

THE MESSAGE

Simply Christmas

P3
Tom Hughes

1. God's unconditional promises _____
come to pass.

2. Just because we are _____, doesn't
mean that God is not _____.

3. What _____ promises us is up to
_____ ; what _____ do with God's
promises is up to _____.

Luke 1:68 - "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people."

Matthew 2:1-6 - ¹Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some magi from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ²"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."
³King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. ⁴He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: ⁶'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'"

Number 24:17 - "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob, a scepter will rise of our Israel."

Isaiah 60:2-3 - See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³Nations will come to your light, and wise men to the brightness of your dawn."

MESSAGE NOTES

Matthew 6:23 - "If the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!"

Isaiah 8:20-22 - "Look to God's instructions and teachings! People who contradict God's word are completely in the dark...They will look up to heaven and down at the earth, but wherever they look, there will be trouble and anguish and dark despair. They will be thrown out into the darkness."

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6 - "Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness a light will shine...For a child is born to us, a son is given. The government will rest on his shoulders and he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, & Prince of Peace."

Matthew 2:7-12 - Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

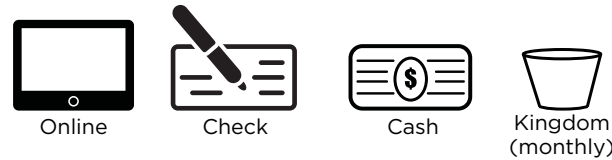
2 Corinthians 1:20 - For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory

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

WAYS TO GIVE



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

Financial Update

2017 General Budget:
\$6,200,000

YTD 11.30.17 - Requirement:
\$5,842,308

YTD 11.30.17 - Offering:
\$6,179,251

November Kingdom (Blue Bucket) Offering: **\$14,000**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$518,822**

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WELCOME

December 16 & 17, 2017

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 & 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.

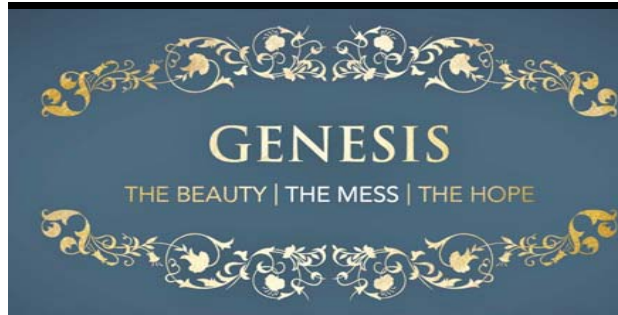
■ If you have an infant or you'd like your child to be with you during service, there is a **family room** that is equipped with a live feed of the service as well as a private **nursing room** for mothers. Just ask an usher!

INFORMATION



SIMPLY CHRISTMAS

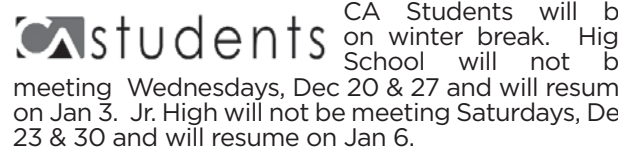
In our weekend teaching series through Dec 24, we will continue to see what God's Word has to say to us through the eyes of the people that experienced the very first Christmas. Come join us to experience the joy, hope, truth, and love of Simply Christmas!



Women's Bible Study is starting Jan 9 & 10, 2018. Tuesdays - 7pm and Wednesdays 9:30am All are welcome! Free childcare is available, register your kids at: cachurch.com/wbs



Kids Church is excited to be celebrating Advent all month long with a special Christmas Celebration at all of our weekend services on Dec 23 & 24. We welcome all children birth-5th grade to join us!



CA Students will be on winter break. High School will not be meeting Wednesdays, Dec 20 & 27 and will resume on Jan 3. Jr. High will not be meeting Saturdays, Dec 23 & 30 and will resume on Jan 6.

OPPORTUNITIES



Join us for our
**Christmas
Candlelight
Services**

**Saturday, Dec. 23 &
Sunday, Dec. 24**

Invite family, neighbors & friends to join us too! Refer to the open service times below as it will be helpful if you can attend the open or half-full services:

Open
Sun. 11:15am South

Half-Full
Sat. 4pm South
Sun. 9am South

Full
Sat. 4pm North
Sat. 6:30pm South
Sat. 6:30pm North
Sun. 9am North
Sun. 11:15am North



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join the Christmas Choir

If you love to sing, worship God and can carry a tune, we would love to have you join the choir for our Christmas Candlelight Services on Dec 23 & 24. To sign up email: choir@cachurch.com

New Year's Eve Weekend Services

Join us at one of our New Year's Weekend Services. Saturday, Dec 30 - 6pm (South) and Sunday, Dec 31 - 9am (South) & 11:15am (South).

No Fusion or The Cafe

There will be no Fusion - Sunday 6pm service or The Cafe on Dec 24 & 31. Please visit one of our other services.

A Man for All Seasons

Men - Join us for the first Men's Gathering of 2018 on Wednesday, Jan 10 at 7pm at 2424 Colorado Blvd. (south). We will worship, pray, and hear from God's word on what it looks like to be "A Man for All Seasons".

Give the Gift of Women's Retreat

This Christmas, give your wife, friend, mom, sister, daughter or grandmother the best gift ever - a trip to our Women's Retreat on March 2-4 or March 9-11, 2018. Register online at cachurch.com/womensretreat

2017 Contribution Statements

All contributions must be received or postmarked by Dec 31 (if you give online, submit by 11pm) to receive tax credit for 2017. **Keep us informed with your correct address and email** with the Connection Card or you can update online at cachurch.com/connectioncard