

# April

## 62nd Annual Pancake & Sausage Day



Denny Foor and Todd Morrison, have been coordinators for Pancake Day for the last 13 years. Their wives, Jennifer and Dee, have been willing partners each of those years. Our 50 volunteers served over 300 people at our 62nd Annual Pancake & Sausage Day.



## Easter Brunch



## One Another Meals



April 30th was our 2nd One Another Meal of the year. Thank you to Katie Zeller & Abby Huette for providing photos of your groups! If you are interested in One Another Meals please contact Denise Benedict.

## Good Friday & Easter Service



# CHRIST COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF GRIDLEY  
May 2017

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## Dear Church Family,

I recently read a short book called *Evangelism: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus* by Mack Stiles and the book was helpful to me in numerous ways. I highly recommend it, but if you never get around to reading it, I'd like

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to share one important take-away from the book regarding true conversion.

Evangelism is when someone shares the message of Jesus with others with the aim to

persuade (not pressure!) them to believe. Conversion is when a person believes in Christ, repents of sin, receives the Holy Spirit and is born again. Stiles argues convincingly that pastors and churches have often confused true conversion with practices such as altar calls, praying the "Sinner's Prayer," and/or raising one's hand at the end of the sermon while the congregation bows in prayer. Certainly, these methods are not inherently wrong and many people—myself included—have come to faith through such means. However, true conversion is an inward work in the soul that can only be verified through the fruit of a changed life.

At one point in the book, Stiles recounts a conversation between a pastor named Mark and a new believer named Rob, that was very instructive for me in thinking about how our church can exercise wisdom in evangelism. I'll quote at length:

*"After a series of one-on-one meetings and Bible studies with Mark [the pastor], Rob rejected his former atheistic faith and told Mark that he had become a Christian. 'Well, Rob,' said Mark, 'tell me what you mean.' Rob explained the gospel and related how he had repented of his unbelieving way of life and put his complete trust in Christ.*

*Then Mark said: 'Brother, from what you told me,*

*I agree with you: you have become a Christian. Let's pray.' After they prayed, Mark said: 'You understand that the mark of true conversion is not a prayer, but a long-term walk with Jesus. So, even though I believe you have come to Christ, we'll see what happens as time goes on.'*

*Mark's reply is an example of what I call the "Hallelujah!" and "We'll see" response. We say 'Hallelujah!' because true conversion is the best thing that can happen to a person. We say, 'We'll see' because we know that conversion can be counterfeit, even if unintentionally. The most important check is three-fold: a good understanding of the gospel, a changed life, and a long-term walk with Christ."*

I find this "Hallelujah! + We'll See" framework to be helpful in shaping the way we minister to others as well as how we live our own lives of faith. We should celebrate

repentance, faith, and profession of faith in baptism and we should be crystal clear that Jesus

**"Those who are truly converted will still stumble and stray...but their affection for Christ will produce spiritual fruit"**

calls us to follow him on the narrow path. Those who are truly converted still stumble and stray from the narrow way, but their affection for Christ will produce spiritual fruit. As we evangelize, baptize, disciple, teach children and examine our own faith, we are wise to keep in mind a biblical view of conversion and the words of Jesus who said, "each tree is known by its own fruit" (Lk 6:44).

**Grace and Peace,  
Andy**

One of our Core Values here at Christ Community Church is *Spiritual Growth*. The Apostle Peter charged the Church with the call to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18), making it clear that God's will is for believers to mature in faith by intentionally following Christ and by seeking to become like Him. Jesus is clear that His will for His disciples is to "produce much fruit"; therefore, as a church, we seek to cultivate an environment where every person is moving toward Christ and His likeness every day. *Colossians 1:9-11, 28-29, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Peter 2:1-3*

## CHRIST COMMUNITY

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### Pastoral Staff

Andy Huette, Sr. Pastor  
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor  
Kyle Romine, Associate Pastor

### Sunday Worship Services

Morning Worship 9 am-10 am  
J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday  
K-3 Children's Church; 4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sundays  
Communion served 4th Sunday  
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am

### Youth Groups

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

### Moms' Group

1st & 3rd Wednesday of month  
Fellowship Hall  
9-10:30am Bible Study & Hang out

### Men's Ministry

1st & 3rd Saturday of month  
Fellowship Hall  
7am - Breakfast and Bible Study



# Meet Christ Community's Missions Team



Pictured L-R: Chuck Albritton, Betty Kaupp, Keri Hany, Robin Wahls, Seth Foor. Not Pictured: Delmar Smith

**The Missions Team exists** to lead Christ Community in its effort to participate in the Great Commission in cross-cultural contexts. The Missions Team maintains close contact with our missionaries and seeks to teach and encourage every attendee at Christ Community to be obedient to the Great Commission as either a go-er or sender.

Some of its primary objectives are to coordinate missions education at Christ Community; maintain contact and provide holistic care to our missionaries; assist in preparing Christ Community missionary candidates to go to the field; and coordinate cross-cultural trips for our congregation.

## Wall of Beautiful Feet



Pictures of the missionaries that Christ Community supports monthly are on the wall outside of Pastor Andy's office.

## Core Convictions

### That Drive Our Commitment to Missions

**The Purpose of Missions** is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations in order to bring people into fellowship by faith with God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Beautiful Feet**—the work of global evangelization— is a core value of Christ Community Church, rooted in Romans 10:15: *“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”* The following Core Convictions drive our commitment and provide direction for how we do missions.

- **Beautiful Feet display God's Character.**
- **Beautiful Feet proclaim Jesus in word and deed.**
- **Beautiful Feet call for sacrifice.**
- **Beautiful Feet will succeed.**

Our website, [www.christ-cc.org](http://www.christ-cc.org), has a full explanation of our Core Convictions.



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• **Encourage** It's hard to provide holistic care to families who live on the other side of the world and may not have a reliable way to receive care packages. Some ways the Missions Team tries to get around that obstacle are:

- Skype with them 1-2 times a year; email regularly.
- Host lunches for them when they are home on furlough.
- Send a pastor to visit them on the field every 2-3 years.

• **Pray** Our monthly prayer calendar lists current requests from the mission workers we support. Many of them have told us how they are encouraged when they visit Christ Community and are approached by people within our congregation to ask them specifically about their work—learned by praying for them monthly. Prayer calendars are at the Welcome Center.

• **Educate** Since 2012, the Missions Team has taught a missions Sunday School curriculum 3-4 times each school year to our PreK through Sr. High students. They've learned what it means to have *Beautiful Feet*, memorized Romans 10:15, learned who our missionaries are and have been exposed to basic missions principles.

• **Prepare** The decision to become a long-term cross-cultural missionary is not a quick, spontaneous decision. Prayer, counsel, and preparation is needed before anyone leaves as a career-missionary. Therefore, Christ Community has a set of guidelines to help assess each missionary candidate's preparedness. The Missionary Preparation Plan is part of our Policy Handbook, available at the Welcome Center.

## ~ Guatemala 2017 ~

June 17-23, 2017



*Christ Community is sending a team* to Guatemala. The dates are June 17-23. We'll work with Orphan Outreach serving children and families in the Lake Atitlan area of Guatemala. Christ CC is partnering with the community of Santiago through Good Shepherd Academy and its surrounding rural village of Cerro de Oro through the local church plants. We will also be teaching and doing recreation with students, as well as projects with families in the community.

Our short-term trips reflect our core values:

*Beautiful Feet  
One Another  
Spiritual Growth.*



### The Basic Goals

A primary purpose in taking short-term trips is to encourage our own missionaries in their work.

By seeing where they live and work, we gain better understanding and can be better supporters.

By visiting them, we reinforce our love and concern that they thrive on the field and are productive in their work.

### Other goals:

Promote the Core Value of Beautiful Feet.

Expose and educate our congregation to the Ucherek's and Orphan Outreach's work.

Give Christ CC parents who go, personal exposure to missions so that they will teach and encourage their children to become go-ers and senders.

Put into action the principles taught in the book, *“When Helping Hurts.”*



**Brett Monge** served as the Youth Pastor at Christ CC a number of years ago and has recently joined a worship community in Round Rock, Texas, where he has been serving as Worship Resident for almost a year! Brett was accepted into the program last year at the Austin Stone Community Church. This past year he has been growing practically, in how to lead a congregation to worship God and spiritually, in his own pursuit of God. Below is an excerpt from his most recent blog post titled *We Are Passionate Worshipers Throughout the Week*. You can read Brett's blog at <https://brettmonge.wordpress.com>.

In my last post, I listed 10 values that are shaping my students worship band. I've loved being a part of this group of guys, and so I set out to list some of the things that we want to continue to value and develop moving forward as a band. My hope is to develop a culture among us that glorifies God and serves the students that we lead well. In this post, I'll try to describe our first value.

#### Value #1: We are passionate worshipers throughout the week.

I'll begin by explaining what I don't mean. I don't mean that my band and I are aiming to constantly sing, raise our hands, and expressively gesticulate in a religious fashion throughout the week. I also don't mean to imply that this value takes preeminence over the other nine values because it comes first on the list. It doesn't.

With that being said, here's what I mean by saying that we aim to be passionate worshipers throughout the week:

None of my band members or I come in to lead music for a service and expect to be able to flip a switch to go into worship mode, as if we can somehow summon up a sense of “worshiply-ness” about us that wasn't there before. Passionate worship isn't something we muster up in the moment of a song, it's something we've been incubating, fostering, and living out through the entirety of the week. We rightly want to recognize that our time of worship is a weighty occasion (there's a gravity that comes with singing praises to the Lord

of the Universe as a collected body of believers), but we also don't want to pretend that our lives outside of those moments of corporate worship are any less important to God than the moments inside of it. We want to recognize that what we are doing is incredibly significant without neglecting the fact that our character outside of corporate worship is just as important as our demeanor inside of corporate worship. We want to passionately worship Jesus in absolutely everything we do, not just in the way we lead through music. *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* 1 Corinthians 10:31 (ESV)

All of our lives, every nook and cranny, are meant to be filled in worship to God. My band and I want it to be apparent that we've been worshipping Jesus in the way we live throughout the week, not just during a Sunday worship service. We want everything we do to ring out in praise to God – in our private devotions, in the way we conduct ourselves at work, and in the way we treat our friends, family, and roommates. Even the incredibly mundane moments – driving to work, buying groceries, or changing diapers (for some of my band-mates that's all too real!) – we recognize that every moment of our lives is a chance to passionately worship Jesus in our thoughts, deeds, and attitudes. Ultimately, our Sunday worship service is a continuation of what we've been doing all week long.

**We are passionate worshipers throughout the week.**

### May Birthdays

- 1 Teron Fairchild
- 5 Susan Buchanan
- 5 Stacy Ludy
- 5 Carol Ninesling
- 6 John Krone
- 8 Max Foor
- 8 Cory Cooper
- 11 Sydney Butikofer
- 11 Todd Palmer
- 12 Paige DeVary
- 13 Caden Deckard
- 14 Cari Schultz
- 15 Brady Sanders
- 19 Collin Buchanan
- 19 Marcia Mool
- 20 Addison Benedict
- 20 John Luning
- 21 Linda Hartzler
- 21 Noah Ludy
- 22 Ernestine Andrews
- 23 Scott Edwards
- 23 Grant Stauter
- 24 Ian Hall
- 25 Tony Palmer
- 25 Calvin Riggs
- 26 Micah Meiss
- 28 Jaykob Kiefer
- 28 Jessica Krug
- 31 Mattie Buchanan
- 31 Georgia McKinley

### Anniversaries

- 15 Trent & Erin Kaupp
- 16 John & Pat McKey
- 17 Neal & Katie Jeffreys
- 18 Melvin & Ruth Grace
- 28 Todd & Jennifer Morrison
- 29 Charles & Marsha Albritton
- 31 Ron & Marcia Mool
- 31 Brent & Traci Kelly

### Attendance & Offering

4/2	327	\$ 8,070
4/9	264	\$ 6,301
Easter	517	\$ 11,383
4/23	361	\$ 6,592
4/30	290	\$ 8,525

## Coming Up!

May 16  
Little Lambs Circus

June 17-23  
Missions Trip to Guatemala

July 24-28  
Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 6  
One Another Meal in Homes