

Senior Server Newsletter

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Christ Community Church

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The Traditions Worship Service is online at 9 AM Sundays at www.ccomaha.org/live

or during the week at www.ccomaha.org/messages

The Senior Server is now available online at www.ccomaha.org/ Ministries ... Boomers & Seniors

*Ev'ry day the Lord
Himself is near me
With a special mercy
for each hour;*

*All my cares He fain
would bear and
cheer me,*

*He whose name is
Counselor and Pow'r.*



Picture by Anne Moore

Super Adults

Tuesday, August 18

***Resources with
Brianna Lock of
the Ahlzeimer's***

***Association including
10 Warning Signs***

Family Members Welcome

Coffee Fellowship 9:30 AM ~ Atrium

10:30 AM ~ Chapel

Noon ~ Lunch in Fellowship Hall

Lunch Reservations

- Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium
- New Community Groups
- Sue Beed @ 402.938.1570
- Email paulg@ccomaha.org

Reservations and cancellations must be made by noon the Sunday prior to the event.

~~~ Menu ~~~

Orange Soy Pork Loin

Broccoli Au Gratin

Roasted Herbed Potatoes

Carrot Raisin Salad

Lime and Pear Jello

Turtle Cake



# Upcoming Events

*Invite friends to come with you!*

## SENIORS FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

First Tuesday each month

*Great encouragement, fellowship, delicious lunch, inspiring speakers /  
D127 Fellowship Hall / 11:30 AM*

**August 6** – A joyous time singing, invitation for short stories, a bit of wit from Don, warm fellowship, and a scrumptious meal by Nicole

**September 3** – *Not Meeting this Month due to Labor Day Holiday*

**October 1** – Come be blessed hearing Travis Williams, the technical director of all our CCC worship ministries, share his personal Story.

*Lunch sign-up (\$6) by Noon the Sunday prior @ the Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium, your New Community Group, call Margaret Betten / 402-885-8758, or email paulg@cccomaha.org*



## SENIORS BREAKFAST

Second Tuesday each month

*Come for encouraging fellowship! All Welcome!  
Meeting 8:30 AM at Village Inn @ 138<sup>th</sup> & Maple*

## SUPER ADULTS

Third Tuesday each month

**August 20** – Resources with Brianna Lock of the Alzheimer's Association including 10 Warning Signs

**September 17** – TBA



**October 15** – Kenneth LK Soh, Christian Concert Pianist, in concert plus sharing his story and missions ministry  
*Thanksgiving Love Offering*

9:30 AM Check-in & Coffee in Atrium / 10:30 Chapel / Noon Lunch

*Sign-up (\$6) by Noon the Sunday prior @ the Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium, at your New Community Group, call Sue Beed / 402-938-1570, or email paulg@cccomaha.org*

## The Stamp Ministry

Fridays come anytime between 8–11 AM in Room D127

All are welcome! Join in the Work & Fellowship. Janice Hurley / 402-393-1010





# Happy Birthday



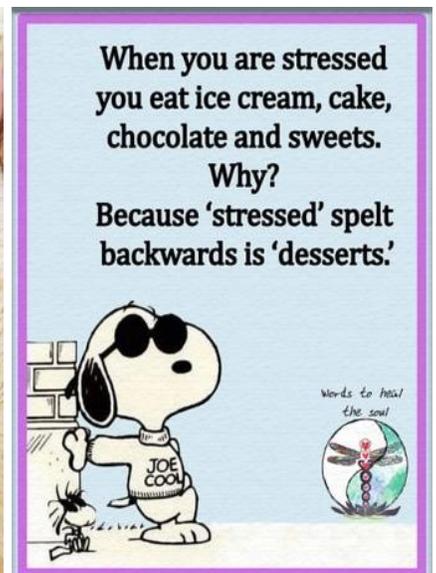
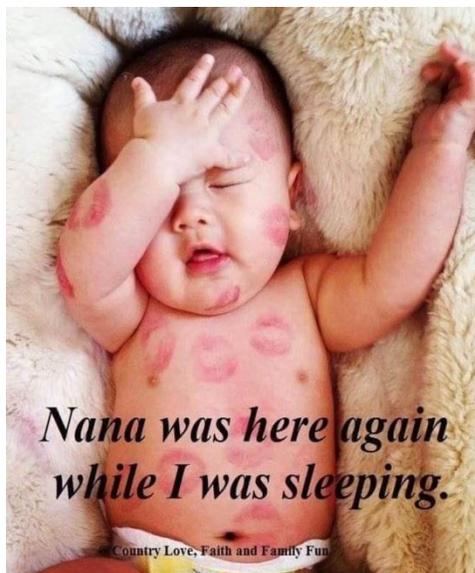
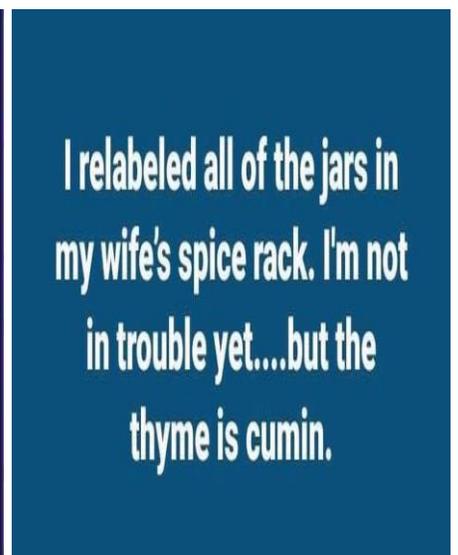
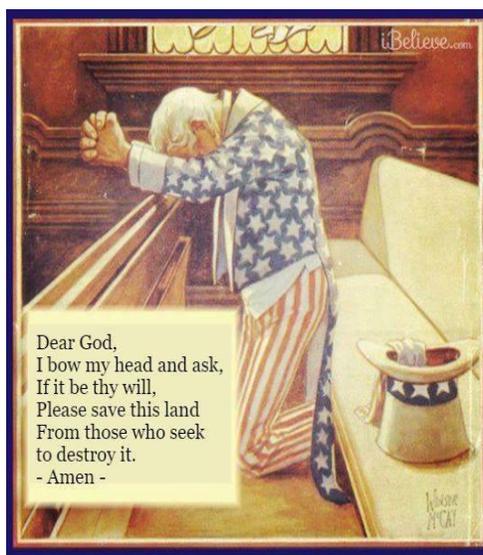
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 Carolyn Brokopp 8/16  
 Garry Gibbons 8/17  
 Mary Jane Wyma 8/19

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 Gary Kilgore 8/22  
 Pastor Irving Malm #98 8/22  
 Barney Olson 8/22  
 Eldon Frohardt 8/23  
 Warren Boren 8/24  
 Don Britton 8/24  
 Chuck King 8/28  
 Genevieve Price 8/28

Bob Leigh 8/29  
 Lois Hooge 8/30  
 Joan Ackley 8/31  
 Len Ritchard 8/31  
 Katy Wescott 8/31

*Please provide month, date, and year to include your name*

***A Happy Birthday to you! A Happy Birthday to you! May you feel Jesus near, every Day of the year!***



## VERSES TO PONDER

“Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth. Grant me purity of heart, that I may honor you. With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever, for your love for me is very great.” ~ Psalm 86:11-13

### *Life*

**Life is a gift to be used every day.**

**Not to be smothered and hidden away.**

**It isn't a thing to be stored in the chest**

**Where you gather your keepsakes and  
treasure your best.**

**It isn't a joy to be sipped now and then**

**And promptly put back in a dark place again.**

**Life is a gift that the humblest may boast of**

**And one that the humblest may well  
make the most of.**

**Get out and live it as much each hour of the  
day,**

**Wear it and use it as much as you may.**

**Don't keep it in niches and corners  
and grooves,**

**You'll find in service its beauty improves.**

*Edgar Guest, 1881-1959*

## DEAR GOD

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY.  
WATCH OVER MY FAMILY, AND  
FRIENDS AND WHOEVER IS READING  
THIS, BLESS THEM IN A WAY THEY'VE  
NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.

## Did You Know?

The sentence, “**The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog,**” which uses every letter in the English alphabet, was developed by Western Union to test communication systems.



## THE FINISH LINE

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (John 14:27 & Philippians 4:6-7)

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.” (John 14:1-3)

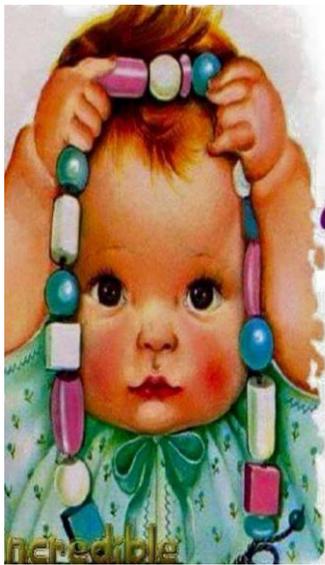
“So, having fixed our minds on the things above ... let us finish with confidence the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

*See you at the finish - God Speed!*

*Pastor Paul*

**"If you can hear men but not God, you are deaf. Likewise, if you can see but do not see God, you are blind. If you can walk but not walk with God, you are a cripple."**

From "**Why God Why - Drawing Near to God When Life Hurts,**" by Dr. Nathan Sommer, a local dentist who grew up with a profound hearing loss.



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 child's  
 awesomeness  
 comes from  
 their  
 grandma...  
 just saying

People don't always need advice.

Sometimes all they really need is a hand to hold,  
 an ear to listen, and a heart to understand them.

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*"Bear each other's burdens and so live out  
 the law of Christ."* Galatians 6:2

**And He walks with me  
 And He talks with me  
 And He tells me I am His own  
 And the joy we share  
 As we tarry there  
 None other has ever known.**

Jesus said, *"Come to Me, all you who are  
 weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.  
 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me;  
 for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you  
 will find rest for your souls."* Matthew 11:28-29



## The Fruit of the Spirit - Patience

**"If we desire to retain our zeal for those for whom we are praying, and if their needs and distress are to move us to intercede for them daily, we will find that this does not take place without striving and wrestling on our part." O.Hallesby**

***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23***

How thankful I am, Father, that You are patient with me, slow to anger and abounding in love. Forgive me for not treating others with this same gentle patience that You have shown me. Teach me to be gently patient with those You have placed in my life.

*I especially pray for* \_\_\_\_\_ . Empower me, I pray, by Your Spirit, to be patient with everyone.

Father, I confess that in many ways I'm impatient with You as well! Forgive me for running out ahead of You and doing things in my own strength. Teach me to wait on You, and to walk in the way of Your Word as I do so. May Your name and renown be the desire of my heart in every situation that I face in my daily pilgrimage. Strengthen me to be patient in affliction – in trials of all kinds and to persevere, so that I may be mature in Christ and complete, not lacking anything. I confess that I cannot do this in my own strength and ask that you empower me according to Your glorious might so that I might have great endurance and patience.

Father, may I be one who waits patiently as I hope for what I do not yet see in the circumstances and relationships of my life, knowing that all who wait for You are blessed. May I be patient and stand firm in my faith, for surely Jesus' coming is near. As I wait for Him, grant, I pray, that my life might be characterized by patient hope and endurance. For I know the day will come when I, along with all Your people will declare: "Surely this is our God, we trusted in Him and He saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in Him, let us rejoice and be glad!" May I be one who imitates those who through faith and patience inherits what has been promised.

And so this day, Father, I choose to wait for You, to trust in You, to hope in You, knowing that those who hope in You are not disappointed. Strengthen me to stand and wait patiently. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**1 Peter 3:9; Psalm 86:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:4; Isaiah 26:8; Romans 12:12; James 1:4; Colossians 1:11; Romans 8:25; Isaiah 30:18; James 5:8; Isaiah 25:9; Hebrews 6:12; Psalm 22:5**

**Pray the Word is sponsored by the C&MA Evangelical Church of Bangkok ([www.ecb.asia](http://www.ecb.asia)).**

# A Prayer

**"Save, O Lord."**

*Psalm 12:1*

*This prayer is remarkable for its brevity, but it may be offered humbly, regularly, and profitably. David was saddened that the numbers of the faithful were so small, and therefore he lifted up his heart in supplication: When the creature failed, he flew to the Creator. He evidently felt his own weakness, or he would not have cried for help; but at the same time he obviously intended to give himself for the cause of truth, for the cry "save" is inapplicable where we do not exert ourselves.*

Note the *directness, clearness of perception, and distinctness of utterance* in this petition of few words, distinguishing it from the long, rambling outpourings of certain professors. The psalmist runs straight toward his God with a well-considered prayer; he knows what he is seeking and where to seek it. Lord, teach us to pray in the same direct manner.

*The occasions when prayer is needed are constant.* In providential afflictions how necessary prayer is for tested believers who find all other helpers failing them. Students in *doctrinal difficulties* will find help by lifting up this cry of "Save, O LORD" to the Holy Spirit, the great Teacher. Spiritual warriors in *inward conflicts* may send to the throne of grace for reinforcements, and this will be a model for their request. Those who are engaged in *heavenly toil* may in this way obtain grace in time of need. Seeking sinners, in *doubts and alarms*, may offer up the same simple supplication; in fact, in all these cases, times, and places this will serve the turn of needy souls. "Save, O LORD" will suit us in living and dying, suffering or working, rejoicing or sorrowing. In Him our help is found; let us not be slow to cry to Him.

*The answer to the prayer is certain, if it is sincerely offered through Jesus. The Lord's character assures us that He will not leave His people; His relationship as Father and Husband guarantee us His help. God's gift of Jesus is a pledge of every good thing; and His sure promise stands, "Fear not, I will help you."*

**Truth for Life**

**By Charles Spurgeon, edited by Alistair Begg**

## PRAY FOR OUR FARMERS

My husband always tells me that he didn't learn the art of surrender in a church. He learned it in a field.

Farming is constantly putting yourself in a position to trust God. This profession requires the knowledge that God is in control, whether you are standing under blue skies or rainclouds.

Today, my husband finally stepped into the tractor to plant. Standing here in this field, I prayed for him. And I prayed for every other farmer, and for other every spouse who stands in the shadows, asking God for His great mercy.

This year, farmers have faced historic delays in planting due to unrelenting rains. That's on top of an already shaky set of circumstances: low prices, rising costs, trade disputes. It's no wonder farmers feel battered. It's no wonder that the phones at the farm-crisis hotline won't stop ringing.

Some people wonder why farmers keep going, in a profession with so much risk and uncertainty.

Farmers keep going because farming is more than a job, it's a way of life.

Farmers keep going because, like my husband, they are working the same fields that their fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers worked.

Farmers keep going because they feel the call and duty to take care of all that God has asked them to steward.

Farmers keep going because, to them, dirt is more than dirt. It's potential. It's life.

Out here on the farm, we live where we work, and we work where we live, and you can scarcely tell the difference, ... because we carry all of this life and love and hardship, like dirt under our fingernails and in our hearts.

So today, I pray for the farmers. For the skies above to be blue. For the ground below to be dry. For the equipment to work, and for the markets to flourish. And for every farmer with a hand upon a wheel to know that God truly is in control, and that He has called them to the field — a place where we grow more than crops, but where we also grow in faith.

**This is God's promise: "The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you" (Deuteronomy 28:8).**

*A prayer from Jennifer Dukes Lee*

## Boomers & Beyond Groups

**New Community Groups** are welcoming classes that meet year around, focused on making healthy disciples for Jesus through strong biblical teaching, warm fellowship, missionary focus, loving care, and dedicated prayer. Come join a group!

**Dayspring** / 7:45 AM / C117 Dayspring is a cross-generational class that welcomes singles and couples for challenging teaching, ministry projects, missionary support, and outstanding care groups.

**Kingdom Builders** / 9 AM / C220 Join Kingdom Builders for prayer, fellowship, biblical teaching, and learning the Word together.

**Scripture: Living It Out** / 9 AM / I188 Fireside Room This cross-generational group for ages focuses on Bible study, friendship, life application, and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ. *(Formerly Thankful Hearts)*

**Ambassadors** / 10:30 AM / D127 These caring and praying seniors focus on strong biblical teaching with love for Christ, missionaries, and our nation.

**Ecclesia** / 10:30 AM / D126 A mix of seniors and younger adults. Sing the old hymns, fellowship, and go deep into God's Word. Join our caring family!

**SALT - Spiritually Advancing Linked Together** / 10:30 AM / C117 Boomers and seniors are welcome for great fellowship, prayer, the study of God's Word, and class socials.

**Journey Groups for all adults** are where real life happens together. Meet regularly to study, pray, and grow with others. Belong to a community, be transformed by the gospel, and be on mission for the people in the city. To learn more about Journey Groups or find one near you, visit the Next Steps booth in the Atrium or online at [www.ccomaha.org/journey-groups](http://www.ccomaha.org/journey-groups)

## Come Pray Together Wednesdays

*"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts.*

*Zechariah 4:6*

**10:30-11:30 AM in Classroom C118**

... for our Pastor and church ministries, our Missionaries, revival, the Persecuted Church, our children, City, Nation, the World, and needs in the body.

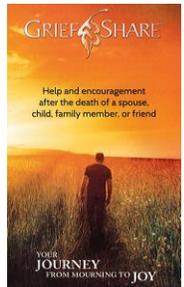


## GriefShare

**Christ Community Church**  
**Tuesdays - 6:30-8:00 PM / R188 Fireside Rm**

In our journey from mourning to joy, GriefShare provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. While this is a 13-week series, persons may begin attending at any point. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. Please come. Invite a friend or loved one.

Contact: Deb Jones / 402.658.0767



**"Boomers & Beyond"** What's your passion? Looking for a place serve? Pick up a brochure at the Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium!

**The Monthly Senior Server Newsletter -**  
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The **Server** is available online at [www.ccomaha.org/Ministries ... Boomers & Seniors](http://www.ccomaha.org/Ministries...Boomers&Seniors)

**Financial Guidance ---** John Guthmann is available for confidential assistance free of charge through the CCC Counseling Office ...  
Call John @ 402-399-8058

**CCC Benevolence & Food Pantry**  
Need help with immediate and emergency needs?  
Call Doni Gregory @ 402-330-3360

**Monthly Hymn Sheets available at Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium!**

## Preparing Well to Finish Well

Believing it is a God-honoring gesture to communicate our desires to our loved ones, two booklets have been prepared: "My Funeral Wishes" and "Valuable Documents." Available at Boomers & Beyond Desk in the Atrium or call Sue @ 402-330-3360

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*Picture by Anne Moore*

See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

. . . So do not worry saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?”

. . . Seek first his kingdom and all these things will be given you as well.

*From Matthew 6*