

# CCY Connect



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Message from

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*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:25)*

Over the last couple months CCY staff and ministry leaders have tried hard to stay connected to our church family - from calls, to texts, emails, videos, in person visits (safely), and social media platforms. With all of changes we have experienced lately, aren't you SO thankful that God does not change and is not caught off guard - (Please check out James 1:17!) With that thought and heart intent, we want to continue to reach out into the community as much as ever.

Some happenings in August to make you aware of:

Christ's Closet will be open on August 1st (More info. in the article from Shera Porter!). Also during that time, we will have our Backpack Drive-Thru. Resgistration has already begun for students to pick up school supplies for the upcoming school year! Any leftover supplies will be taken to areas schools. With that in mind, any extra school supplies or cleaning supplies that you wish to donate can be dropped off at church to be distributed to Yukon school.

I recently spoke with Deidre Bradley, Shedeck Elementary's principle. This year's Be the Church Sunday will look a little different. For the past couple years we have spent a Sunday morning at Shedeck Elementary, serving and preparing the building for the upcoming school year. Our heart is to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus. This year we won't be able to enter the school, but there are 3 outside projects they could use help with (more info. later) prior to school starting.

I'm excited to share that in September we will host a Marriage Night at CCY! Keep an eye on the church website and Facebook page for more information.

Even with the challenge of the virus, we want to continue to move forward in ministry! Please make every effort to connect with the Lord and one another as we want to impact our community for Christ!

Following Jesus with you.

- Clay

## THIS MONTH AT CCY: August

- 1 Christ's Closet
- 2 Baby Dedication Sunday
- 16 Prayer Sunday for schools/teachers

## LOOKING AHEAD

### September

- 7 Labor Day
- 9 Royal Warriors Resumes
- 18 Marriage Night



## Which filter are you using...?

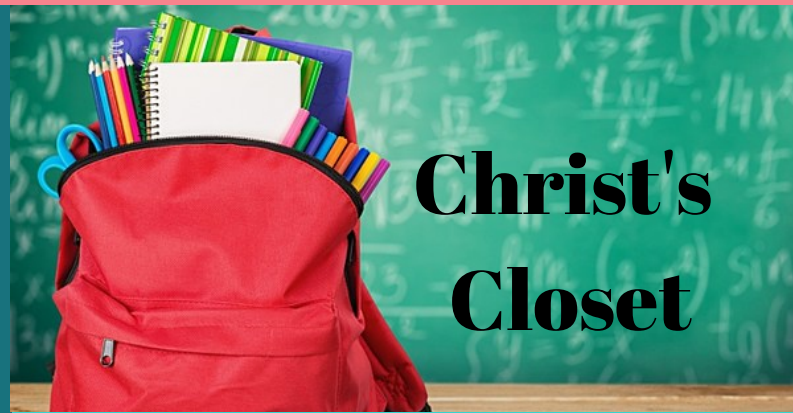
If in conversation you were to ask me what my take is on the current world situation, from a law enforcement perspective, I might give you any number of responses. They would most likely be based on my day or unfortunately, what media I might have consumed in the days surrounding our chat. We are constantly bombarded with every different viewpoint from every corner. So much so, that the lines begin to blur. With our focus strained to pick out truth and right, we might forget which filter we should be looking through to gauge what is truth. Remember the old “rose colored glasses”? I think today those have probably been replaced with glasses of every color imaginable depending on ones “truth.” Fortunately as followers of Christ, our “lens” is the pages of the Bible written down centuries ago and have stood the test of all time. It seems to me that using the biblical filter, that all of this craziness really isn’t about black or white, democrat or republican, nationalist or socialist.....this is the battle of all battles, the “Spiritual Plane” battle that our filter tells us has, is, and will happen. In fact, there are many scriptures that say things like “In the end times”.....Do you see some of those things playing out now? Do I think the world is going to end next week or next month? The answer obviously has to be no but I believe that we do need to hold up our filter to everything we see, read, and hear, straining the noise of the world through God’s word. In doing so, I believe we will be much better equipped to live in these times.

In Christ,  
Drew Hamilton

### JULY PARTICIPATON AT CCY

DATE	WORSHIP	ONLINE REACH	GEN. GIVING
7.5.20	75	194	\$8,901
7.12.20	110	428	\$5,892
7.19.20	75	387	\$7,937
7.26.20	72	669	\$6,238

WEEKLY NEED: \$7,289



## Christ's Closet

In a world where we have seen much trouble lately, I am reminded of John 16:33 where Jesus says, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” I don’t know about you, but I am clinging to this promise right now!

We all know people and families who are facing hard times and struggling. As a church family we want to help in any way possible. In conjunction with our monthly free clothing closet we will be holding our **3rd annual Back to School Bash**. While it may look different this year, we will still provide backpacks and school supplies, with approximately 250 backpacks to distribute. Registration is required in order to get one. So, if you know someone in need, please see the Facebook post or church website to register.

Christ’s Closet and the backpack drive-thru will be held on Saturday, August 1st. The backpack drive-thru will start at 10:00am and the closet will be open 10:30am - 2:00pm. Lunch will be available as usual.

We do expect a large crowd, which means we will need a lot of volunteers. Please consider volunteering for this event. You can sign up on Facebook, the church website or by calling the church. All volunteers and guests will be required to wear masks, and we will practice social distancing. Please park in the parking lot south of the South building (gym).

May God Bless you all!  
Shera Porter