

THE MESSAGE

Better Than We Had Hoped P5 Tom Hughes

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Acts 1:1-3 (ESV) - ¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

Luke 4:43 (NIV) - But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

Matthew 24:48-51 (NRSV) - ⁴⁸But if that wicked slave says to himself, "My master is delayed", ⁴⁹and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. ⁵¹He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:3-4 (NRSV) - ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:9-13 (NRSV) - ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:16-18 (NRSV) - ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

MESSAGE NOTES

Matthew 25:21 (NRSV) - His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Matthew 25:24-46 (NRSV) - ²⁴... "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

Mark 10:15 | Luke 12:31-32 | Luke 17:20-21

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Financial Update

2024 General Budget:
\$9,100,000.00

YTD 03.31.2024 - Requirement:
\$2,275,000.00

YTD 03.31.2024 - Offering:
\$2,440,912.41

March Kingdom Offering: **\$67,418.30**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$248,459.31**



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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
Welcome
ASSEMBLY

April 27 & 28, 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 convicted 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.

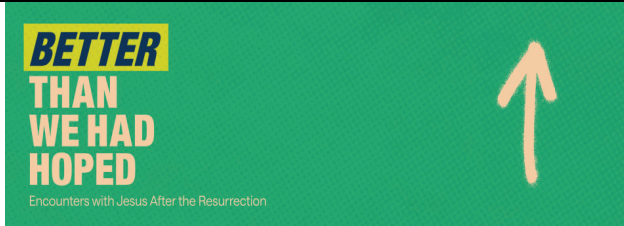
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Tom Hughes & Mark Pickerill
Co-Lead Pastors

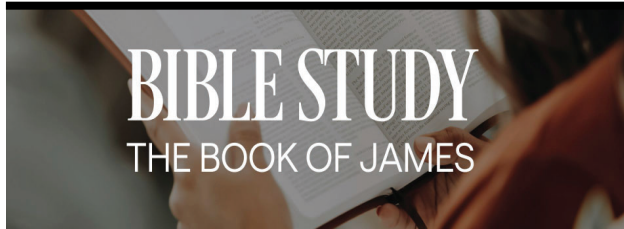
NEW?

- 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 dropbox 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. The courtyard is also available with a live feed. Just ask an usher!

INFORMATION



The Resurrection of Jesus was not the end of the story. Join us as we continue in our series: **Better Than We Had Hoped**. We will see where Jesus went and what He did after he rose and left an empty tomb. Each time the risen Jesus encountered people, He helped them overcome challenges of fear, worry, doubt, disappointment and more. The same risen Jesus who encountered them also comes to encounter us too, in ways that are better than we had hoped or could even imagine. Invite a friend and join us! Next weekend is a **Communion** weekend.



Join us for a weekly Bible Study taught by long-time CA member Mark Gang. We will be studying the book of James together. **Thursday nights (7pm-8:30pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north sanctuary).** For more info, please visit: cachurch.com/biblestudy



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: cakidschurch.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

KINGDOM EVENTS

Foster Care Awareness Event Sunday, May 19 | 1-2:30pm

LA County has one of the largest populations of children in the foster care system in the United States. Join us as we learn about the foster care crisis in LA County and how we can respond as believers. We'll cover various ways to take action, such as joining one of the Care Communities, which are CA teams that wrap around and support foster families.

Mexico Mission Trip May 31-June 2 | Cost \$60

CA is sending a missions team to serve in Tijuana, Mexico with La Roca Ministries. We will be helping work on a house at the ranch, do service projects, and kids ministry with the kids from the orphanage. Applications are due on May 16.

For more info and to sign up for these events, please visit: cachurch.com/kingdom

UPCOMING EVENTS

Serve With Us!

Volunteering is one of the best ways for you to live out CA's "Family" value. At CA our volunteers serve only once a month. Right now we have a few key teams in need of volunteers: **Welcome & Hospitality** (greeting, ushering, parking, coffee), **Prayer** (praying with others at the end of service) and **Kids Church** (serving kids birth to 5th grade). For more info, please visit: cachurch.com/serve

Fusion Connect Night

Find your people. Find your purpose. **Join Fusion at Connect Night on Sunday, May 5 at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north) from 6-9pm.** We will have a meal for purchase at our Café. New visitors and hosts will eat for free, so be sure to invite your friends! For more, visit: cafusion.com/connect

We're Hiring

Administrative Assistant - Women's Ministry: We are looking to hire an administrative assistant to join our Women's Ministry team! Candidates should be excellent with details, have a positive attitude and desire to support our Women's Ministry staff team.

Male Pastor - Student Ministries: We are looking to hire a male youth pastor to join our Student Ministries team! Candidates should love working with middle and high school students, be passionately committed to God's Word, and serve with humility and joy.

Both positions are full-time with benefits. For job descriptions and to apply, please visit: cachurch.com/jobs

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.