

vbs 2016



The kids's offering totaled \$1000.53. With a matching grant of \$1000 from the Missions Team, a check for \$2000.53 was sent to Lifesong for the Liberia Master's Home of Champions. Photos by Anne Wettstein.

baptism



Riley Hickey gave her testimony and was baptized on July 31.

Youth Group Kick-Offs August 24
 Jr. High @ 5:30 pm | Sr. High @ 7:30 pm

Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship 9 am-10 am
 J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday
 K-3 Children's Church 1st & 3rd Sundays
 4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays
 Sunday School summer break

Youth Groups

Contact leaders for summer events.
 Jordan McKinsey, Jr. High
 Danny Kaupp, Sr. High
Pastoral Staff
 Andy Huette, Sr. Pastor
 Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor

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CHRIST COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF GRIDLEY
 August 2016

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Dear Church Family,

Last Sunday (7/31), the church voted 97.5% in favor of hiring Kyle Romine to lead a church plant from Christ Community Church. Kyle will be finishing up his commitments at Mortons Gap Christian Church in Kentucky this month and will begin serving at Christ Community at the beginning of September.

When Kyle begins in September, his time will be spent primarily in four categories. *First and foremost*, Kyle will be planning a church plant. Working with the CCC elders, Kyle will be leading the charge in making plans for a new church, which includes finalizing a location (we are still discussing going either east or north and intend on having a decision made by the end of 2016), identifying space to meet, finding and training a core team to start the church, developing a plan of priorities for ministry, and attempting to answer every other conceivable question that arises when planting a church. *Secondly*, Kyle will spend much time meeting the church body and beginning relationships, especially with those who express interest in joining with Kyle in the work of the new church. *Third*, Kyle will be observing as many elements of ministry as he can at CCC so that he learns the "D.N.A." of the church in order to foster continuity of ministry philosophy between CCC and the new church plant. He will join elders meetings, weekly sermon and worship service review, some counseling and visitation, weddings and funerals, and observe every other element of the church that is feasible. *Fourth*, Kyle will be participating in the work of ministry through some teaching and preaching responsibilities, participating in worship services, and helping with other

ministry tasks as needed.

Since sending out a church plant is an entirely new endeavor for our church, we are planning in pencil, expecting that adjustments to our plans will be made along the way. One adjustment that I'm anticipating is how my own job responsibilities will change slightly. With Kyle joining us, and Jordan McKinsey and Dan Kaupp beginning seminary, my role will now involve more coaching, training, and collaboration in ministry. I'm looking forward to this, but still need to learn much about how we can communicate regularly and work effectively together. Please pray for Kyle and the whole CCC staff as we prepare to work as a team in the unfamiliar territory of church planting.

Also, I encourage you to make it a point to introduce yourself to Kyle and Courtney (and even make it easy on them and remind of them of your name for awhile). Take time to encourage him in his work and provide feedback regarding church planting. When I began full-time at the church seven years ago, Abby and I were very blessed by encouraging words, notes, and the overall kindness of the church family.

We as a church family have an exciting year ahead, and the elders, staff and I want to ask for your continued prayers for God's guidance and grace as we move forward in faith.

Grace and Peace,
Andy

Children's Ministries at Christ Community



Sunday School starts September 11. Registration for children starts August 28 during Coffee Fellowship. Registering helps us in ordering the curriculum needed as well as assigning a classroom for each class size.

We are continuing in the Gospel Project, still in the Promised Land and starting with Judges. We'll stay in the Old Testament this school year and teach all the way to Joel. The Bible Bucks memorization program will continue.

Adult classes and the schedule will be shared at a later date.

Register your kids on August 28 during Coffee Fellowship.

Little Lambs starts back to school in September. School director, Stacy Ludy, will be assisted by Stephanie Deckard again this school year. They are starting the year with full classes.

Important dates for parents are listed below. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Ludy at 309-747-2778.



August 30 4-7 pm
 Parents' Open House
September 6
 1st day 3 yr-old class
September 7
 1st day 4 yr-old class

Beautiful Feet coming for a visit

Picture removed for security purposes.

Austin and Anna H. have been workers in "Topaz," North Africa for over six years. Austin leads a team of five with a long-term vision to see local disciples raised up in the region's large cities and equip them to make disciples of their neighbors.

The nation they are trying to reach is predominately Muslim and unreached with the gospel of Christ. They have few opportunities for gathering with other believers. As part of our missionary-care effort, Andy and Abby visited them in 2015.

Austin grew up in El Paso and was active in our high school youth group. He was the bass player in the first-ever Sr. High Youth Group worship band. After high school, he attended and graduated from Moody Bible Institute and took several trips to Topaz planning to return as a long-term worker.

Austin and Anna are on furlough and spent June visiting Anna's family in Sweden. They are now in Illinois to visit Austin's family and supporting churches. They will return to Topaz after one more stop in Sweden.

Austin and Anna will visit Christ Community on August 21 and share during our morning worship service.

Top left (circa 2002): Austin, far left, playing bass at youth group. Top right: Austin treating Illinois friends to Indian food. Bottom left: Andy and Abby visited the couple in Topaz in 2015.

Full names and locations are not disclosed for security reasons.

And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" Romans 10:15 ESV



What Do "Workers" Do?

Austin works with a network for seekers who have expressed an interest in Truth. He travels to meet the seekers, gives them the Book, and answers questions.

Anna takes university Arabic courses and meets other students.

Anna and a team member regularly visit a local hospital to pray with patients.

Austin and a team member started a tourism business that allows them to meet and work with local people.

Austin loves to cook and especially enjoys cooking (and eating) Indian food.

Get to know our missionaries and pray for them by praying through the monthly prayer calendar. The calendars are at the Welcome Center.

★ VBS on the road in Chenoa and Minonk ★

Christ Community Church had a float in both the Chenoa and Minonk 4th of July parades. Each float promoted our July VBS with walkers handing out postcards, necklaces, and bottles of water. Our Chenoa float received 2nd place.

Thanks to Becky Roth and Jennifer Morrison for coordinating the project, Brandt Consolidated for supplying the trucks to pull the floats, and to the families and kids who helped and/or provided enthusiastic crowd support during the parade!

Our Local Outreach team sponsored the floats.

Top photo and bottom right: the Minonk parade.

Bottom left: the Chenoa parade.

Credit: on-site photographers, Becky Roth and Tammy Sanders.



Ice Cream, Fun, and More!

Christ Community held its first event as an Associate Church at Meadows Home on July 12 with an ice cream social. The "neighbors" at Meadows along with several adults and kids from Christ CC enjoyed the ice cream and a sing-along led by Madison Ifft.

Carrie Dixon, our parish nurse, will coordinate other activities. Associate Churches agree to host events throughout the year as well as pray for the neighbors and staff. Carrie is working under the umbrella of Local Outreach (LO), and their budget will pay for events we host.

But you don't have to wait for an official event. Visitors are always welcome at the Home. The Meadows staff encourages men to come and visit with the men living there. And of course, children will brighten up everyone's day.

Please see Carrie to get involved and connect with the folks at Meadows. They'd love to meet you.



Top L: Hannah Ludy and Savannah Leicht; Top R: Tiffney, Aiden, Todd Palmer; Bottom L: Madison Ifft; Bottom R: Susan Johnson with Linda Hartzler and Maelee Palmer, and Linda's grandchildren, Abe and Emma.

August Birthdays

- 01 Irma Grusy
- 01 Dave Ihlenfeldt
- 02 Bob Wettstein
- 03 David Zeller
- 07 Kathy Hany
- 08 Tanner Benedict
- 09 Darci Poppen
- 09 Christine Zeller
- 10 Kevin Yergler
- 11 Jimmy Bridgers
- 15 Shirley Carr
- 15 Cindy Fairchild
- 18 Alicia Allen
- 22 Sophia Hall
- 22 Rebekah Kaeb
- 22 Saylor Welsch
- 31 Becky Stoller

Anniversaries

- 09 Ken & Janell Hall
- 14 Dennis & Margie Stauter
- 17 Tim & Betty Kaupp
- 18 Seth & Katie Zeller
- 27 Doug & Bev Nelson

Attendance & Offering

7/3	not recorded	\$11,813
7/10	203	\$11,093
7/17	304	\$ 7,624
7/24	420	\$ 9,552
7/31	448	\$10,785

Summer Reading

The Biggest Story by Kevin DeYoung

"In the book, *The Biggest Story*, the book gives you an overview of some of the most popular children's stories in the Bible. They are short, easy to read stories with vibrant illustrations. The book walks you from the story of Adam and Eve to Jesus back into heaven after his crucifixion. The book ends with the comforting reminder that Jesus is coming back and we will all be together again."

Reviewed by Elise Morrison



Family Fun Night!



A fun way to end the week of VBS: families enjoyed a meal, the kids' program, and a night of games, a petting zoo, horse rides, and lots of fun. It was planned by Local Outreach with the VBS Coordinators.