

THE MESSAGE

The Power of Decision

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Joel 3:10-16 - Hammer your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Train even your weaklings to be warriors. ¹¹ Come quickly, all you nations everywhere. Gather together in the valley. And now, O Lord, call out your warriors! ¹² "Let the nations be called to arms. Let them march to the valley of Jehoshaphat. There I, the Lord, will sit to pronounce judgment on them all. ¹³ Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread the grapes, for the winepress is full. The storage vats are overflowing with the wickedness of these people." ¹⁴ Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the valley of decision. There the day of the Lord will soon arrive. ¹⁵ The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will no longer shine. ¹⁶ The Lord's voice will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth will shake. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a strong fortress for the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 - "Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster. ¹⁶ For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in his ways. If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy. ¹⁷ "But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods, ¹⁸ then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy. ¹⁹ "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! ²⁰ You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly

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to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Joshua 24:15 - But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

1 Kings 18:21 - Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent.

Matthew 6:24 - No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

Joel 1:1-4 - The Lord gave this message to Joel son of Pethuel. ² Hear this, you leaders of the people. Listen, all who live in the land. In all your history, has anything like this happened before? ³ Tell your children about it in the years to come, and let your children tell their children. Pass the story down from generation to generation. ⁴ After the cutting locusts finished eating the crops, the swarming locusts took what was left! After them came the hopping locusts, and then the stripping locusts, too!

Joel 3:3 - They threw dice to decide which of my people would be their slaves. They traded boys to obtain prostitutes and sold girls for enough wine to get drunk.

Psalms 56:8 - You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

MINISTRIES

Visit **CAchurch.com** for info on available ministries or email us: **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

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

Financial Update

2016 General Budget:
\$6,000,000

YTD 6.30.16 - Requirement:
\$3,000,000

YTD 6.30.16 - Offering:
\$2,923,291

June Kingdom (Blue Bucket) Offering: **\$19,134**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$239,116**



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August 6 & 7, 2016

Worship God

Become part of His **Family**

Extend His **Kingdom**

Christian Assembly

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, August 13 & 14, as we continue to look at various encounters in the Bible and the decisions God calls us to make.



- **Men's Gathering:** Wednesday, 7pm, September 14
- **Women's Bible Study:** Begins September 13/14
- **Starting Point Class:** Begins September 18
- **Fusion Retreat** (18-35yr olds): November 11-13



More information at cakidschurch.com

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



Our junior high (grades 6-8) and high school programs are currently on summer hiatus. Program will resume for high school on **Wednesday, Aug 24 at 7pm** and junior high on **Saturday, Aug 27 at 6pm**. For more info visit castudents.com

HOW TO BE BRAVE

TEACHING SERIES
AUG 20 - SEPT 25

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JOIN US FOR THIS 6 WEEK SERIES AND FIND OUT HOW FAITH IN CHRIST & BRAVERY GO TOGETHER.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids Church

Looking for an opportunity to serve and have fun at the same time? Kids Church is inviting people to share the love of Christ with kids in a variety of ways. Check it out at cakidschurch.com/kc-volunteer

New Parking Lot

We have a new off-site lot available for all of our weekend services just one block away! For more information on this lot and all of our other parking options, visit: cachurch.com/parking

Kids Hope

You can change a life, by investing one hour a week serving an at-risk child in our community. Kids Hope is our weekly mentoring program at the local Eagle Rock Elementary school and we are looking for 30 new mentors. For more info or to sign up, visit: cachurch.com/kidshope

Starting Point

If you're new to faith or new to this church family we want to invite you to Starting Point. This 6-week class will help you learn how to grow in faith with others. Class begins Sunday, Sept.18 at 11:15am at 2435 Colorado Blvd, Rm 30. For more info, visit: cachurch.com/startingpoint

Did you know?

We offer **Spanish language translation at the 9am South service**. Translation devices available before the service in the lobby.