



## THIS MONTH AT CCY:

## December

- 5 Christmas Extravaganza
- 16 Women's Christmas Party
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Christmas

## promise keeper

CLAY PARRETT

*Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 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 10:23-25

It is passages like this one in Hebrews that brings encouragement to me. Phrases like "hold tightly to hope"; "motivate one another" and "encourage one another" jump out to me as I read this passage. Perhaps that's what you need to hear right now. As we look toward Christmas this year may we do so with even more spiritual clarity and passion as we know that **God always keeps his promises.**

This past year has certainly looked different for all of us. Our heart as a staff and church family is we want to lean into the challenge, lean into ministry and move forward as a church family with great expectancy that **God always keeps his promises.**

Peering into 2021, I pray God will lead us as we look into the Lord's Prayer and the Parables of Jesus and every moment He provides and blesses each of you and keeps you and yours safe for — **God always keeps his promises.**

Praying that God will move mightily in 2021!



Merry Christmas

## CCY MISSION UPDATE

John Miller

Undoubtedly each of our lives have been impacted to some degree by the COVID pandemic. For some the impact has been a mere inconvenience, while others are experiencing more significant challenges.

Our Christian brothers and sisters in third world countries are experiencing overwhelming obstacles!

In the best of times, resources are scarce in these communities. Our missionaries have shared with me how next to impossible it has been for so many of them to earn enough money to buy simple food supplies to take care of their families.



Work is very difficult to find for those who are simple day laborers. Over the past few months CCY has sent several thousand dollars to our missionaries to help buy food for our fellow believers. As the COVID pandemic persists, the need for money to buy food continues. Personally, I am always impressed when I read in the New Testament how believers gave generously to help others. On Sunday, December 13th we will be afforded our turn to let our love for the kingdom shine as we take a LOVE offering to help support others in grave need.

I'll be writing my check...won't you join me in giving what you can to bless others?

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(DESIGNATE TO MISSIONS FUND)

### NOVEMBER PARTICIPATION

DATE	SS	WORSHIP	GROUPS	ONLINE	GEN. GIVING
11.01.20	57	106	16	316	\$ 9,855
11.08.20	57	106	20	256	\$14,460
11.15.20	79	90	113	N/A	\$ 6,354
11.22.20	50	72	66	191	\$ 6,645
11.29.20	29	75	20	455	\$ 6,742

WEEKLY NEED: \$7,289

## surviving freedom

SHEYENNE (MITCHELL) BROWN

Graduating high school, moving out of our parent's homes, and young adulthood in general is a time of absolute freedom...and it's amazing! But often we first-time users of freedom don't handle it as we should. I'm sure you've heard this before, but freedom really isn't free. It often comes with many consequences; some we will likely regret.

So, what do you do? Many of us have been raised in Christ or have just found Him, so stay with Him! His freedom is true freedom, not the freedom we think we have once we are away from our parents.

*Find a church home.* Wherever you are, whether you have moved away to attend university or across the state to spread your wings, find a church home. You may have to bounce around for a bit, but God will lead you to where you need to be.

*Find a community.* Community is everything because the people around you have the chance to transform you. And why not change for the better?

*Create a routine.* Being on your own can be overwhelming or lead to lazy habits because no one is there to push you, so create a routine. Wake up at the same time every day and walk to a near peaceful spot (I chose the library my first year of college). Spend that time just preparing for the day before you have to get to class, start studying, or go to work. This is the perfect time to read God's Word either straight from the bible or in a devotion.

Friends, you're going to do amazing things in this world, but don't let the world distract you from where your heart should truly be: in God. I promise you, there will be ups and downs either in your walk with Christ or just life, but you will make it through just like I have, just like those before us, and just as your parents have. You are not alone and you are 100% capable of whatever you want to achieve.

God will lead you to where you need to be. He is forever constant. Count on him when all else fails.