hour in G2!

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

We are pleased to make you aware that **Kari White** has been and hired as our part-time Adult Ministry Associate in Women's Ministry. Kari began working with us in August. She is the wife of Caleb White, our Middle School Director, who along with their two kids, have been very involved in ministry. Kari brings a passion for Jesus and the gospel and a vision to connect women in life-defining relationships. A native of Iowa, a graduate of Northwestern College [Orange City] and a women's ministry team member - we eagerly welcome her to our team. Please welcome and pray for Kari as she dives in this fall.

COMMUNITY 3

Local churches are furthering intentional efforts to create relationship connections and racial reconciliation within the Kingdom of God and the Ames community. **We invite you to attend Brownicity:** The Art & Beauty of Living and Loving Beyond Race, a family-focused mission dedicated to advocacy, education, and support for racial healing and anti-racism. Brownicity is a platform for creating and promoting practices that produce healing and transformation. We encourage you to attend any of four events happening in Ames: AUG 18-19 & 20. Learn more about Brownicity at their website, www.brownicity.com or at ccames.org.

Cookies for Navigators | Interested in supporting Christian outreach at ISU? We need cookies for the welcome party on AUG 20. Please contact Mary Wiedenhoef, marywied@gmail.com, if you can help.

WORLD 4

White Cross | Monday, AUG 14, 9:30a - 2:30p in Connect 8/9. Help prepare necessary supplies for Tandala Hospital, Elikya Training Center, and Global Fingerprints Orphans we support in Congo. All are welcome. Come for as long as you can. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy fellowship on our lunch break. Questions? Contact Annette Miller [quiltbear@gmail.com or 232-9162]

Head to ccames.org/serve for more opportunities!



Weekly Calendar
 August 13-19, 2017

Sunday, August 13

Monday, August 14

- 5:15a—Women's Workout
- 6:00a—Men's Early AM Bball
- 9:30a—White Cross
- 6:00p—Upward Cheer Clinic

Tuesday, August 15

- 5:15a—Women's Workout
- 6:00a—Men's Early AM Bball
- 7:00p—Evening Summer YADA

Wednesday, August 16

- 6:00a—Men's Early AM Bball

Thursday, August 17

- 5:15a—Women's Workout
- 6:00a—Men's Early AM Bball
- 9:30a—Summer YADA in the park

Friday, August 18

- 5:15a—Women's Workout
- 6:00a—Men's Early AM Bball

Saturday, August 19

Cafe Blinks

Tuesdays 6:30a - 10:30a



August

- 19 - International Welcome Lunch
- 27 - Classic 2 begins [10:45 Classic service]
- 28 - UPWARD practices begin

CONNECT GROUPS [ccames.org/cgroups]

Looking to build relationships and friendships with others at Christ Community? Connect Groups are the place to look! Talk with Laura Teske [lteske@ccames.org] to learn more or to sign up!

UPWARD [ccames.org/get-connected/sports-ministry]

Upward flag football and cheer are looking for volunteers for fall! Whether you're wanting to coach, assistant coach, ref, or help in Blinks, Upward will provide the necessary training so we can together be an effective witness to our community. Please go to our website or church app and learn more about ways you can serve in this life-changing ministry! Contact Kip at khamby@ccames.org.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES [ccames.org/children]

Respect the rhythm! God sets the rhythm for how we treat others. All people are important for two reasons: God made them in his image, and Jesus died for them. That's why **RESPECT** is a reflection of the character of God. When we see people like Jesus sees them, we can show others they are important by what we say and do. [1 Peter 2:17, NIV]
 Contacts: Karen Heiligenthal [karen@ccames.org], Amy Baker [abaker@ccames.org]

STUDENTS [ccames.org/students]

NO Fusion [Middle School] or **Fuel** [High School] in August

ADULTS [ccames.org/get-connected/adult-ministries]

MEN [ccames.org/men] Contact: Ron Stubbs [rcstubbsjr@gmail.com]

WOMEN [ccames.org/women] Contact: Marcia DeZonia [mdezoniam@gmail.com]

Summer YADA in the Park | an informal women's gathering in Moore Memorial Park. We will meet Thursdays at 9:30am [JUN 8-AUG 22] and discuss Lisa TerKeurst's book *Uninvited*. Kids can come and play.

Evening Summer YADA | Using Beth Moore's study on the book of Esther. Meeting Tuesday evenings 7-8:30p in C1. Contact Lyndee Heemstra with questions at lyndee04@gmail.com.

EQUIPPING CHRIST COMMUNITY | Tuesday evenings, beginning SEP 19, we will be equipping people for joy and success in their walks with God, in relationships with others, and in serving our mission:

Understanding and Sharing the Gospel

Re-Engage [Marriage Mentoring Program]

Divorce Care

Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS Celebrating God

INTRO: Sunday's teaching from **Psalm 96** and **Numbers 28-29** emphasized that eager worship of our relationship with the Lord is a key *tuning fork* of a godly life. Celebrating the Lord, singing to and with Him, ascribing to Him the glory due His name, anticipating His coming to set things right – all a part of that eager worship. How eager is yours? What kind of eager-worship-rhythm keeps your life in tune?

Begin with Your **HEART**

What are the reasons to celebrate God in your life? Take a couple of moments to identify 5 reasons why the Lord, His presence in your life, your relationship with Him, His Word, His Spirit, etc...why is HE important to you? **Complete this sentence five times – I will celebrate the Lord because ...** [note: You may want to write these out. They could become your personal "Psalm". Fun!] **Share your "Psalm" with others in your group.**

Look in the **WORD**

The teaching from **Numbers 28-29** focused on how the nation of Israel was to regularly worship, bring offerings, and build their celebrations of relationship with God into a daily, weekly, and annual calendar. "Every year in the future, the priests will have to sacrifice 113 bulls, 32 rams, and 1086 lambs, offer more than a ton of flour and a thousand bottles of oil and wine" according to scholar Gordon Wenham [**Numbers, p.220**]. Today in the NT church, our celebration of God is different. Let's explore what we are called to do?

Why don't we celebrate by bringing animal sacrifices anymore? What does **Hebrews 9:1-14, 24-28** and **10:1-14** indicate?

In Christ now, what kinds of sacrifices and celebrations are Christians to bring in worship?

- Romans 12:1-2
- 1 Corinthians 14:26
- Ephesians 5:1-2
- Ephesians 5:18-21
- Philippians 4:17-19
- Colossians 2:17-19
- Hebrews 13:15-16
- Revelation 4:9-11 and 7:10-12

- What sacrifice is being called for?
- What did celebration look like in the Corinthian church?
- What sacrificial aroma from us is God looking for?
- What directives are offered here Jesus' disciples worshipping?
- Paul, a missionary, received support from the Philippian church. How did Paul describe God's view of this gift?
- Can our worship lose focus? Where should the focus be?
- Having made clear that repeated OT sacrifices are not needed, what celebration and worship is called for?
- What can Scripture's final book teach us about celebrating worship?

SUMMARY: Having soaked your heart in these passages for a few minutes, what's one fresh way you might purpose to celebrate your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ?

My **LIFE** - our **MISSION**

As team members in the Christ Community Church family, our ministry's strategy is wrapped up in 3 words: We **GATHER**, we **CONNECT** and we **SERVE**. The 1st – **GATHER** – is to come together regularly [cf. Hebrews 10:24-25] to celebrate our relationship with God.

Will you make this "celebrating God" a priority in this upcoming ministry year [September – May]? Statistics reveal that on average, of those who attend church services in the USA, people attend 1.5 Sundays in a month [i.e., out of a "month of Sundays"]. Such an attendance pattern makes it difficult for a church team/family to build momentum in accomplishing its mission together. Consistency, eager worship [or **GATHER**] gives great energy to what God is doing through us. Encourage this in your own home, and with your friends. Invite others to join you in worship. **Eager worship is the tuning fork for godly living.**

GIVING INFORMATION

Regular, generous giving is part of life-defining worship. General contributions received on Sunday morning, scheduled online at our website, or initiated through the church app support our entire ongoing ministry [General Fund]. Thank you for praying and responding, as God leads, in your worship through giving!

*Current information about finances and giving opportunities are available on the church website under **GIVE**.*