

# THE MESSAGE

## Better Than Rubies

**P9  
Mark Pickerill**

**James 1:1-4 (NIV)** - <sup>1</sup>James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings. <sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup>Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**James 1:12 (NIV)** - Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

**1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)** - Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

**Philippians 2:3 (CSB)** - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.

**Philippians 2:5-7 (NIV)** - <sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

**Hebrews 11:11-12 (CSB)** - <sup>11</sup>By faith even Sarah herself, when she was unable to have children, received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age, since she considered that the one who had promised was faithful. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, from one man—in fact, from one as good as dead—came offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and as innumerable as the grains of sand along the seashore.

**Hebrews 11:24-26 (CSB)** - <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter <sup>25</sup>and chose to

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suffer with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasure of sin. <sup>26</sup>For he considered reproach for the sake of Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, since he was looking ahead to the reward.

**Philippians 3:7-8 (CSB)** - <sup>7</sup>But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ

**Acts 26:1-2 (CSB)** - <sup>1</sup>Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." Then Paul stretched out his hand and began his defense: <sup>2</sup>"I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews

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## Financial Update

2024 General Budget:  
**\$9,100,000.00**

YTD 06.30.2024 - Requirement:  
**\$4,550,000.00**

YTD 06.30.2024 - Offering:  
**\$4,843,416.74**

June Kingdom Offering: **\$57,056.44**  
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$418,265.74**

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• Saturdays | 6pm (south)  
• Sundays | 9am (south)  
• Sundays | 11:15am (north & south)  
• Sunday [Fusion, 18-35] | 6pm (north)

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**Welcome**  
ASSEMBLY

July 27 & 28, 2024

**Worship God**  
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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 seat-backs 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 drop box 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



Join us next weekend as we conclude our series: **Better Than Rubies: Building A Better Life Through God's Wisdom**. What if there was something that could make every area of your life better? There is: God's wisdom. So, invite a friend and join us as we learn how God's timeless wisdom applies to your decision-making, words, work or school life, friendships, relationship with God, and much more! **Next weekend is a Communion weekend.**



## PARENTING CONFERENCE

AUGUST 23 & 24

Join us **Aug. 23/24** for our first ever **Parenting Conference**, right here at CA! Parents with kids of all ages are invited to gather with the heart of seeking God's heart for our families! Cost is \$10 per adult and we have limited childcare available for \$25 per child. For more info and to register, please visit one of our tables in the lobby after service or: [cachurch.com/parentconference](http://cachurch.com/parentconference)



Our Kids Church Program is offered during all services for children from birth to 5th grade. For more information stop by the Kids Church tent or visit: [cakidschurch.com](http://cakidschurch.com)

Our CA Students programs are on summer hiatus. **Programs will resume on Saturday, Aug. 17 for Middle School (6th-8th grades) and Wednesday, Aug. 21 for High School (9th-12th grades).** Have a great summer! For more info, please visit: [castudents678.com](http://castudents678.com)



Fusion is one of our weekend services and is specifically geared toward 18-35 year olds. We meet on Sunday nights 6pm at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north). Join us! For more info, visit: [cafusion.com](http://cafusion.com)

## OPPORTUNITIES

# KINGDOM EVENTS

### Sharing & Prayer with Kingdom Partners from Central Asia

Join us for a time of sharing and prayer as we hear what God is doing in Central Asia through our kingdom partners, the Bennetts. Lunch will be provided.

**When:** Sunday, July 28

**Time:** 1pm - 2:30pm

**Where:** 2435 Colorado Blvd.  
Rm 30 (north)

### Foster Family Celebration

Christian Assembly will be hosting a special event for Foster Families with Olive Crest on our campus. We are expecting over 200 people and need volunteers to help with games, crafts, food distribution, and connecting foster families with our church family.

**When:** Saturday, August 10

**Time:** 9:30am - 12:30pm

**Where:** 2424 Colorado Blvd.

For more info and to register for these events, please visit:

[cachurch.com/kingdom](http://cachurch.com/kingdom)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CA Internships

Discover how God made you for ministry in a local church context. Be part of a co-hort led by Matt Price (Pastor of Evangelism), to discern God's calling as you gain experience alongside our pastoral team. **The internship will run from Sep. 2024 - May 2025. Applications are due by Tuesday, Aug. 1.** For more info and to download an application, visit: [cachurch.com/internships](http://cachurch.com/internships)

### 6th Grade Welcome Night

We will be welcoming all **new incoming 6th graders** to 678! Whether you are graduating from Kids Church 345 or completely new to Christian Assembly, you are invited to this special night. This is a great night for both **parents and students** to get to know our Pastoral Team and learn about 678's mission and expectations. **Join us Saturday, Aug. 10 (6pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north).** For more info, please visit: [castudents678.com](http://castudents678.com)

### Kids Church Summer Park Meet-Ups

Kids Church is coming to your neighborhood! **Stop by with your family on Sunday, Aug. 11 (Crescenta Valley Park in La Crescenta) from 2:30pm-4pm** for snacks, games, and summer hangs with Kids Church. Invite a neighbor or friend to join the fun. For more info, please visit: [cachurch.com/summerparkmeetups](http://cachurch.com/summerparkmeetups)

### Fusion Beach Day

If you are between the ages of 18-35, come hang out with us for **Fusion Beach Day at The Annenberg Community Beach House (Santa Monica) Saturday, Aug. 10 (9am-1pm)!** We will have light snacks, games & drinks to enjoy. Don't forget the sunscreen & we'll see you there. For more info, please visit: [cafusion.com/beachday](http://cafusion.com/beachday)

### Fusion Retreat

**If you're between the ages of 18-35 years old, come join us at beautiful Hume Lake Christian Camp, the weekend of Oct. 4-6.** Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to grow deeper in Christ and get even more plugged into our Fusion family at an incredible location. **Cost is \$170!** For more info and to register, please visit: [cafusion.com/retreat](http://cafusion.com/retreat)