

THE MESSAGE

A More Excellent Way

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Whatever is _____ in your heart comes out when you get _____ or _____.

1. Practice _____ your heart.
2. Practice _____ and _____ on God's _____ for you.
3. Practice turning _____ news from the _____ into deeper _____ and _____ of _____.

1 Corinthians 12:31b (NRSV) - ... And I will show you a still more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13 (NRSV) - ¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends... ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) - ³⁰Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Matthew 23:25-26 (NIV) - ²⁵"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) - Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV) - ²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my

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brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²²Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³²"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

1 John 4:15-21 (NIV) - ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Psalms 112:4-113:2 (NIV)

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

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Financial Update

2024 General Budget:
\$9,100,000.00

YTD 09.30.2024 - Requirement:
\$6,825,000.00

YTD 09.30.2024 - Offering:
\$7,067,824.92

September Kingdom Offering: **\$50,314.26**
YTD Kingdom Offering: **\$600,508.83**



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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

October 12 & 13, 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 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 (Lead Pastor) and the CA Pastoral Team

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 seat-backs 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 drop box 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



Invite a friend and join us as we continue in our new series **"A More Excellent Way: Strength To Love Your Neighbor When It's Hard To Do"**. This series will help us practice some key spiritual disciplines so that when the pressure is on, we have the strength to live out the more excellent way. Learn how to rely on God's power to love others when it's hard to do. **Next weekend is a Kingdom weekend.**



As the Church, we are all called to join God on mission! Join us for **Compelled Kingdom Conference on Saturday, Oct. 19 (9:30am-1:30pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd. (north)**! This conference will equip you on how to live out your Kingdom calling in your everyday life. The conference is **free** and lunch will be provided. For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/kingdom



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



Kids church

FALL FAMILY MEETUP

Sunday, October 27
2:30 - 4:30pm
Brookside Park

TREATS
GAMES
PARK HANGS



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Retreat

Join us for **Women's Retreat in 2025** to enjoy the beauty of creation, worship God together, enjoy Biblical teaching, and simply have fun! **Two weekend retreats are available: March 7-9 & 14-16, 2025.** Cost is \$315 (scholarships are available). For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/womensretreat

CA Choir

Exciting news! The weekend of **Oct. 19/20** is our next CA Choir Weekend and all are welcome! If you are between the ages of 12-102 and love to sing, come join us! It will be a dynamic time to connect with God, each other and celebrate our risen Savior! For more info and to sign up, please email: jp@cachurch.com

Baby Dedications

Our next baby dedications will be held on **Nov. 9/10**. If your baby is under one year old or you have recently adopted, fill out and turn in a request form in person or online. **Forms are due by Monday, Oct. 28** and are available in the lobby or online at cachurch.com/babydedications

6-Week Thrive Class: Resilient

Are you feeling dragged down, worn out or wearied by world events? Or maybe for you it's circumstances closer to home that have caused you to lose your joy. Join us to learn how it is possible for you to be "Resilient". **Thursday nights starting Nov. 7 (7pm - 8:30pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd., Rm 30.** For more info and to register, please visit: cachurch.com/resilient

Seasoned Seniors (ages 65+)

Calling all seniors! If you are ages 65+, you are invited to come join us for a pot-luck lunch and a chance to meet other CA seniors and make some new friends. **Thursday, Oct. 17 (11:30am-1pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd. Rm. 21 (plenty of parking behind the building).** For more info about what you can bring, please email: seasonedseniors@cachurch.com

Multi-Ethnic Learning Community

God's heart is for people of all nations and ethnicities. MELC is a CA group that meets monthly and seeks to live out the biblical values of community, justice, reconciliation, and discipleship. Join us **Thursday, Oct. 17 (7-9pm) at 2435 Colorado Blvd. Rm. 21 (north)** as we learn about loving across political and economic differences. For more info, please visit: cachurch.com/melc

Kingdom Weekend: Oct. 19/20

Next weekend is a Kingdom Weekend. We will hear an update about our partnership with EvaSUE in Ethiopia. We will also give a second offering for our Kingdom partners and efforts.