

Christmas With My Weird Wonderful Family
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1 John 5:7-12 - ⁷So we have these three witnesses—⁸the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. ⁹Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. ¹⁰All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son.

¹¹And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life.

Philippians 2:4-7 - ⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

Genesis 25:22-28 - ²²But the two children struggled with each other in her womb. So she went to ask the Lord about it. "Why is this happening to me?" she asked. ²³And the Lord told her, "The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; and your older son will serve your younger son." ²⁴And when the time came to give birth, Rebekah discovered that she did indeed have twins! ²⁵The first one was very red at birth and covered with thick hair like a fur coat. So they named him Esau. ²⁶Then the other twin was born with his hand grasping Esau's heel. So they named him Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when the twins were born.

²⁷As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home.

²⁸Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 27:34-35;41 - ³⁴When Esau heard his father's words, he let out a loud and bitter cry. "Oh my father, what about me? Bless me, too!" he begged. ³⁵But Isaac said, "Your brother was here, and he tricked me. He has taken away your blessing." ⁴¹From that time on, Esau hated Jacob because their father had given Jacob the blessing. And Esau began to scheme: "I will soon be mourning my father's death. Then I will kill my brother, Jacob."

James 3:5-10 - ⁵In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. ⁷People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. ¹⁰And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right!

Romans 12:17-18 - ¹⁷Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Ephesians 4:29-32 - ²⁹Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. ³⁰And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Matthew 5:13 - "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless."

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www.cachurch.com/TRC

Financial Update

2014 General Budget	\$5,150,000
YTD as of 11/30/14 Requirement	\$4,753,846
YTD as of 11/30/14 Tithes & Offering	\$4,564,338
November Kingdom Offering	\$19,953
YTD Kingdom Offering	\$350,882

2424 Colorado Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90041
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Regular Weekend Service Times:

Saturday 6:00pm South



Sunday 9:00am and 11:15am (both North & South)

Sunday 6:00pm South

www.cachurch.com

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December 13 & 14, 2014

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GetStarted

Welcome!

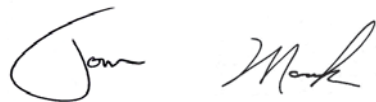
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Christian Assembly (CA) is a community started in response to God's grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. **That grace compels us to lead spiritually convinced and unconvinced people to complete commitment to Jesus Christ.**

We don't profess to have all the answers, but we do believe there is a God who is worth knowing and following. For us, complete commitment means learning to **worship** God first and foremost in our lives, doing life together as His **family**, and extending His **kingdom** to the world around us through actions and words of faith, hope, and love.

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

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Information and Opportunities

THE STORY

Current Teaching Series

The Story is a book that takes selected passages of the Bible organized as one continuing story of God and His people. Find a Story-based life group online or pick up a list in the lobby.

www.cachurch.com/storylifegroups
#TheStoryCA

Partnership

Whether you are new to Christian Assembly (CA) or you have made it your church family, we want you to join us for a class called Partnership. You'll meet some of our staff, learn what we value and believe as a church, and how you can get involved!

Next class begins: Jan 18, 2015
A six week class
Sundays, 9:00am - 10:30am
2435 Colorado Blvd, Rm 30
Children can be checked into Kids Church
www.cachurch.com/partnership

kids church

We offer classes for infants - 5th grade.

If you choose to keep your infant or child with you during the service, we have a special section reserved for you. **We also have a room equipped with closed circuit video of the service and a private room for nursing mothers.** Just ask an usher!

www.cakidschurch.com
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Christmas CELEBRATION

December 20 & 21

Come celebrate our Savior's Birth!

SATURDAY

6 PM SOUTH FULL NORTH FULL

SUNDAY

9 AM SOUTH FULL NORTH FULL
11:30 AM SOUTH FULL NORTH FULL
4 PM SOUTH ONLY OPEN
6 PM SOUTH OPEN NORTH OPEN

If you haven't yet, please fill out a green form and place it in the offering today!

UNFROZEN

Bring your children next weekend to learn all about how Jesus can thaw our frozen hearts! There will be snow at all the Christmas services so be sure to bundle them up for the festivities.

 www.cakidschurch.com
For more information

Upcoming Events

Women's Gift Certificates

Not sure what to buy the woman in your life for Christmas? Gift Certificates for the 2015 Women's Retreat will be for sale in the lobby until Dec 14. The retreat is Mar 13-15, 2015 and costs \$170.
cachurch.com/womensretreat

Holiday Service Parking

As a courtesy to our neighbors, please do not park on the neighborhood streets. **Please DO park at Target** (2 blocks West on Colorado), **Bank of America** (2 blocks East on Colorado) or **Seventh Day Adventist** (1 block South on Ellenwood). Seventh Day Adventist is not available for our 9am service. **There is parking on our campus for the handicap and elderly.**

Thrive Winter Courses

All of our courses are now listed on our website and in the Lobby. **Register before Dec 31 and each class is only \$20 for first-timers.** cachurch.com/thrive

2014 Year-End Contributions

Have you moved or changed your email? Keep us informed. Fill out a Connection Card and mark "update" for new information. **All contributions need to be received or postmarked by Dec 31 for tax credit in 2014.**

Tommy Walker's New CD

Tommy Walker, one of our worship leaders, has a new CD called *Living in the Wonder*. The CD is available for purchase in the lobby. For more info: www.tommywalker.net

Kingdom Opportunities

Skid Row & Day Laborer Outreach:
Every **Sunday at 8am**.
Meet in front of 2401 Colorado Blvd.
Local, regional and international outreach:
cachurch.com/kingdom