

10:00 Morning Prayer and Praise

Matters for Prayer/Prayer Matters:

- to keep Christ central all year and to share Him
- CCF's Deacons—Dan Allshouse, Scott Bailey, Derek Bartholic, Dian Bartholic, Zachary Kennedy, and Rob Schreckengost.
- for CCF's Finances; we are below budget

CCF's Unifying Mission is to:

Be and make disciples of Jesus

who love God and others to His glory

- Using our Spirit-given gifts and resources
- Relying on His strength
- Serving with His body, family
- Following Him through His Word

10:45 Jesus is God's Christ. Yours, too?

Matthew 16:13-17

Kerry Doyal

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE [7 TO 8 P.M.]

Join us for carols, candles, and Christ. Who are you inviting?

OUTREACH TOOLS!

We have literature to help you make disciples. After each description is what it costs CCF. Just put it in the box—no envelope needed. If your budget is tight, it is **free!**

- **Christmas Word Watch!** Take several, read it to the kids and the grands. (3 for a \$1)
- **Questions Christians Hope No One will Ask:** An easy-to-read, very helpful "answer book" (\$2)
- **Chinese Christmas Tract!** Next time you are at a Chinese restaurant . . . (.33)
- **It's Time to Come Home:** A testimony of a prodigal calling other prodigals to come home (.50)

UPCOMING EQUIPPING AND MINISTRY EVENTS

December 24—Christmas Eve Service [7 to 8 p.m.]

2019—Ruminating on Righteousness via Romans

January 2—Rosebrook Ministry

YOUTH—MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS [7 TO 8:30 P.M.]

- December 26—**No Youth Group**
- December 30—**Regional Combined Youth Event [Sunday, 6-8 p.m.]**
- January 2—**Rosebrook Ministry!**

2018 BIBLE READ THROUGH

December 24, 25, 27 Psalm 150, 1, 32

December 26 Luke 2:1-20

December 28 Matthew 16:16-38 . . . then Romans 1:1-17

HOMEGROUP BIBLE STUDY

We meet at the home of Matt and Sherri Smith every first and third Sunday of each month. A shared dinner begins at 5 p.m. with the study to follow. All are welcome; check with Matt or Sherri for details.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT ALRET!

Our first Family Game Night of 2019 is scheduled for March 15!



JESUS, THE SON OF MAN, IS GOD'S CHRIST

"You are the Christ!"—from Matthew 16:13-17

Sometimes we get what we wanted most without realizing it. That longed for thing comes in a fashion you did not expect, and it takes a while to see it for what it is—or Who He is. The Jews longed for nothing more than their promised Messiah. He would finally deliver them from external, oppressive rulers and reestablish them in their Land, under God's Rule—David's Son, finally on the throne, forever. But, what did that have to do with Jesus? He was before their eyes, and they did not see Him. And for us, is Jesus what we really need most, even if He is not what we expected?

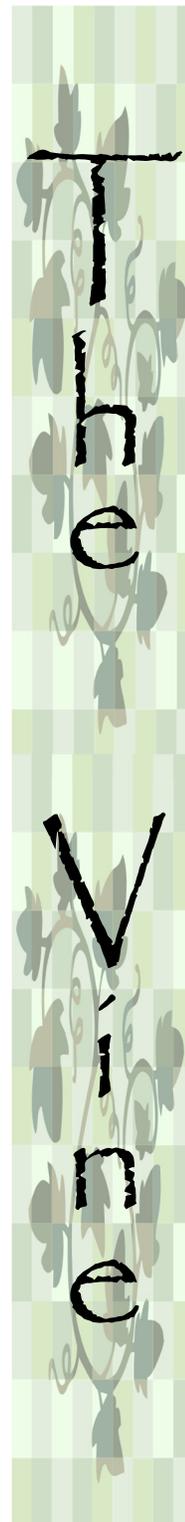
"When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But you," he asked them, "who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

"Jesus responded, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven."

(Matthew 16:13-17 –CSB)

After a pop quiz, tests are checked, and grades given. Jesus gave Peter an A+ on his short yet eternally significant exam. Jesus asked His disciples "who do you say that I am?" and Peter delivered, with God-given insight and world-changing truth: "You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Today, we'll peer into the first part of Peter's powerful, provocative proclamation: Jesus, the self-described Son of Man, is the Christ! What did that mean to them? What should that mean for us?



JESUS, THE SON OF MAIN, IS GOD'S CHRIST

"You are the Christ!"—from Matthew 16:13-17
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❖ Jesus, the Christ (ὁ χριστὸς), is God's:

Uniquely Anointed Sent One: tasked, empowered, Messiah

- A Son of Abraham (Genesis 15; 17:6-8; Galatians 3:16-18; Romans 4)
- The Son of David (2 Samuel 7:8-16; Matthew 1:1-18; Mark 10:46-52)
- The Son of God (Matthew 1:20-23; John 1:1-14; 3:16; 1 John 4, 5)

Long-Awaited, Sovereignly Planned Deliverer (John 1:41; 4:25)

- "In fullness of time . . . to redeem . . ." adopt (Isaiah 7:14; Galatians 4:4-7)
- God's King of His Kingdom (Matthew 1:1, 18; 28:18-20; Psalm 2)
- Savior of God's People (Psalm 2; Daniel; Jeremiah 23; Ezekiel 37)
- Blessing to the Nations (Genesis 15; Isaiah 2, 9:6, 7; 11; Acts 2:29-36)

❖ Do YOU Confess Jesus as God's Christ?

- **God's Promises** to YOU Fulfilled (Acts 1, 2; Romans 1:2-4; 1 John 4)
- **God's Person**, like No Other. King of Kings (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14, 19:16)
- **God's Provision** of Forgiveness, Life, Hope . . . (John 10:10; Colossians 1:27)

"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

(John 20:30, 31 –NIV)

➤ **Jesus fulfilled all their true needs. He can** ours, too. (Colossians 1:25-27)

➤ **It is our turn to wait**, for His Second Coming (Acts 1; Revelation 20-22; 2 Peter). Then it will be said, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 11:15 –NIV)

➤ **Until then, seek, serve, share God's King** (Matthew 25; 28:18-20; Luke 1:32, 33) ". . . seek first his kingdom and his righteousness . . ." (Matthew 6:33). Because, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord . . ." (Philippians 2:10-11 –NIV)

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DECEMBER 23, 2018

When the Magi had gone . . .

" . . . an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." (Matthew 2:13-15 –NIV)

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

(Hebrews 1:1-3 –NIV)

Welcome, Guests! We are honored to have you with us. Please let us know how we can be of help. Also, please fill in an information card and put in the offering box.

Children are dismissed to classes after our shared time of worship. **We also have a nursery.** Infants are welcome in the service. Please be sensitive to the distraction those cute, squirmy ones can be. **Thank you.**

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