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Book Groups met in February. This group, led by Adrian Carrion (far right), read and discussed *Life in Community* which prompted more indepth discussion about our core value, *One Another*.



We took photo directory pictures in February. These helpers posed for the camera so our photographer, Tiffney Palmer, could test the camera settings.

The photo directory with contact information is on our website: www.christ-cc.org. The password is listed in each Sunday's bulletin. You can also pick up a paper copy at the Welcome Center.



When the Moms Group meets, their kids play . . . and they are always on the move! Big thanks to the childcare volunteers!



The Gridley Food Pantry operates out of our building and is open on Thursdays from 12:30-1:00. They are accepting donations to help with the Easter boxes. Please give your donation to Maralon Stauter or Barb Ringger.

One Another Meals in Homes



April 24
August 7
November 6

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 10:30-11:15 am

Youth Groups

Wednesdays
Jr. High 6:00 pm Jordan McKinsey, leader
Sr. High 7:30 pm Danny Kaupp, leader

Pastoral Staff

Andy Huetter, Sr. Pastor
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor

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CHRIST COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF GRIDLEY
March 2016

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Dear Church Family,

Easter is just around the corner, which means that we'll soon begin to see news articles, T.V. shows, and social media posts about the resurrection of Jesus Christ; many of which will claim to know some new evidence as to why the resurrection is a hoax. Despite such claims, we'll gather together this month on Easter Sunday, joining two millenia of believers who confess that Jesus has risen from the dead, ascended on high, and lives today interceding for His Church at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

The resurrection of Christ is a truth claim that we confess by faith. We cannot scientifically prove the resurrection nor do we have video footage of Jesus walking out of the tomb. However, the resurrection is not something that we have to take completely on *blind* faith. In Acts 26, Paul gives historical and philosophical reasons for the resurrection of Jesus before the Roman King Agrippa, which I find to bolster my own faith today.

In Acts 26:26, Paul makes a historical argument for the truthfulness of the resurrection. Speaking to King Agrippa about Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, he says, "For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner." The resurrection was breaking news in Jerusalem, everyone was talking about it, and Paul is able to say to one of the highest ranking men in the land, "You know it's true." Paul, who had seen the risen Christ, is convinced of the resurrection to the degree that he will confess the resurrection before a Roman King and even remind the king of the public nature of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Secondly, Paul makes a philosophical argument for the resurrection to King Agrippa. In Acts 26:8 Paul poses this question: "Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?" Paul is suggesting that just because something does not usually happen, does not mean that it can never happen. The resurrection of a dead man is unusual, but it is not illogical.

Every single day, we are surrounded by biological life—people moving, insects buzzing, and birds chirping—and we refer to all of this biological life as "nature." Nature is measurable, testable, and relatively predictable. As a result, many today have a naturalistic worldview that the universe is a closed system governed by scientifically testable forces. When something miraculous—like the resurrection of Jesus—is not con-

sistent with scientific laws, it is laughed aside as nonsense.

But what we call "nature," is really a marvelous supernatural phenomenon. All of the life around us has a source (a source that is unaccounted for in a naturalistic worldview). God has created all things, and He sustains all things by His power. Paul's argument to Agrippa is that the Source of all life, can easily bring life to a dead body in the same way that He breathes life into every biological being every second of every day. Resurrection is indeed uncommon, but it is not impossible or illogical. The miracle of the resurrection is logically consistent with the miracle that any of us have life in the first place.

The confession we make celebrate on Easter of the miraculous resurrection of Christ is not a naïve claim of pie in the sky. It is based on historical testimony and the logically consistent worldview that the universe is not a closed system governed by impersonal forces, but by a personal, powerful Creator.

Grace and Peace,
Andy

Christ Community Easter Plans

March 25
Good Friday Service
with Communion
7:00 pm

March 26
Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am in Family Center
for children 5th grade & younger

March 27
Easter Sunday
8:30 am 1st service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am 2nd service

"The Lord has risen indeed!" Luke 24:34

Meet Our Church Staff

● Pastoral Staff



Our Sr. Pastor, **Andy Huette**, first came to what was then, First United Church, as our part-time Sr. High Youth Director in February of 2005. He served in that position until September 2009, when he became the Sr. Pastor.



Grant Stauter began his career as a pastor at Christ Community in May 2012 when he was hired as a part-time Pastor Apprentice. His apprenticeship ended on May 31, 2013, but he was then re-hired as a full-time Associate Pastor on September 1, 2013.



Jordan McKinsey serves as our Jr. High Youth Director. He and Alissa live in El Paso and are expecting their first baby in June.



Danny Kaupp serves as our Sr. High Youth Director. He and Courtney live in Normal and are expecting their first baby in May.

● Other Staff



Tammy Sanders was hired in September 2010 as our Worship Coordinator. Tammy assists in planning the worship service, coordinating the musicians, vocalists, audio-visual volunteers and all rehearsals.



Keri Hany has served as our Administrative Assistant since February 2006. She manages all office duties and also serves as our Treasurer, preparing financial reports for the Finance team and Elder Council.



Kris Bridgers has served as our Custodian since March 2003. In her role, she cleans after Sunday services, Youth Group activities, and any event that is held in the building. She is usually the first to find lost items and anything needing repair

● Little Lambs Staff



Stacy Ludy has been our Little Lambs Preschool Director since its inception in 2010. She is responsible for all the planning, teaching and daily operations for the preschool.



Stephenie Deckard became a Little Lambs Teacher Aide in August 2014. She has a B.S. degree in Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Development and Family Relationships and is qualified to serve as a substitute teacher in Mrs. Ludy's absence.



Enrollment is now open for the 2016-2017 school year. Contact Stacy Ludy at (309) 747-2778 to enroll your 3, 4, or 5 year old child

Gospel Coalition Women's Conference

June 16-18, 2016

Indianapolis, Indiana

Join Christ Community women this June to attend the Gospel Coalition's National Women's Conference. The conference theme is "Resurrection Life in a World of Suffering" and is based on 1 Peter.

John Piper, D.A. Carson, Jen Wilkin and Kathleen Nielson are some of the conference speakers. Tim and Kathy Keller will lead a pre-conference session on prayer.

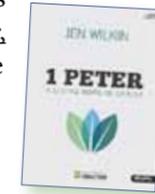
The group registration cost to each person is \$69. Women's Fellowship and Ministry are helping with registration and hotel costs. Contact Abby Huette before April 12 to be part of the group registration.

The only other cost will be meals. We will caravan to Indy together.

For more information, go to the conference website at <http://conference.thegospelcoalition.org/2016>.

As a follow-up to the conference, Abby will lead a 9-week Bible study this summer. The book will be 1 Peter, A Living Hope in Christ available from Lifeway.

The conference and Bible study are open to all women at Christ Community. You do not have to attend the conference to join the Bible Study.



at a glance

- June 16-18, 2016
Indianapolis, Indiana
- Group Registration before
April 15: Your cost \$69
- Women's Fellowship is assisting
with each registration received
by the April 15 deadline.
- Share transportation.
The church is helping with
hotel costs.
- See Abby Huette with
questions and to register:
abbyhuette@yahoo.com
or 309-287-6188

61st Annual Pancake Day: April 9



Pancake Day is a longstanding tradition for our church. Back in 1955, the Gridley Methodist Church started serving pancakes and sausage to the Gridley community as a fundraiser. When the two churches joined together, the tradition continued and is still an annual activity for our church family.

Join us on Saturday, April 9. We'll serve from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door but you can buy tickets earlier at Flanagan State Bank, Suzie's Cut & Curl, Grand Central Salon and First Financial Bank. Ticket costs are \$7 for adults; \$4 for children; and FREE for ages 4 and under.

There are also many opportunities to volunteer that day and have some fun meeting and working with others in our church fam-

ily. If you can help that day by serving one of the meal shifts, please see our coordinators, Denny Foor and Todd Morrison.



Denny Foor and Todd Morrison: our Pancake Day coordinators for 12 years.

All proceeds from the 2016 Pancake Day will go to The Forgotten Initiative.

March Birthdays

- 1 Lori Hardman
- 4 Lukas Krug
- 7 Anna Albritton
- 8 Lexie Kiefer
- 8 Tammy Sanders
- 9 Derek Meiss
- 11 Molly Erwin
- 13 Aiden Palmer
- 13 Jonna Strauch
- 16 Tim Fairchild
- 17 Sam Poppen
- 17 Jeff Stoller
- 19 Phil Hartzler
- 22 Greg Allen
- 24 Maelee Palmer
- 25 Kain Gentes
- 26 Dee Foor
- 27 Paul Laiming
- 27 Carol Neuhalfen
- 27 Brianna Sanders
- 27 Brady Veselack
- 29 Blake Buchanan
- 29 Margie Stauter

Anniversaries

- 3 Brad & Pam Neal
- 11 Al & Keri Hany
- 16 Tim & Tammy Sanders
- 23 Bob & Shirley Carr

February Births

- 9 Lyric & Lyncoln Egle
Parents:
Zach & Jodi Egle
- 16 Jase & Jett Krone
Parents:
Jordan & Marqui Krone
Grandparents:
John & Tonya Krone
Tim & Cindy Fairchild

Attendance & Offering

2/7	324	\$ 9,797
2/14	293	\$ 7,125
2/21	290	\$14,204
2/28	356	\$ 8,422

The Forgotten Initiative (TFI)

is a Lifesong for Orphans ministry. It resources, supports and networks Advocates and Churches across the nation, helping them grow sustainable foster care ministries in their communities.

TFI Advocates and Churches mobilize the Body of Christ through service projects, mentoring and family support initiatives.

www.theforgotteninitiative.org