



THE LINK

SACTIFIED BOASTING

The dictionary defines “boasting” as: exaggerated or excessive pride. Pride is a human tendency to promote and honor self. It’s destructive to our spirit because we become our own idol and God is relegated to a lesser position. Every human being has to deal with this poisonous attitude of the heart. The Bible is filled with admonishments concerning pride and its devastating results.

Boasting is the “voice” of pride. Boasting is the verbal expression of the pride of our hearts. The Bible says that out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. Pride’s greatest desire is to bring attention to self. A boastful person uses their words to satisfy pride’s greatest desire. Consistent, repetitive conversation that focuses on “me and mine,” is evidence of a prideful heart.

But Scripture does give us one exception. There is a “prideful boasting” that is not only acceptable, but encouraged in God’s Word. Paul tells the Galatian believers, “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Gal. 6:14)

For the believer, there is only one source and object of our boasting, which is the person and work of

Jesus. We should take great “pride” in His cross. Not as though we did anything to deserve it – in fact, it’s the realization of our unworthiness that makes us so “prideful.”

This may sound strange, but we should be proud of our Savior! We should be proud to be a part of His family – proud to be called by His name – proud of His accomplishments through the Cross and Resurrection. And that pride should manifest itself through our “boasting.” If our true joy and satisfaction is rooted in knowing Him, then our boasting will be centered on Him and Him alone.

Perhaps Paul found it easy to make his boast in the Lord because he viewed himself as dead to the world. Dead people never struggle with pride. The Apostle realized the life he lived day by day was only by the grace of God, which means, if there is any cause to boast, it can only be in the God who gives him life.

I pray we would become a more “boastful people.” I pray our words and conversation become saturated with the goodness of our God and our gratefulness to Him. Let our boast always and only be in the cross of Jesus our Lord.



Join us for a special Resurrection Sunday morning service on

Sunday, April 8th

PANDEMIC PLANNING

With the growing awareness of the need to plan for unexpected events, Christian Assembly is launching an “Emergency Planning Awareness” campaign at the beginning of 2012. On Sunday, January 8th, information will be introduced to the congregation on how to be prepared as individuals. In the upcoming months, more information will be made available as we incorporate more strategic planning on how the Christian Assembly community and facility can be a resource and benefit to the Northland Community.

NEW LIFE GROUPS

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“Go” Groups focus on impacting the lives of others through service projects and outreach ministries. (eg., nursing homes, prison ministry, evangelism, and mission trips, etc.)



Interest Groups connect people around a common interest or activity. (eg. hobbies, sports, gardening, quilting, biking, cooking, etc.)

Equip Groups are designed to equip believers to do ministry and unleash the gifts God has placed in each one of us. (eg. how to teach, how to mentor, how to share your faith, how to lead a small group, etc.)



Growth Groups are discipleship study opportunities that will promote spiritual growth and development in an informal, interactive setting. (eg. books of the Bible; christian living; topical studies; etc.) Growth groups also provide help and healing for a variety of seasons and experiences of our lives. (eg. marriage, parenting, singleness, divorce, grief, addictions, etc.)



Connect Groups meet regularly for establishing lasting relationships and building a network of believers. Prayer, fellowship and encouragement are vital ingredients.



WWW.CHRISTIANASSEMBLY.COM/LIFEGROUPS

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT BY JOINING A LIFE GROUP!

CCA UPDATE

Charisma Centre for the Arts has finished a very busy fall, and we are gearing up for classes which begin the week of **January 9th**. In addition to our full year classes, we are beginning three **short term classes**. **Mommy & Me** is for 2 and 3 year olds plus an adult. This class runs for 8 weeks, on Tuesdays, from 6-6:30pm. **Mentoring for Ministry** is a 12-week class for those interested in Dance Ministry. This class includes a Biblical study of dance, developing a workout strategy, choreographic principles, leadership ideology and a class on working with props to name a few of the topics. We are also offering our very popular **Zumba for Women** on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:45pm for 8 weeks—this aerobic workout is lots of fun. What a perfect way to begin the new year! For more information on these and other classes, visit our website at: CharismaCentreForTheArts.com or call Daryse at 614.261.8440, ext 727.

DISCOVER CA

Wouldn't you like to 'DISCOVER CA'?

We have had our first 'DISCOVER CA' in which we spent time with old and new friends who wanted to know more about our wonderful church family and are interested in becoming a formal member. We thank all who attended and are looking forward to our next 'DISCOVER CA', January 22nd at 6pm.

So whether you are new to CA or have attended for a long time and are interested in becoming a formal member, plan to attend this exciting interactive class. Call or sign up to be a part of our meeting on Jan. 22nd. We hope to see you there!

TURKEY BOWL

On Thursday, November 24th, the generations clashed on the gridiron to determine who was better fit to claim the coveted title of Turkey Bowl Champions. The "older" (red shirt) generation has owned the coveted title for over 6 years. However, this year, because the "younger" (blue shirt) generation was able to shore up their resources in the recent draft and fill some weak spots, they prevailed and were hailed as the champions for 2011. Congratulations to the Young Ones!

ONE LIFE

A lot is happening in One Life Youth Ministries!

During the fall, we had our annual bonfire & finished the year with our third annual Christmas Costume party. During the party, we shared a communion meal together and since communion is intended to be a time of remembering what God has done for us through his son Jesus, we shared testimonies of how God has worked in our lives. It was great to hear many of our students share how the faithfulness and power of God is transforming their lives!

We have continued our 1st & 3rd Sunday meetings at Pastor Jeremy's & Shannon's home for high school students and we are excited to have added three new members to the teaching team for our Sunday morning classes! Solomon & Adrienne Jackson have been teaching the middle school class, and Rich Helpman joined the team to teach the high school class. The students have enjoyed getting to know our new teachers, and also hearing the Truth of the Bible from these fresh perspectives.

We also now have an intercessory prayer team for One Life: Joan Hansel, Kathy Vandegrift, and Adelaide Ocansey meet twice a month to pray for the students, leaders and the youth ministry in general. They've been praying since May, and we have already seen several answered prayers! If you're a teen or parent and would like them to pray about something, let them know! You can email sqgigora@christianassembly.com to submit prayer requests.

On October 30th, we had our first CONNECT meeting for parents and youth leaders. This is a time for parents & leaders to come together to learn about how we can better understand our teens and encourage them toward following the Lord. We watched a very informative DVD about "Generation iY" and had a fantastic discussion about the joys & challenges of raising teens. The next CONNECT will be Jan 29th.

Mark Your Calendars!

January 29th- CONNECT for Parents & Youth Leaders, 5-7pm, rm 108. Learn about teen culture and connect with others who are facing the same challenges you are.

Feb 5th-6pm- The NEW OneLife! Stay tuned to www.christianassembly.com/onelife and our Facebook page for updated info.

Feb 11th- Parents Intensive- Using curriculum by Growing Leaders Inc, this will be a very informative time to learn about why the current teen generation thinks the way they do, and how you, as a parent, can be sure they're prepared for the real world. For a preview, visit www.growing-leaders.com

Parents, do you get our weekly email? If not, email Shannon at sqgigora@christianassembly.com to be added to the list.

The past year has been one of the most fruitful of our five years in youth ministry, and we are very excited about several new improvements coming in 2012! May you have a very fruitful 2012 and experience the joys of seeing God's purposes fulfilled in your life.

Serving Him,
Pastor Jeremy & Shannon Gligora
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KID'S CORNER

Gettin' Down with Growin' Up!

It's that most wonderful time of the year, again! Christmas? No, it's time for the Getting' Down with Growin' Up! Class starts January 8nd and runs through March 25th. The purpose of this class is to help you and your child prepare for those sometimes challenging adolescent years. We talk about topics ranging from feelings of inferiority, the importance of respect, to the difference between true love and infatuation. Parents: If you have a child in 5th grade, please plan on attending a short meeting after church in Room 6 of the Root Cellar on Jan. 8, 2012. We will be giving you an overview of the class and be available to answer any questions you may have.

Parent Helpers

Parents: If you currently have a child in the Children's Ministry, we are now requesting that you assist us in ministry, serving as a parent helper. You don't necessarily need to be in your child's class. You could specify as to where you would like to assist us. We are asking for a once a month commitment. Please notify Miss Laurie at Irdoubleday@christianassembly.com.

Kids' Camp

We have just received the dates for Kids Camp: July 16th-20th. This is a residential camp for children, completing 3rd- 5th grade. Once, again, we will be joining the Assembly of God Children's Camp conducted at Heartland Conference Center. Please mark your calendars now for this important faith-building activity for your child.

Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars for the Children's Ministry Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 26th. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our CA family to gather in the Activity Center to enjoy a delicious meal and time of fellowship with one another. Mark your family calendar for this event. Why not invite a friend or other family members to church that day and then buy them a great lunch!

VALENTINE'S DINNER

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Join us at Logan's Steakhouse @ Easton @ 6:00pm on Sat., Feb. 11 for dinner and fun. Sign up begins Sun., Jan. 22 in the church lobby. This event is for those 55 and older; single or married.

SENIORS' FUN OUTING

LAMPLIGHTERS' LAUGH CLUB OUTING

'Laughter is good medicine.' the saying goes. Join us as we visit a laughter therapy group at the Griswold Senior Center in Worthington on Wed., Jan. 10. Cost is free. You can meet us at the center @ 10:00am or carpool with us from the church @ 9:30am. We will be going out to lunch at Villa Nova after the program. Sign up is already under way in the church lobby.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

During the month of December, each Sunday morning was highlighted with special Christmas presentations with music, dance, Kidz Praizers and other artistic elements.