

What does it look like for women to live out their faith in Jesus Christ? What does it mean for us to know who we are in Christ? Where should our focus as women be in today's culture? These are some of the questions that are being addressed by 130 plus women in the Women's Cafe Bible studies.

The am, pm, and Teen Mops groups are active in providing a meeting place for over 150 moms of preschoolers. In an atmosphere of love and acceptance, they find fellowship and learn about the difference that Christ can make in their lives.



There are so many opportunities for living out our faith as needs present themselves in areas of relationships, raising children, abuse issues, and self-worth. At times the needs seem overwhelming, but that is when we must "keep our

He is our hope, our refuge, our strong deliverer eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith." Jesus said that in this world we will have trouble, but that we are not to be dismayed, because He has overcome the world. He is our hope, our refuge, our strong deliverer.

As well as having the privilege of coming together as women to study God's Word, there have been many opportunities to put our faith into action. The Lord has made known some immediate needs in our community among women and families. Many women have, in turn, responded to those needs by cooking meals, passing on baby clothes, and baby supplies, and giving of their time and gifts to help others through the holidays. One family said that they would not have had a Christmas if it had not been for people showing them the love of Jesus in practical ways.

It is my hope and prayer that the women of Christ Community will grow in their love and relationship with Jesus. That can only result in a renewed desire to live out our lives for Him by serving others as we walk with Him. We are looking forward to what God will do for His glory as we make much of Jesus in this ministry!

Nancy Dockter, Director of Women's Ministry

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We added a couple of key people to our staff as well, most notably a new Executive Pastor, Dr. Greg Bourgon. He will be the permanent Executive Pastor, the "interim" title being removed. He has been a great sounding board for myself and a source of good advice and leadership for the elders and the staff.

Going forward, as you have indicated through our recent church survey, we will be focusing on several key themes in 2012. Community and connections has been a theme for several years, but this is the best information we have had, a fresh glimpse of reality. Frankly, we are just not where we need to be yet. Dr. Greg Bourgon will be maintaining the small group leadership, along with his Executive Pastor duties, as we become a church of small groups, not just a church with small groups. This is both a philosophical and tactical shift. While we will still support and encourage all of our current connecting and discipling programs, it is the small group ministry that needs to become the long-term connection focus at Christ Community Church.

We also will be focusing heavily on the need to create spiritual outlets for the gifting and energy of our constituents. The overwhelming response to Feed My Starving Children is a lesson in our collective willingness to get behind a worthy cause. You will see an increased emphasis on helping you to connect with these types of worthy causes.

We also heard of your desire to hear more from the church leadership on issues of prayer, decisions made, and simply the desire to be informed more at the corporate level. I will be talking to the Board in 2012 about how to effectively do just that. Thank you for your faithful commitment to the Body of Christ through Christ Community Church. We look forward to an exciting future in 2012 and beyond. The following are a few highlights of what God is doing here. The staff are constantly sharing and celebrating stories of life change in our ministries. The following numbers are simply a reflection of the incredible opportunities that God has given us.

Dr. Paul Brushaber, Senior Pastor



Christ Community is buzzing on Wednesday nights with over 80 leaders in their superhero uniforms ready to teach and empower the 373 kids who are registered in AWANA. Our commander, Jeremy Balster, continues to lead this vibrant ministry and we are truly blessed to have committed leaders sharing their lives, time, and energy with our kids. It is inspiring to hear children recite scriptures by memory, see them worship God through song, and watch them build relationships with others each week.

- Weekend campus attendance averaged 1424, one of the highest in our history.
- 75 people attended Financial Peace University. Amazingly, average debt load reduction over ten weeks was \$4800 per household and savings increased in each household by \$3300.
- 28 small groups provide accountability and fellowship to hundreds of adults regularly.
- 43 couples attended our first ever Marriage Adventure and 30 more couples attended the Love & Respect lifelab marriage series.
- 55 people attended the lifelab Radical book series this past fall.
- 80 men have attended the third year of Men's Fraternity & 35 men started a new study called "Heart of A Warrior" this past fall.
- 38 people were baptized, 51 children were dedicated, and we welcomed in 41 new members in 2011.
- 30 adults and 8 children were ministered to through our Divorce Care Program.
- Kidcity has 953 children registered, with almost half of them in kidcity on any given weekend.

Restoring Our Broken World



2011 was a year of change and transition as seen by sanctuary renovations and the new logo unveiled this weekend. We look forward to a new future, as a lot was done to lay a foundation for more effective ministry in 2012 and beyond.

Our new logo reflects a growing spiritual burden in all of us, from elders and staff to members and other congregants, to make our lives matter in very tangible and effective ways. The intersecting of the sun/cross reflects the light and love of God breaking in on our lives and the rest of our broken world – it is truly a great reflection of the wholeness of the Gospel's mandate as well as a belief that only God can truly fix our broken world, including you and me. It is a wonderful representation of who God calls us to be.

Our new sanctuary seating arrangement added significant weekend capacity so that now a service with over 400 people is comfortable, but not a crisis, allowing visitors to feel that there is room for them if they choose CCC as a church home. Due to years of careful spending, we were able to pay for this out of reserves even during a flat or slightly down year in giving. We have received overwhelming approval on the changes in seating.

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missions

30% of our mission budget (and thousands of hours of service from the CCC family) go to these local and regional missions: New Life Family Services, Feed My Starving Children, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, NOAH, TeenMOPS, Carefest, Navigators at RCTC & UMR, Mark & Mel Briggs (serving in the middle east), and Michelle Lawman (serving in Arizona).

35% of our mission budget supports the Great Commission Fund, contributing to the work of over 800 missionaries in 61 countries world-wide, through the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Their ministries include:

- Hospitals, dental & eye clinics, medical professional skills training, AIDS/HIV education & care, community health
- Cottage industry training, community development, outreach to postmoderns, intercultural ministries
- Family/marriage counseling, camps, children's ministries, schools for missionaries' kids, orphanages
- Leadership development, theological education, evangelism, church planting, disciple-making, Bible institutes

35% of our mission budget supports Cambodian projects: Poipet medical mission, Place of Rescue Orphanage at Mongkol Borey, New Hope Schools for Vietnamese children, Cambodian church ministries and leadership development.

At our October Mission Conference, the gym was transformed into a Jarai village, complete with a river, home, outhouse, pigs, chickens, and a calf. Our goal to raise \$10,000 for the work of Bounoeuy and Chanthan Kes was almost tripled, as people 'bought' animals, bikes, water and homes. The Kes' were there with us, sharing the stories of the Jarai people, and how God's love and light is penetrating this area of the world for the first time in history.



Nourishment for Hungry People

A new ministry was launched in 2011 to feed hungry children right here in NW Rochester. The Backpack Ministry packs and delivers backpacks full of food to over 25 families each week through Gibbs Elementary School. We are also fighting hunger through Feed My Starving Children. We will be packing 200,000 meals in Jan 2012, with volunteer spots being filled as fast as we could post them.



Short-term Mission Trips

In 2011, 94 people from CCC experienced first hand what missions is like in a culture very different from our own. Teams went to South Dakota, Ohio, Mexico, and Cambodia with hearts to serve and love the people there. Things didn't always turn out as planned, but God used our people in many ways. In turn, our hearts and minds were challenged by the enormity of God's work around the world, yet his eagerness to use the least of us in that work.

"This week in Sisseton, as a family, we saw the heart-breaking reality of emaciated lives, starved of love and hope - both young and old. And, in turn, we were given the chance to pour the love and hope we've been so richly blessed with back into those hungry souls. I pray we made an impact. I know that we were impacted."



We want to thank all of our mission supporters for your generous gifts and resources of time and money. It was a great year of learning and growing together as we "traveled the world" with our ministry partners from Asia to Rochester. We look forward to expanding our Kingdom reach in 2012.

Pastor Steve Eckert & the Mission Team

men

Men on the move... gathering, growing, giving, and going!

CCC Men have gathered to grow, give, and go in a variety of settings... small groups, large groups, retreats for reflection and renewal, advances for service and outreach. Over 300 men were involved in Men's Fraternity, Heart of a Warrior, Fall Retreat, Dads and Sons, NOAH Ministry, team sports, discipleship, mentoring, leading, following, and giving of their time and talents.

Men are recognizing that tuning their heart to the heart of God equips them to be better men, fathers, husbands, sons, and grand-fathers. At CCC we are seeing a growing passion to be conformed to the image of Christ that we would think, feel, see, and behave like Christ.

Dr. Greg Borougond, Executive Pastor

children

This has been an incredible year in kidcity.

I have to pinch myself as I am so grateful that God has allowed me to share the in the lives of our children. I see the light in their eyes as they tell me how they showed God's love to others during their week, how God answered a prayer, seeing them lift their hands to worship God or even just showing me that they lost a tooth!

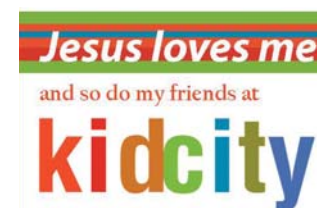
Every weekend, we create a place where kids' hearts and lives can be impacted to know God, love God, and grow in God. As we journey through the Big God Story, it is a beautiful "ah-ha" moment when kids realize that they too can be a part of the Big God Story.

This year, 46 children made Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior. We rejoice and celebrate with them! Our stellar volunteer team makes every weekend possible, purposeful, and meaningful as they lay the spiritual foundation in our kids. Volunteers, you may never know the lasting influence you will have, but know that you are making a difference in their lives and in the kingdom of God. My prayer for 2012 is that Jesus is glorified and made BIG in all aspects of this ministry and in our lives.

**Trisha Rindels
Director of Children's Ministries**

Our Eventful Kidcity Year

Our year began with over 700 people grooving to the Teddy Bear Band at Eggstravaganza. In April, dads and daughters enjoyed "An Evening with God's Princesses" including dinner, a ballet performance, dancing, and a special message. We went under construction at Treasure Hunters to study the nuts and bolts of the Bible as well as worshipping, performing skits, and serving



others at the Salvation Army Senior Center. Over 250 kids learned that God is WILD about

us at our Pandamania VBS this summer. 51 children were dedicated to the Lord through child dedication this year. In November, 517 boxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child, up 72% from last year's collection. Thank you for giving and impacting the world with the message of Jesus Christ! Finally, the perfect end to a great year saw 105 kids participating in the Christmas program, celebrating the birth of our Savior!

530 students attend Kingdom Kids Preschool and Kindergarten. In 2011 we held our first tuition assistance fundraiser, and were able to help 13 students with tuition.

Camp Kingdom Kids averaged 63 school age and 45 preschool students, with a total of 276 children enrolled for the summer. A big highlight was our week with Prairie Fire Children's Theater. The story of Robin Hood was presented by our campers, complete with colorful costumes, songs, and some fancy footwork.

Lisa Mills, Kingdom Kids Director



students

Our goal is not to be the biggest, flashiest, or coolest youth ministry around. Our goal is to be the most effective youth ministry around. To us, that means aligning our ministry to what Jesus originally intended. Therefore, we make disciples who make disciples. We worship in Spirit and in Truth. We serve the poor and marginalized. We catalyze local missionaries (we call this "being Orange"). We focus on spiritual growth!

Because of this healthy model of ministry, we celebrate by measuring spiritual growth, such as:

- **125 students** (about 80% of our youth group, and a new record!) joined a LifeGroup Bible study, displaying a craving to be discipled.
- **19 students** were baptized, displaying a determination to worship God in every part of their lives.
- **50 students** and leaders participated in a short term mission trip, displaying a passion to serve "the least of these."
- **About 1/3 of our students** regularly served the church, our youth ministry, and outside CCC's walls, displaying a missional mindset.

Mark McCutcheon, Pastor of Student Ministries



"Winter Camp... Always the highlight of my year! The Lord is sooooo good!! He did amazing things this weekend. Excited to make the most of every opportunity, lets' start this revival everyone!" a high school student



2011 marked the 10th anniversary of Kingdom Kids. Hundreds of people attended our anniversary celebration in May, which included games, petting zoo, DJ, and Roscoe's Barbeque. We look forward to serving the Rochester community in 2012.