

April Ladies' Lunch



Graduates



We recognized our graduates on May 22.

"Reflections" was the theme for the Ladies' Lunch on April 30. Using Romans 8:28 as the key verse, it was a time to reflect on God's sovereign care in our lives. Photos by Anne Wettstein

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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Dear Church Family,

I love the book of Proverbs and am looking forward to opening it together as a church family beginning next week as we begin a new summer sermon series. As I've prepared for this series, it has occurred to me that Proverbs will feel much different from other books that we've covered like Philippians, Nehemiah, or Acts. As a part of the wisdom literature, Proverbs has some uniqueness that affects the way we interpret and apply it.

One unique aspect of the book of Proverbs is that it evidences some continuity, but much discontinuity. That is, some portions of the book flow together like a unified story or speech, but other sections read like a disjointed collection of one-liner truths. Chapters 1-9 form one cohesive unit of a father's speech to a child (visible in the repeated phrase "My son"), and chapters 10-31 have various sections of proverbial sayings from Solomon, Lemuel, Agur, and others. Within these collected sayings, there are some unified subsections, but it is not uncommon for one verse to have nothing to do with the verse before it or after it. For this reason, we'll be jumping around a good bit within Proverbs to see what the whole book has to say about various topics.

A second unique element of Proverbs is that a given proverb "does not teach a universally valid truth. On the contrary, proverbs are true only if stated at the right time and in the right circumstance."¹ The book of Proverbs is wisdom literature and the nature of the wisdom genre is to teach the rule, but to assume and permit exceptions. In fact, Proverbs finds its place in the canon near Job which shows that even when a person acts wisely, there are no guarantees on the avoidance of suffering. While Proverbs helps us understand the nature of God's created order, Job reminds us that no human can exhaustively figure out God's will or ways.

A third uniqueness of the book of Proverbs is that it does not always feel like an explicitly Christian book. While the New Testament very clearly explains truths of the gospel, and the Old Testament testifies to the redemptive work of God which is fulfilled in Christ, there are some Proverbs which would make for good fortune cookies regardless of one's religious affiliation. Nevertheless, the book of Proverbs most certainly points us to the good news of Jesus Christ. Proverbs 1:7, which is arguably the theme verse of Proverbs, teaches that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Fearing the Lord throughout the Old Testament is shorthand for being a person who trusts, obeys, and worships the Lord. Being wise, therefore, is not a matter of reading a lot of books, but of knowing and trusting God. The only way to be wise is to know the Lord, and the only way to know the Lord is to know His revelation of Himself in the person of Christ.



Furthermore, the book of Proverbs sets forth a standard of moral righteousness that is evident in the created order. As we see this standard, we are reminded of our failure to meet it, and see that we have each walked the path of the fool. In view of the created fabric of wisdom, we become more aware of our need for the Redeemer.

"Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her . . . she is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her" (Pr. 3:13-18).

I look forward to laying hold of the Lord's wisdom together with you this summer!

Grace and Peace,
Andy

¹Tremper Longman III, *Proverbs*, Baker Commentary on the Old Testament Wisdom and Psalms, (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006), 31. Longman adds, however, "that certain proverbs are always true. For instance, 11:1 states 'Fraudulent scales are an abomination to Yahweh, but an accurate weight rings his favor'" (32-33).

Youth Group Summer Events

Our youth groups take a break in the summer from weekly Wednesday meetings. But our youth directors have planned events throughout the summer.

Jr. High Jordan McKinsey

We've made it through another exciting year of Jr. High Youth Group at Christ Community Church! And now it's time to get our summer activities in your calendars!

Our first summer event will be a pool party at the Gridley Swimming Pool on July 8th from 6-8pm. Snacks will be available for purchase at the concession stand.

Toward the end of July, we have our yearly trip up to Mattheissen State Park in Utica, IL (about an hour north off of route 39). On July 20th, we'll spend a day at Mattheissen State Park where we will do some hiking, swimming and picnicking.

Our third event, scheduled at the beginning of August, will be to an indoor trampoline park



called "Sky Zone Aurora" in Aurora, Illinois (specific August date not yet confirmed. More details to come). If you are interested in information on "Sky Zone Aurora" you can visit their website (www.skyzone.com/aurora).

And finally, the Fall semester of Youth Group will begin on August 24th with our "Messy Kick-off" night! This is an event that gets all the kids excited for another semester of Jr. High Youth Group at Christ Community Church! It will be an exciting time with fun and games but most importantly an opportunity for us to see Jesus and his love for us!

We hope to see you this summer!



The Jr. High kids (and a few moms) held a baby shower for Jordan and Alissa in May.



A pool of babysitters?!?!



Danny and Courtney welcomed Cooper Daniel on May 4.

Sr. High Danny Kaupp

Senior High Youth Group has a jam-packed summer fast approaching! We welcome all high school students, including both senior & eighth grade graduates to participate! There is no better way to have a smooth transition into high school than to hang out and make friends during this action-packed summer schedule. So join in the fun and bring your friends!

When	What	Where
Wed, June 1 @ 6-8 pm	Ultimate Frisbee	Gridley Football Field
Fri, June 17 @ 7-9 pm	Game Night	Chris Zeller Home
Sat, July 9 @ 9 am-5 pm	Starved Rock Trip	Starved Rock
Fri, July 22 @ 7-11:30 pm	Drive In Movie	Gibson City
Fri, Aug 5 @ 7-9 pm	Pool Party	Gridley Pool

Extra copies of the summer schedule will be posted on the Upper Room corkboard. Feel free to take one. We can't wait to see you this summer!



Christ in Youth (CIY) July 25-30, 2016

We are also very excited for CIY which is July 25-30. The theme is *Kingdom Workers*, and we will be spending our week in the book of Ephesians.

If your Sr. High student would like to attend CIY, we ask that your final payment of \$289 be turned in to Danny Kaupp by **June 18th!**



Vacation Bible School

The VBS theme this year is "Praise!" Kids will focus on Biblical attributes of God (*Greatness, Authority, Providence, Power & Love*) and then praise Him in response.

Date July 25-29 from 6-8 pm. New this year: we'll end the week with a family fun night on Friday.

Coordinators Erin Kaupp, Lori Hardman, Becky Roth

Classes Pre-school, K-8th grades, and adult classes. The adult TED talks will be 6:30-7:50 with a break in the middle.

Dinner served in the Fellowship Hall from 4:45-5:30 pm for VBS volunteers and their families.

Opening/Closing We will begin and end in the Family Center. Kids can go directly to their class area in the Family Center at 5:45.

Registration Register in June during Coffee Fellowship or online at our website: christ-cc.org and click on the *Ministries* tab.

Parent Pick-Up Kids in 3rd grade and under must be picked up by their parent. Kids will stay in their designated area in the Family Center until they are claimed. 4th and 5th grade students may go directly to their parents.

Help Needed We need help in the nursery (provided for VBS volunteers) and 10 dozen cookies each night. See one of the coordinators to help.

Missions Offering The offering is designated to the Lifesong's Master's School in Liberia. The school's U.S. advocates, Kay and Keith Knapp, will visit VBS to share first-hand stories and needs.

Register your kids for VBS in June during Coffee Fellowship.

June Birthdays

- 1 Thomas Erwin
- 1 Jordan McKinsey
- 2 Hart Zeller
- 4 Jim Todd
- 4 Ron Richard
- 5 Dan Dixon
- 5 Neil Jeffreys
- 5 Matty Wenger
- 7 Melvin Grace
- 7 Phyllis Smith
- 8 Jamie Erwin
- 10 Alec Ihlenfeldt
- 13 Zachary Johnson
- 16 Brian Buchanan
- 17 Mary Ferguson
- 17 Adam Ludy
- 18 Matt Wenger
- 20 Mark Butikofer
- 21 Jacob Ludy
- 21 Elise Morrison
- 24 David Hess
- 25 Jennifer Morrison
- 25 Michelle Porzelius
- 28 Mary Carls
- 29 Alice Guth
- 30 Caleb Kaupp
- 30 Ashley Neal

Anniversaries

- 2 Jordan & Alissa McKinsey
- 3 Timothy & Susan Johnson
- 4 Ron & Stephanie Richard
- 8 Jason & Michelle Porzelius
- 10 Andy & Abby Huetter
- 13 Phil & Linda Hartzler
- 13 Jonathan & Jonna Strauch
- 14 Larry & Carol Neuhalfen
- 15 Frankie & Stephanie Finck
- 28 Daniel & Jamie Erwin

May Births

- 4 Cooper Daniel Kaupp
- Parents: Courtney & Danny Kaupp
Grandparents: Betty & Tim Kaupp

Attendance & Offering

5/1	333	\$13,041
5/8	298	\$6,527
5/15	332	\$8,050
5/22	385	\$7,995
5/29	343	\$6,741

Pancake Day Proceeds

The Forgotten Initiative received **\$2523.60** from our Pancake & Sausage Day. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported it.

Summer Reading for Kids

Good reads for kids

Our church library has expanded its selection of books for young readers. The Little Lights books are biographies of missionaries and Christian heroes written for children 4-8 years of age. Check one out for your young reader.

Little Lights Books

Who is the Bravest?
David Livingstone

What's in the Parcel?
Helen Roseveare

Are All of the Watches Safe?
Corrie ten Boom

Can Brown Eyes Be Made Blue?
Amy Carmichael

Does Money Grow on Trees?
George Muller

Could Somebody Pass the Salt?
Hudson Taylor

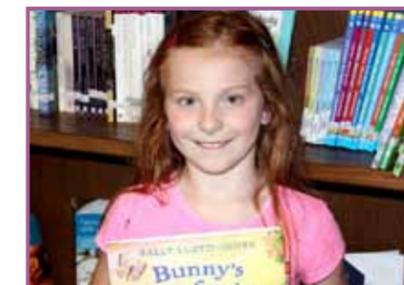
Can You Imagine? CS Lewis

Are You Ready? Eric Liddell

Bunny's First Spring by Sally Lloyd Jones.

"I liked this book because it had cute little bunnies. I also enjoyed the book because I learned about how God created new life. I think this would be a good book for others to read."

Reviewed by Lexie Kiefer



Lexie is 8 years old and will be in 3rd grade in the fall.