



Christmas Events:

Nominate a Family: Do you know someone that can use a helping hand this Christmas? Complete a form at the CLC welcome center and return it to our office asap. The applicant must attend our December 16th service to receive their gift from the church.

Christmas Caroling: Wednesday Dec. 19th Adults will be going to Woodhaven and The Extreme Teens will be going on Dec. 13th to the Trafford Highrise. Be at the church at 6pm for both caroling dates. For more information contact our church office.

Childrens Church: Christmas Program Dec. 23rd during service. Practice is on the 22nd from 10am - 1pm. Pizza to follow practice.

Candlelight Service: Sunday Dec. 24th at 7pm.

Children's Church News:

Kids Pre-K to 6th grade will be practicing for the Christmas Program Saturday Dec. 22nd from 10am - 1pm. Pizza will be served following the practice. The Christmas Program will be presented on Dec. 23rd during service.



Toys for Tots dates are as follows:

Sign ups are on December 1st from 4pm - 6pm
Pick up for Toys for Tots is on December 23rd from 4pm - 6pm. Please come between these hours for signing up and for picking up.

There will be donation boxes in CLC's lobby for anyone interested in donating new toys to toys for tots. If you have any questions please contact our church office during normal business hours.

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Matthew 1: 21, "And she will
bring forth a son, and you
shall call him Jesus, for he
will save his people from
their sins." NKJV

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Merry Christmas!!



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR GARY SIMPSON

“All I Need For Christmas”

As I was driving to my son’s house for Thanksgiving dinner I passed a department store where Renee’ and I often shop. Caution tape cordoned off the sidewalk and a line of anxious shoppers ran across the front of the building and around the corner. Although it was Thursday and one of the coldest Thanksgiving days in recent history, Black Friday bargain hunters were queueing up to save money on Christmas gifts. I don’t know how long they had been standing there, but it was still an hour and fifteen minutes before the store was scheduled to open.

People here at Christian Life know that rampant consumerism is a pet peeve of mine and that I often confront it in my sermons. Jesus said, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions”. (Luke 12:15) We hear these words and nod in agreement but then we go out and buy things expecting them to fulfill us. We have the initial thrill of getting what we wanted, but it never lasts very long and that thing we just had to have, ends up on a shelf in a closet or

in a drawer. Sometimes the thrill is gone before the credit card bill comes in the mail.

I know a lot of people don’t like to hear this and to some I sound more like Ebenezer Scrooge than Pastor Simpson. Don’t get me wrong; I have no problem with people buying Christmas gifts. I still remember the Davy Crockett coon-skin cap and pop gun I got for Christmas sixty years ago. I just feel we’ve become so focused on the gifts that we overlook the more important things; the relationships. I remember some of the gifts I’ve received for Christmas, but I remember and cherish all the more, the people and the moments. I remember a Christmas when I was nine or ten. We had a pink radio and the song “The Little Drummer Boy” came out that year. Our whole family was together and it snowed around the holidays. I recall a Christmas when I was a teenager. My friend Jim and I went and bought a Christmas tree in the snow and tied it to the roof of his Volkswagen Beetle. On another Christmas Renee’ and I stayed up until 2 A.M. putting toys together for our four

year-old son and two-year-old twins. The years flew by and on yet another holiday we sat up late on Christmas Eve watching one of our favorite movies, “It’s a Wonderful Life” with our teen-aged children. Now we enjoy the time with our grandchildren.

The toys I got as a child are long gone. The clothing and other things I received as an adult are worn out and used up. Some of the family members and friends are no longer with us, but the memories will be with me forever. We want presents bought in a store but what we need is people who are gifts from God. I can’t prove it from Scripture, but I have a feeling that Joseph and Mary appreciated the presence of the Shepherds at the Manger more than they valued the gold, incense and myrrh they received from the Wise men. My Christmas list is short. I don’t want gifts, I already have a house full of stuff. All I need for Christmas is my family, my friends, my church and the Savior whose birth we celebrate.

Merry Christmas

Sunday Mornings

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

Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm Men’s & Women’s Grow Groups
Kids Pre-k - 6th grade

Thursday Nights

6:30pm Youth (7th-12th)

Contact Information

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

Need Prayer? Email prayer@christianlife.net

Lead Pastor Rev. Gary Simpson
Children’s Directors Mike & Jeanne Robinson

Extreme Teen Leader Dave Helmstadter

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 bagged chocolate this month for the local food bank if you would like to donate please feel free to drop them off in our lobby. Thank you for giving so generously! Many blessings!!!

Keep us in your prayers...

Pastor Gary
Renee Simpson
Angie Traficante
Joanne Mayak
Cindy Taylor
Reva Holby
Shirley Johnston
Colleen Wilson
Carol Castellano
Dorothy Walker
Elaine McVicker
Emma Chichilla
Mary Miner
Melissa Zierski
Tereasa Baughman
Terri Houston
Lorraine Cinciripini
Rose Vinsick
Mike Asquino
Patty Tierno
The Lersch’s
Lavonne Kelly
Charlotte Hartman
Tony Morrow
Kimberly L.
Stephanie V.
Lois Shay
Derrick Williams

Upcoming Events

Extreme Christmas Party on Dec.20th from 6-8:30. Wear your ugly Christmas sweaters/shirts. Enjoy some wings from the Wingmaster and don’t forget about your secret gift exchange. Be here at 6pm for an Extreme Christmas Experience.

The Extreme CLC teens are collecting canned goods for our local food bank. If you wish to contribute to this please give it to a teen by the end of the month. Thank you for your support.

Children’s Christmas Program is December 23rd during regular service. Practice will be Dec.22nd from 10am - 1pm. There will be pizza to follow.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

3rd - Jeff Warman	23rd - Gary Earhart
7th - Dave Helmstatder	Kayla Kunkle
8th - Gary Simpson	24th - Mike Wolski
Melanie Johns	26th - Russ Whiteside
17th - George Adamson	28th - Gary Earhart Jr.
Gretchen Laux	29th - Gillian Ritchie
20th - Roy Fink	Lissa Brown

Anniversaries:

10th - Robert & Charlene Hodder
27th - Larry & Colleen Wilson



*Happy Belated Birthday to
Rose Vinsick November 5th
&
Lois Shay November 27th!!*

Announcements

Hooked on Helping, Crocheting group that will be meeting in the apartment on Thursday the 6th @ 7pm. Any individual that is interested in learning and/or knows how to crochet is welcome! Learn a skill or help mentor others. Have a relaxing time of fellowship, charity, and encouragement!

Extending Hands, To be determined please check weekly bulletin. For more information see Dawn Ward or Yvonne Krepinevich.

First Friday Worship & Prayer, check bulletin for date and times. Everyone is welcome to come and join in worship and prayer!

Pack and Pray, To Be Determined. Check weekly bulletin

Young Adults 4 Christ, meeting Dec.9th, @ 6:30pm @ CLC. All young adults welcome to attend. For more information contact Dave Helmstadter.

CLC Growth Groups

Wednesday Night - Bible Fundamentals taught by Mike Krepinevich meets every Wednesday night in the sanctuary @ 7pm.

Women’s Growth Group - Meets every Wednesday night in classroom 3 @ 7pm. The women will be reading the book Understanding The Holy Spirit Made Easy with Yvonne Krepinevich.

New Creation Recovery Group - Meets every Wednesday night in classroom 2 @ 7pm. Information for the group is in the CLC lobby.

Church Offices will be closed December 25&26th and January 1, 2019!!

