

Winter Jam 2016
Doors open at 6pm
10 bands = \$10.00
If you wish to go bring in \$10
with your permission slip to Dave no later
than January 20th, please no checks be at
the church @ 3:30 if you wish to eat.
We leave for Consol @ 4:15pm
Teens will call home for pick up at
CLC on our return from Concert
ETA back at CLC 11:00pm



Compassionate Christmas:

Each year here at CLC we do something we call Compassionate Christmas. The congregation generously donates money to help those in need during the holiday season. This year we were able to help 18+ families or individuals in need.

We sent 25 gift boxes filled with snacks, personal hygiene items and gifts to our service men and women overseas. Each one contained a hand-made note from the children in our kid's ministries.

We were able to connect families who have children with "Toys For Tots" and "Shop With A Cop", a project where PA State Troopers take kids shopping for winter clothes and toys.

The Youth and Adult Group members went Christmas Caroling at the Trafford High Rise and Woodhaven Nursing Home. Our Children's church made ornaments for Golden Heights Nursing home as well.

This is our 9th year doing Compassionate Christmas and we would like to thank all of you who gave and served to make this ministry possible. This is just one the ways we "Do Christmas" here at Christian Life Church

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GARY SIMPSON

"Faith In God in 2016"

As we rang in 2015 last January first we had no idea what the year would bring. We didn't know that the death of Freddie Gray while in police custody would spark days of rioting in Baltimore nor could anyone have predicted an unstable racist would gun down nine parishioners in a South Carolina church. A lot of people were shocked and disappointed when the Supreme Court made gay marriage legal in all 50 states. Then came the ISIS massacres in Paris and San Bernardino, California. All the while hundreds of thousands of Christians and others fled Syria and the Middle East desperately trying to escape the brutal terror Isis continues to perpetrate on innocent defenseless people. We have also endured 12 months of Presidential campaigning perhaps the most bitter and divisive in the history of the nation. If you focus on all these negatives you can easily become discouraged and hopeless. DON'T! Focus on this: Here in America and around the world hundreds of thousands of young people completed their education, got married and began a family. Millions of precious babies were born filled with potential for good. Likewise millions of people from the Americas to Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East were born again receiving Jesus Christ and gaining eternal life. Yes, there was tragedy and sorrow in 2015 but there was also victory, hope and joy. As we look forward to 2016 you need to remember that. Life can be terrible and it can be wonderful but it is a gift from God and even though it doesn't always seem like it. God is in control. The Apostle Paul when he was suffering persecution for preaching the Gospel said this; "I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day." (II Tim. 1:12) Who did he believe in? Christ. What did he entrust to Him? His very life. For how long? Until the day Christ returns.

> Have faith in God and believe that His plan will go forward in the New Year. The whole world is in a precarious position, but your foundation is not made by the hand of man. It is Christ Himself. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stray. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.



Sunday Mornings

Sunday School & Kids Sunday School 9:30am 10:30am Worship Service & Kids Church Nursery & Pre-K available during service

Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm Men's & Women's Grow Groups Youth(7th-12th) - Kids (birth-6th)

Young Adults (18-30)

Location

900 7th Street Ext, Trafford, PA 15085 412-856-4420 office hours Tues. - Fri. 9:00am -5:00pm clc@christianlife.net

Need Prayer? Email prayer@christianlife.net

Rev. Gary Simpson **Lead Pastor** Children's Directors Mike & Jeanne Robinson Worship Leader Ryan Bradley

To Find your Growth Group, stop by the Welcome Desk, email info@christianlife.net, or call the office between Tuesday and Friday @ 412-856-4420 for more information. Thank you.

We are collecting Mac-N-Cheese this month for the local food bank if you would like to donate please bring all donations to our lobby and drop them off in our donation box. Thank you for your support.

Keep us in your prayers...

Renee S. Jen Powell Colleen Wilson Lersch family Robin Oliver Tammy H. Julia Torockio

Lyle Stewart Angie Traficante Jan Rothrauff Joan Mayak Cindy Bailey Ruth Smith

Bob Giland Beth Ann Chandler Reva Holby

Shirley Johnston **David Burns** Barbara H. Rose Winslow Mary Lou Lersh Carol Castellano Angela Hopkinson Dorothy Walker Elaine McVicker Rose Vinsick Virginia Robinson Novakovich Family

Upcoming Events:

CLC is looking for any event pictures taken place at the church. If you have any please send to Daveh@christianlife.net thank you for your cooperation.

20th - Larry Wilson

25th - Chuck Caputo

30th - Linda Houston

Birthdays

8th - Poodie Carson Vicki Adamson 12th - Christinia DePalma 29th - Donna Schnars Grace Clair 15th - Partrick Parkinson 16th - Debbie Goodman 18th - Dave Bonczak Dawn Bertoluzzi 19th - Mark Niedzwecki

Anniversaries

9th - Russ & Myrna Whiteside 25th - Chris & Kim Coyne



Announcements

Hooked on Helping, Crocheting group that will be meeting in the apartment Jan 7th and 21st. Any individual that is interested in learning and or knows how to crochet is welcome! Learn a skill or mentor others. Relaxing time of fellowship, charity, and encouragement!

Extending Hands Date to be determined. Feeds the homeless and needy in Pittsburgh. Come lend a hand to help prepare the food on Thursday and or serve it on Friday in Pittsburgh. All help is welcome.

First Friday Worship & Prayer

Will be meeting Jan. 8th @ CLC. Everyone is welcome to come and join in worship and prayer!

Home Group "Word Seekers"

Will be meeting on January 8th @ 7pm For any questions please call 724-864-6384.

Thursday Morning Women's Growth Group

Will not be meeting for January, February, or March.

Pack and Pray

Check weekly bulletin for times and dates.

Annual Business Meeting Coming up:

Save the date Wednesday March 30th!!

