

THE MESSAGE

Thanksgiving 2024

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1. Because God goes before us, we can be _____.

2. Because God goes before us, we can trust His _____.

3. We have a _____ faith, but we serve an _____.

4. Because Jesus goes before us, we have a future full of _____ and _____.

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 (ESV) - ⁷Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. ⁸It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Joshua 3:1-17 (NIV) - ¹Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. ²After three days the officers went throughout the camp, ³giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. ⁴Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it."

⁵Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

⁶Joshua said to the priests, "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on ahead of the people." So they took it up and went ahead of them.

⁷And the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. ⁸Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant: 'When you reach the edge of the Jordan's waters, go and stand in the river.'"

MESSAGE NOTES

⁹Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God. ¹⁰This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. ¹¹See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. ¹²Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. ¹³And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the Lord—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

¹⁴So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Acts 24:14 (NIV) - However, I admit that I worship the God of our ancestors as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets,

Mark 16:7 (NIV) - But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'

John 14:1-7 (NIV) - ¹"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going."

⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

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Financial Update

2024 General Budget:
\$9,100,000.00

YTD 10.31.2024 - Requirement:
\$7,525,000.00

YTD 10.31.2024 - Offering:
\$7,896,862.40

October Kingdom Offering: **\$62,297.65**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$662,806.48**



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Service Times:

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

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CHRISTIAN

Thanksgiving

ASSEMBLY

November 23 & 24, 2024

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 (Lead Pastor) and the CA Pastoral Team

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



As a Christian Assembly church family, one of our values is "Kingdom" by which we mean sharing God's transforming grace with others around us, in the city, and around the world, just as God shared it with us in his Son, Jesus Christ. We created a magazine filled with stories from the last 12 months of how God has been at work both in us and through us! Pick up a copy today!



It's Christmas Pajama Season! Donate Pajamas for Moms, Children and Families at three Union Rescue Transitional Housing Sites and Door of Hope this Christmas season. **Donations will be collected at our Women's Gathering on Wednesday, Dec. 4 (6pm-9pm).** Thank you for your generosity! For more info and to donate, please visit: cachurch.com/pjdrive



Join us for our annual **Women's Christmas Gathering** where we will spend time worshipping with Christmas songs, playing festive games, hearing a message of hope from God's Word and enjoying hot chocolate and cookies together as a community! **Wednesday, Dec. 4 (7pm) at 2424 Colorado Blvd. (south).** For more info, please visit: cachurch.com/christmasgathering2024



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: cakidchurch.com

We offer programs for both middle and high schoolers. For grades 6th-8th, we meet on **Saturdays (6pm-7:15pm)** and for grades 9th-12th, we meet on **Wednesdays (7pm-8:30pm).** For more info, please visit: 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

OPPORTUNITIES



We are so excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus together! Our Christmas services will include a joyful time of singing, life-giving teaching from the Bible, and candle lights! Kids (birth to 5th grade) are invited to join Kids Church as we unwrap the best gift that has ever been given! Invite family, friends, neighbors, coworkers & more!

SERVICE DATES & TIMES

Saturday, December 21
4pm (South)
6:30pm (South & North)

Sunday, December 22
9am (South)
11:30am (South & North)
6pm (South)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

To volunteer with Kids Church, worship choir, or welcome & hospitality for Christmas services, scan the QR code below.



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MORE INFO
cachurch.com/christmas

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Advent Reading Plan

Join us as we read together the 2024 Advent Reading Plan. Advent means "arrival" or "coming", and it's a season that begins four Sundays prior to Christmas. In the Advent season, we look back to Jesus' first coming when He was born as a baby, and we look forward to His second coming when He will return again as King. Grab a printed reading plan in the lobby, or visit: cachurch.com/advent

Fusion Christmas Cafe

If you are between the ages of 18-35, join our Fusion community on **Sunday, Dec. 15** after the Fusion 6pm service for our **Christmas @ The Cafe** party. We will have hot chocolate & treats, as well as a white elephant gift exchange. We can't wait to celebrate together! Stop by the new people's table if you'd like to sign up for the gift exchange or visit: cafusion.com/christmas

CA Students - No Program

CA Students will **not** be meeting for programs on **Wednesday, Nov. 27** for High School (grades 9-12) and **Saturday, Nov. 30** for Junior High (grades 6-8). Programs will resume on **Dec. 4 & 7.**

Kids Church Volunteers

If you have a heart for children and for planting the seeds of the gospel, come be a part of what God is doing in Kids Church! We offer programs for kids birth to 5th grade. If you are interested in serving, or if you would like more information, please email: carlosc@cachurch.com

Available Parking Lots

We have three off-site parking lots available for all our weekend services: College View Lot (one block West, Orange building), Seventh Day Adventist (one block South), and Target (two blocks West). Each of these lots are available for all our service times. Please do **not** park at the Harvest Tabernacle Church on Ellenwood and Merton.