

# THE MESSAGE

Unrivaled

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**Hebrews 10:23** - Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

**Hebrews 10:32-39** - Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering.<sup>33</sup> Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.<sup>34</sup> You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.<sup>35</sup> So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.<sup>36</sup> You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.<sup>37</sup> For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay."<sup>38</sup> And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."<sup>39</sup> But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 6-16, 24-27, 36-40** - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.<sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible...<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.<sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.<sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.<sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.<sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as

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the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.<sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.<sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them...<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.<sup>25</sup> He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.<sup>26</sup> He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.<sup>27</sup> By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible...<sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.<sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—<sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,<sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

**Hebrews 12:1-2** - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Romans 10:17** - ... faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

**UNRIVALED Reading and Prayer Plan:**  
**Reading plans for this series** available in the lobby or online: [cachurch.com/unrivaledreadingplan](http://cachurch.com/unrivaledreadingplan)

# MINISTRIES

Visit **CAchurch.com** for info on available ministries or email us: [info@cachurch.com](mailto:info@cachurch.com)

**Men | Women | Fusion 18-35yrs | Life Groups**  
**CA Students (6th-12th) | Kids Church**  
**Thrive Growth & Recovery**  
**Counseling at The Relationship Center**  
**Kingdom & Evangelism**

## WAYS TO GIVE



Go to **CAchurch.com** or use the envelope in the seat backs at our services.

### Financial Update

2016 General Budget: **\$6,000,000**  
YTD 4.30.16 - Requirement: **\$2,076,923**  
YTD 4.30.16 - Offering: **\$1,955,616**  
April Kingdom (Blue Bucket) Offering: **\$11,645**  
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$156,517**



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# WELCOME

May 14 & 15, 2016

**Worship God**  
Become part of His **Family**  
Extend His **Kingdom**



## WELCOME!

We're so glad you've chosen to join us!

Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convinced and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. Whether you are simply curious about Jesus or have been a long-time follower of Christ, we welcome you and are excited you are with us today.

Enjoy the service!

Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill  
Co-Lead Pastors

## NEW?

■ We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **New People's Table** in the lobby where we have a welcome gift for you.

■ There is a **Connection Card** in the seatbacks that you can use to ask questions, submit a prayer request or just let us know you're visiting. Fill it out and drop it in the offering bag or at the New People's Table.

■ If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. Just ask an usher!

## INFORMATION / OPPORTUNITIES



Join us next weekend, May 21 & 22, as we continue in our teaching series from the book of Hebrews!



If you are a father with children of any age or future father-to-be, join us for this special one-night Thrive Growth & Recovery seminar. **Registration required**, visit: [cachurch.com/thrive](http://cachurch.com/thrive)



We are compelled to extend the love of Jesus to every child and offer classes for infants - 5th grade during all services.

More information at [cakidschurch.com](http://cakidschurch.com)



Do you have junior or senior high school-aged kids? We offer programs for junior high (grades 6-8) **Saturdays at 6 pm** and high school **Wednesdays at 7 pm**. More information at [castudents.com](http://castudents.com)

## Kids Church Summer Events



For more info check out [cakidschurch.com](http://cakidschurch.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Internship Program at CA

We are launching a 9-month internship program this fall designed for anyone interested in exploring a potential call to ministry and for those who want to learn what it looks like to work at a local church. For more info and to apply: [cachurch.com/internship](http://cachurch.com/internship)

### Counselors' Lunch

The Relationship Center is hosting a free lunch on May 22 for professional counselors and trainees at CA. We have a great community of counselors at our church, so it's a fun opportunity to network! **Registration required**, visit: [cachurch.com/trc](http://cachurch.com/trc)

### CA Students Fundraiser

CA Students annual yard sale is on May 30! Donations will be accepted 1 hour prior to services on May 28 & 29, except for FUSION - Sunday night 6pm service. We will be accepting household items, clothes, toys, electronics, tools, sports equipment, small furniture pieces, etc. Not accepting large appliances, office furniture or tube TV's.

### Parking Volunteers

The gospel starts in the parking lot! If you are interested in serving our community as a parking greeter, sign up in the lobby today or email: [leannes@cachurch.com](mailto:leannes@cachurch.com)

### Summer Book Clubs

Women's Ministry presents Summer Book Clubs! They meet at different times throughout the city. Together, we are reading **Just Walk Across the Room** by Bill Hybels. There are some married & co-ed groups. Info at [cachurch.com/bookclubs](http://cachurch.com/bookclubs)