

JR. HIGH ICE CAMP

Sunday Worship
Morning Worship 9-10 am
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am
Communion served 4th Sunday

Children's Ministries
J.A.M. (ages 3-PreK) every Sunday
K-5th Church; 1st & 3rd Sundays

Wednesday Youth Groups
Jr. High, Zack Puck, 5:30-7:30 pm
Sr. High, Jordan McKinsey, 7:00-9:00 pm

Pastoral Staff
Andy Huetter, Sr. Pastor
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor



The Jr. High Youth Group (30 students) spent the weekend of Jan 4 in Lawton, MI for their Annual Ice Camp trip to Miracle Camp and Retreat Center. The weekend was filled with worship, games and the message of good news. Please continue to pray for the kids who traveled up to Ice Camp, that the fruit of the trip results in their spiritual growth and their knowing Jesus.



Zack Puck is the Jr. High Youth Pastor Intern. If you have any questions about Youth Group, meals for Wednesday nights, volunteer opportunities etc, please contact him at ze-puck@gmail.com

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One Another Meals

Sign-ups, contact information and details for our February 10th meals can be found on [pg. 3](#).



Milestones

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Member Bios

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Jr. High Ice Camp Photos

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4 reasons why joining a book group can be beneficial to your soul

Pastor Andy's Letter

Dear Christ CC Family,

Next week, we'll begin our month-long book groups during the adult Sunday School time and I'm writing you this month to encourage you to sign up for a group and to fill you in on the available options.

What I'm about to say may sound like a guilt trip to non-readers, but please bear with me. I'm not advocating an eleventh commandment that "Thou shalt read twenty books a year." However, I do believe that the access we have to a multitude of good books is a gift God has given to believers in this generation for our joy and spiritual maturity. Here are four reasons why reading, in general, and/or joining a book group can be of great value to you.

First, reading makes us more discerning. Hebrews 5 describes maturity in faith as "those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil." Reading allows us to consider the implications of ideas and actions in our minds, rather than through real-life, often irreversible, actions.

Secondly, reading exposes us to other points of view. There are pervasive ways of thinking in our culture and sub-cultures which we assume to be true and good, but which may not be. Further, in a social media world, where our information is curated by algorithms aimed at giving us what we want to hear, we often end up in ideological echo chambers where our assumptions and ideas are primarily confirmed rather than challenged.

Thirdly, reading is a practical way to live out the greatest commandment. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord our God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength" (Mt. 22:37). Stewarding our minds so that we are better able to think about what is true, right, holy, good, excellent and praiseworthy (Phil. 4:8) is one of the ways we love God. Reading is more work than watching T.V., but with that work comes greater mental reward. T.V. is often sugar to the brain, reading good books is fruit and vegetables. Is there a place for sugar in our lives? Absolutely! But without fruits and vegetables, we get mentally flabby and less able to fulfill our greatest purpose in life which is to love the Lord.

A fourth reason to read is because reading is a way of receiving one of God's gifts to us for our good. There are numerous places in Scripture that show us God has gifted people with various talents and the gifts he has given to his church are given for the purpose of building up the church body. When musicians use their talents to lead us in worship music, it's a gift to us non-musicians, who are then able to join in and sing praise to God. So it is with books. God has gifted some people with an exceptional ability to write with clarity, beauty, and precision. Their writings are like

a Thanksgiving feast for the mind. We don't have to eat at Thanksgiving, but who wouldn't want to? It's likely, perhaps certain, that never before in world history has there been such a wealth of great books for Christian growth. I encourage you to pick up a book, stretch your thinking, and enter into discussion with the church family during our February book groups.

We're offering four books this year for book groups, and I believe each of them are helpful in thinking biblically about the world around us.

The Tech-Wise Family is a book that is helpful for families who are feeling sucked into the rip-tide of technological glut. If nothing else, this book can help spur good conversation and perhaps new resolve to swim upstream.

How the Nations Rage is a very thoughtful book about Christian engagement in politics. This book is not hard to read, nor is it easy. If you want to think critically and biblically about the politics of this world and the politics of the kingdom of God, this book is for you.

The Gospel Comes with a House Key is a book unlike any other I've read in some time. It's a picture of what author Rosaria Butterfield calls "radical, ordinary hospitality." The reader gets an up-close view of Butterfield's counter-cultural life of hospitality, and by the end I was compelled to consider ways to open up the doors in my own home in a greater way. If you read it comparing yourself to Butterfield, you'll probably be discouraged because she is indeed radical. But if you read it to glean what could be in your own life and as a story of God's grace in hers, I think you'll be encouraged.

Gaining By Losing, which is the fourth book we are offering, was written by pastor J.D. Greear (Let it be known that Grant Stauter once lifted weights with Greear at a hotel in Louisville. And as you can imagine, Grant chatted his ear off and from Grant's insight, Greear published this book). The CCC elders read this book in preparation for our annual planning meeting, and in short, Greear's book articulates the ministry game that we are playing. He exhorts churches to be sacrificially generous not only with money, but in developing, enlisting, and sending people out of the church on mission to plant churches and make disciples of all nations. *Gaining By Losing* is easy to understand and a great read. If you're contemplating going on the Minonk Church plant, or even curious about why we've been emphasizing church planting, this book is for you.

If you'd like to read more than one book, just check the church library and you should be able to find a copy of each (especially after book groups conclude).

Happy Reading!
Andy Huette



The Albritton's
Chuck & Marsha

NEW FEATURE
MEMBER BIOS



Christ CC
Connections

A little bit about Chuck & Marsha...

Chuck and Marsha will celebrate **48 years of marriage** in May. They are the parents of Jason (Katie) Albritton (pictured at the right) and Amber (Alan) Glatz (in photo above to the right) and grandparents of James, Charlie, Anna, Connor and Colin.

Chuck fell for Marsha...literally

In 1969, Chuck literally fell out of the sky while parachute jumping, breaking his femur and landing in Methodist hospital where Marsha was a student nurse. They married the day after Marsha graduated at the mature age of 20.

What does Chuck do for a living?

Chuck served as a helicopter pilot in Vietnam and continued his aviation career, flying for FedEx for 34 years before retiring in 2012.

What does Marsha do for a living?

Marsha worked as an RN in Critical Care at the 17 locations they called home before settling at Lake Bloomington. She returned to school to obtain a Masters in counseling and worked as a forensic counselor for McLean County, treating sexually and physically abused children before retiring.

Do you have a favorite team?

Professional sports aren't a hobby but cheering on the grandkids' teams is huge! The Kingsley Cavaliers (#1 seed) are among the current favorites.

What has been the most profound truth from Scripture that has influenced your spiritual growth?

The most profound truth from the Scripture is God's promises do not depend on the strength of our faith but the strength of His promises. God, in his Grace, has done it all! Saving faith is faith in God's provision, not our performance.

How long have they been attending Christ CC?

They began attending CCC in Feb 2010.

Hobbies

Chuck is mechanically gifted and enjoys working on anything with an engine.

Marsha loves to cook. Their favorite activity is spending time with family and friends on Lake Bloomington.

Favorite book

Chuck's favorite book/movie is *Hunt for Red October*.

Favorite TV shows

They were both sad when they had seen all the episodes (so far) of *This Is Us*.



Chuck and Marsha's son Jason (left) with his wife, Katie (right) and their kids, James & Anna.

How can we pray for you?

Our prayer request is that we can **finish well** in this last chapter, being open to the Lord's leading.

Do you remember when God saved you?

Marsha had accepted Jesus when she was carrying Amber. Chuck began his walk when Jason expressed the desire to become a Christian. Marsha's father was the most influential person, always talking to his 5 children about Heaven and the sister waiting for them there. Chuck's walk with Jesus was influenced by his wife. Chuck loves to sing with the choir and his favorite song is How Great is our God. They love seeing their son and his family in church and knowing their daughter and her family are serving in their hometown church of Eastview.

Every salvation story is an extraordinary event...because it lasts forever

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Who are the missionaries that Christ CC supports? Every month this page will be dedicated to spotlighting fellow soldiers in the advancement of the gospel. We hope that this page will be an encouragement for the reader and a way for our church family to put names with faces and to pray for and encourage our missionaries.

Update from:

Matt & Nati Taylor *To Every Tribe*
(from their monthly emails)

To Every Tribe exists to extend the worship of Christ among all peoples by mobilizing the church, training disciple-makers, and sending missionary teams to plant churches among the unreached. Matt is on staff at To Every Tribe and has worked there since 2011, Nati since 2014. Matt works in the Center for Pioneer Church Planting (CPCP) division of To Every Tribe. They had their second little girl last October (details below) and are still joyfully involved in the mission and direction of To Every Tribe.

From Christ CC's 2017 Yearly Missionary Survey:

How does your work involve the local church?

Due to the nature of our mission statement, everything we do is somehow permeated with local church partnerships. Churches send missionaries through us. We train pioneers to plant churches. We are sending missionaries in the world towards this end. My personal work with To Every Tribe involves easing the interactions between us (the agency) and the many local churches who are partners with us.

Matt's New Role

Matt has slightly shifted roles in the CPCP. He will now be serving as the Assistant Director of the CPCP. Pray for him as he takes on this new responsibility of managing and training their missionaries!

Next Month

Bill Allison
Cadre Ministries



L to R: Nati, Chloe, Ella & Matt

Four Year Anniversary!

On top of celebrating Nati's birthday last July 4, we recently celebrated four years of being married, enjoying life together, working in the mission together, and serving Christ together!

New Baby

We welcomed Chloe Patricia Taylor on Thursday, October 25, 2018. Chloe weighed 7 lbs. & 14 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. She is now 3 months old, and we are so happy to have her in our lives! The delivery went really well and Nati has recovered wonderfully. Ella is loving being a big sister. Both parents are tired, but both children are gifts from God!



Pictured on the left is baby Chloe who turned 3 months old last Friday, January 25. On the right is Chloe's big sister Ella who turned 2 in November.

Thank you all who have sent love, encouragement, dinners, gifts, emails, phone calls, visits. We are so grateful for you all!

Thank you,
From Matt, Nati, Ella & Chloe

Core Value: Beautiful Feet
Matthew 28:18-20
Acts 20:24
Psalm 67



List of Workers

Joe & Amy Flammer
Dan & Christi Ucherek
Austin & Anna Hand
Chris & Dana Hardy
Bill Allison
Seth Foor
Dylan Steffen
Wes & Natalie Crump
Matt & Nati Taylor
Shannon & Katie Bachelor

Organizations

New Life Community
Orphan Outreach
Frontiers
SIM USA
Cadre Ministries
The Traveling Team
To Every Tribe

Prayer Requests for the Taylor's

Praises

New Home: We have now transitioned into our new home. Thank you all who prayed!

New Training Year: We're almost halfway through this current training year. This is such a great group of missionaries.

New Baby: Praise the Lord for a safe delivery for both momma and baby.

Contact Us

Matt & Nati Taylor
612 W 6th St. Apt. G,
Los Fresnos, TX 78566
Matt 708-220-1726 | Nati 708-778-0022

ONE ANOTHER MEALS



Because God first loved us and gave His Son for us, we delight in showing grace and sacrificial love toward One Another.

February 10, 5-7pm

Everyone who attends Christ Community is welcome. Each meal includes 8-10 people. The host prepares the main course and asks others in the group to bring side dishes. Your host will contact you the week or so before the meal.

Childcare at the church from 4:45-7:30pm
Children 5th grade and under

Romans 12:3-13
John 13:34-35
Ephesians 4:2-6



Core Value: One Another

Denise Benedict, 309-747-3299
benedict@gridcom.net

Denise will have a table in the foyer to take your RSVP. When you sign up for a One Another Meal please let Denise know if you plan on bringing your children to the church. This allows for an adequate number of childcare workers.

Contact Denise if you can help with childcare



2019 One Another Meals) FEBRUARY 10
APRIL 28
AUGUST 11
NOVEMBER 10

RSVP to Denise if:

- 1) You have never signed up to attend OR
- 2) You have attended but cannot attend on Feb 10

If you previously signed up for the meals and plan to attend the February 10 meal, you do not need to RSVP.

February Milestones

Birthdays

- 2 Nicholas Feit
- 2 A.J. Krone
- 3 Lynn Barth
- 3 Stephenie Deckard
- 5 Katie Zeller
- 7 Willi Wenger
- 8 Steve Barnhart
- 9 Lincoln Egle
- 9 Lyric Egle
- 9 Frank Grusy
- 9 Hudson Huette
- 10 Briggs Fehr
- 10 Denny Stauter
- 13 Frankie Finck
- 13 Becca Kaisner
- 15 Danny Kaupp
- 15 Cathy Smith
- 16 Jase Krone
- 16 Jett Krone
- 17 Sam Stauter
- 18 Darien Benedict
- 19 Nathaniel Meiss
- 20 Sami Allen
- 21 Alisa Ihlenfeldt
- 21 Noah Johnson
- 21 Liam Keifer
- 23 Dick Stanhouse
- 24 Avery Eskridge
- 24 Katie Klein
- 25 Sarah Luning
- 27 Noah Wettstein
- 28 Katie Jeffreys
- 28 Kathleen Roth

Anniversaries

- 5 Tyson & Mandy Fehr
- 25 Dan & Carrie Dixon

Attendance & Offering

1/6	327	\$8,292
1/13	155	\$4,645
1/20	192	\$7,998

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- MON** **Morning Workouts**
5:15am
Family Center
Open to all.
Dave Ihlenfeldt
dave1@gridcom.net
- TUES** **Men's Group: Thriving in Babylon**
1st/3rd, 6:30pm
Men's group traveling through the book of Daniel.
Tim Johnson
tpj.ccc@gmail.com
- WED** **Morning Workouts**
5:15am
Family Center
Open to all.
Dave Ihlenfeldt
dave1@gridcom.net
- Boyz to Men**
Every week, 6-7am
Conference Room
John Dirks
dirks.family@reagan.com
- MOM's Group**
1st/3rd, 9-10:30am
Childcare provided.
Can always use more childcare workers.
Susan Laiming
susan.laiming@yahoo.com
- Evening Women's Group 1**
1st/3rd, 6:30pm
Northwest Classroom
Bev Nelson
bnelson@gridcom.net
- Evening Women's Group 2**
Every other, 6:30pm
Conference Room
Debbie Meiss
ddmeiss@gridcom.net
- Jr. High Youth Group**
Every week, 5:30-7:30pm
Fellowship Hall & Family Center
Zack Puck
zepuck@gmail.com
- Sr. High Youth Group**
Every week, 7-9pm
Fellowship Hall & Family Center
Jordan McKinsey
jmac213108@gmail.com
- THURS** **Gridley Food Pantry**
Every week, 12:30pm
Fellowship Hall
Maralon Stauter, Director
(309) 747-2222
- FRI** **Morning Workouts**
5:15am
Family Center
Open to all.
Dave Ihlenfeldt
dave1@gridcom.net

MONTHLY CALENDAR / FEBRUARY

- 03** **Monthly Prayer Meeting**   
Sanctuary, 7-8pm
What to expect at a prayer meeting: Mostly prayer. Two to three worship songs led by various leaders. In between songs there is a time of prayer through the various events and ministries going on at Christ CC and the community; handouts of prayer topics are given as you arrive. We hope you will join your faith family in prayer on Feb 3.
- 08-09** **Building Rental**
Family Center Reserved
Friday night setup; Saturday event 6-8pm
- 10** **One Another Meals** 
5-7pm, various homes throughout community
Once a quarter we have our One Another Meals. Details for the OA Meals are found on page 3.
Childcare is available in the Family Center from 4:45-7:30pm. Contact Denise Benedict for more information, benedict@gridcom.net.
- 10** **Baby Dedications**  
During the service
Every year we take time in the service to recognize new babies born into our faith family. This is a time for parents and the church family to encourage and exhort young parents to raise their children up in the Lord. Questions? Contact a pastor Grant Stauter grant@christ-cc.org
Andy Huetter andy@christ-cc.org
- 23** **Inaugural Wild Game Feed Pursuit Men's Ministry**  
3-7pm, Family Center
Doors open at 3pm for games (bags, basketball, dart gun target practice, cards, etc.) The meal begins at 5pm. Men of all ages invited. Questions? Contact Jason Porzelius, jwporzelius@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

- APRIL 13** **64th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** 
8am-1pm, Family Center
Everyone is invited! All proceeds will go to *The Forgotten Initiative* (TFI). TFI is a ministry of Lifesong for Orphans that works to grow sustainable foster care programs in local communities.
We need volunteers to help with the breakfast. If you can help, please contact Denny Foor, dennyfoor@gmail.com or Todd Morrison, wtoddmorrison@gmail.com.

What's with the weird icons next to the events? These icons represent our Core Values here at Christ CC. We strive to provide events for our church family and community through the lenses of our Core Values, which we believe are evident all throughout Scripture. For a full list of our Core Values you can visit our website under the *Who We Are* tab.



February Prayer Calendar

christ Community Church 2019

Proclaiming the Gospel

...in Gridley and around the world

I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16

Week 1: 1st - 2nd

Spiritual Growth: "If, then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1

Bible Reading Plan: for discipline in following the Old and New Testament readings; for spiritual growth and growing love for the Lord.

February Book Groups: that the groups would grow in knowledge of the topics covered; for the fellowship of the groups to be God honoring and fruitful; that the conversations in each group would be edifying for the building up of the Body of Christ.

Our Pastors, Andy, Grant, Duane, Erik: for strong, rich prayer lives that take them closer to the heart of God; for revelation of Truth as they study God's Word; for spiritual gifting to explain deep Truth to God's people.

Elders: for wisdom from heaven that is pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. James 3:1. (Al Hany, Andy Huetter, Tim Johnson, John Krone, Grant Stauter, Steve Barnhart, Denny Foor).

Week 2: 3rd - 9th

Authentic Worship: that we will daily remember the One who "began a good work in you and will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

Monthly Prayer Meeting: for the church family to enjoy spending time together in prayer; for our affections to be lifted toward Jesus; that God would use His church to pray for His will to be done.

Adoption: for the Lord's leading for families considering adoption; for prayerfulness about God's call on Christ Community regarding adoption.

Shannon & Katie, Middle East: Pray for "the Teacher": protection, safety, his spiritual growth, marriage, family, his teachings and his projects with Shannon; for more locals who can disciple locals; for their video projects that they will help religious cousins trust the Bible; for their friend Rose to come to fully trust and follow Jesus; for their family: wisdom, stamina, and for each of them to abide in Him.

Week 3: 10th - 16th

One Another: that the fruit of the Spirit will be evident in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

One Another Meals: for rich fellowship, new-found friendships, and an enjoyable time spent together; for the childcare workers at church; that the children will be well-behaved and feel secure while at church during the meals.

Children's Ministries: that we will fix God's Word in our hearts and minds and teach them to our children. Deut. 11:18-19

Mom's Group, and Evening Mom's groups: for spiritual growth, friendships, and fellowship that encourage and edify one another.

Groups: For the groups that are meeting to be edifying to the body of Christ; that the groups would focus on God as they draw near to Him; for relationships to form and accountability to be present.

Week 4: 17th - 23rd

Open Bibles: that we will meditate often on God's Word and be like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in season and whose leaves never wither. Psalm 1

Youth Groups: that Christ is proclaimed, warning and teaching everyone with wisdom so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28

Little Lambs: for the children to grow and develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, and socially to the glory of God; that Stacy, Stephenie, Becky and the children will be ambassadors of Christ to families.

Church Plants, Chenoa & Minonk: That the work being done in the school districts would bring honor and glory to God; for the church plant to continue in preaching the good news to those in the community; that God would continue to raise up men and women to lead where God has called them; that the lost would be found.

Week 5: 24th - 28th

Beautiful Feet: That [we] will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Isaiah 12:4

Muslims Everywhere: that they will hear God's still small voice, and encounter Jesus who will lead them on the straight path.

Missionaries Everywhere: that they are faithful to be in the Word, doing the work of Bible memory and meditation; that they take time to absorb God's Word and think hard about the Spirit-intended meaning.

Persecuted Church: for the endurance of the saints; that they will keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. Revelation 14:12

Wes & Natalie Crump, Seth Foor, & Dylan Steffen, The Traveling Team: that they would continue to mobilize students to share the gospel to unreached people groups.

Dan & Christi Ucherek, Orphan Outreach, Guatemala: that their joy is an encouragement to others and contagious in starting conversations with unbelievers.

Austin & Anna, North Africa: for encouragement to continue the work of sharing the gospel in a region hostile to Christ; for faithfulness and perseverance.

Cut along this line to hang the Prayer Calendar on your fridge, just like before!