

# October in photos

## New Family



This fox and his family have become regular visitors at Christ Community.

## Baptism



Caleb Zehr gave his testimony and was baptized on October 18.

## Jr. High Lock-in



The Jr. High Lock-In had record attendance with 57 students. They enjoyed games, study, snacks, and very little sleep.

## Harvest Party



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## Corrie ten Boom is Coming! November 7 – Make Your Reservation!



The Women's Ministry enjoyed snacks and a discussion of Corrie ten Boom's book, *The Hiding Place* in October.

Ladies of all ages are invited to a brunch and a Corrie ten Boom program on November 7 at 10 am. Reservations are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Cost is \$5 per person.

Sign up during Coffee Fellowship or contact:

Pat McKey: [pmckey@gridcom.net](mailto:pmckey@gridcom.net); 309-747-2821 or  
Linda Hartzler: [phartzler@gmail.com](mailto:phartzler@gmail.com); 815-796-4153.

### 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 5:30 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  
November 2015

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## Dear Church Family,

Here at Christ Community Church we have a core value of "Beautiful Feet," which is a call to evangelization and discipleship both locally and globally. You may know that we, as a church, support missionaries around the world, but have you wondered what exactly we do to support them? And, even more importantly, have you considered what God's Word has to say on the topic of churches supporting missionaries?

Paul's relationship with the church in Philippi is a great example of missionary support. In Philippians 1:5 we see that Paul has great joy when he prays about the Philippian church because of their "partnership in the gospel". The word here for partnership is more than just business partners, but refers to a relationship of close friendship. The church had linked arms with Paul on his endeavor to make Christ known where Christ was not yet known. They had shared with him in his troubles (Phil 4). One of the ways that they showed their partnership with Paul was by sending Epaphroditus who was a "messenger and minister to Paul" (Phil 2). Epaphroditus brought with him gifts that they wanted to give Paul for his needs (Phil 4) since he was in jail at the time the letter of Philippians was written. The example of the relationship between Paul and the Philippian church is a helpful model for us to consider as we support missionaries today.

As we consider Romans 10:15 "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news," we need to ask ourselves if we truly believe that the work of our supported missionaries is beautiful. If we do, then we must find ways to come alongside them and be the encouragement that the Philippian church was to the Apostle Paul. Our missions team has decided to move in the direction of forming this kind of partnership with the missionaries whom we support. In order to foster real relationships and partnerships, it is our hope to send Epaphroditus-like messengers to encourage and exhort them on the mission field. The life of a missionary is the fulfillment of a calling from the Lord, but it can also be lonely and there can be times of frustration. It may sound extreme to send messengers so far away, but it is our hope that we can bring the kind of great joy that Paul felt from his partnership with the Philippian church. We

want to do more than hang the "Beautiful Feet" banner in the sanctuary and read the words in Romans, we want to live those words out and show the missionaries whom we support that we see beauty in their preaching of the good news to those who don't know Christ.

To this end, the missions team will be sending Andy and Abby Huetter to visit two of our overseas teams this December with the aim of strengthening relationships with them and encouraging them in their work. This trip will also be a way for representatives from our church to see and share the vision for the work of our missionaries overseas with the church back here in Gridley. We are so thankful for our overseas partners in ministry. Our prayer is that this trip, and others in the future, will serve to strengthen the work of beautiful feet at Christ Community.

## May the Lamb receive the reward, Grant

Learn more about Andy and Abby's trip inside this newsletter.

## Join the Holiday Choir!

The Holiday Choir will begin rehearsals on November 11. Everyone is welcome. We'd love to see new faces and hear new voices! The choir will be directed by Greg Allen and accompanied by Susan Carrion. Please see Tammy Sanders with questions.

### Nov Rehearsals

Wed, 11/11 7-8:30 pm  
Wed, 11/18 7-8:30 pm  
Sun 11/22 9:30 am  
No Wed rehearsal the week of Thanksgiving.

### Nov Performance

Sun 11/22 10:30 am  
Thanksgiving service

### Dec Rehearsals

Wed 12/2 7-8:30 pm\*  
Wed 12/9 7-8:30 pm  
Wed 12/16 7-8:30 pm  
Sun 12/20 8:15 am  
Thur 12/24 6:15 pm

### Dec Performances

Sun 12/20 9:00 am  
Thur 12/24 7:00 pm  
Christmas Eve service

\*rehearsal only if needed

# Missionary Care



The Missions Team has spent much time, prayer and discussion on the best way to “do” missions here at Christ Community. As a church, we want to be intentional in sending the Gospel throughout the world, be wise in who we’re sending and then know they are flourishing in their role of sharing the gospel.

One of the outcomes of this effort was the decision that we will intentionally make on-site visits to each of our missionaries every 2-3 years. The purpose is to provide prayer, encouragement, and pastoral oversight. If they are having struggles, we want to help them through those struggles. Missionaries experience stress due to cultural differences, separation from family, and spiritual warfare. We have learned from our missionaries, experienced pastors and organizations, that there is a great benefit in a pastoral visit.

This year, we’ll send Pastor Andy along with Abby to visit two missionary families: C. and D. in South Asia; A. and A. in Africa. Andy and Abby will leave after church on November 29 and return on December 9. They’ll spend four days with C. and D. and finish the trip with three days at A. and A.’s home. Time differences and layovers will make it a ten-day trip.

The Missions Team planned and budgeted for this trip in the 2015 budget. It is our hope and prayer that both families will be encouraged and feel loved by our church family. We also hope that it helps us provide better spiritual, emotional, and practical support to them.

Please join us in prayer for the trip. We will be eager to hear about the work of our missionaries on the other side of the world. —Keri Hany, Missions Team Chair

Full names/locations of our missionaries are not disclosed for their security.

**Who are our other missionaries?**  
 Names removed, Middle East  
 Joe and Amy Flammer, New Zealand  
 Dan & Christi Ucherek, Guatemala  
 Bill & Stacy Allison, Cadre Ministries, IL  
 Matt & Nati Taylor, To Every Tribe, TX  
 We also provide monthly support for Lifesong’s Zambia ministry.

Andy and Abby will be traveling to the 10/40 Window. It’s a rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia approximately between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude. Often called “The Resistant Belt,” it includes the majority of the world’s Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists.

Christ Community supports three missionary families in the 10/40 Window.

*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*

## 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.

The full explanation of our Core Convictions can be found on our website: christ-cc.org



# Perspectives on World Missions

Perspectives is a 16-week study on God’s heart for the nations. Each week a new teacher—a missionary, pastor or professor—teaches the class on the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic pieces of missions. Pastor Andy will teach the third week on January 26.

Christ Community highly values the content and teaching found in a Perspectives class. Many enter the class with a missions-minded heart but skeptical that their perspective will change. But the class is aptly named. Nearly all (if not all), complete the class with a new and deeper understanding (*perspective*) of missions.

The class meets January 12 through May 3

at Grace Church, 1311 W Hovey Ave, Normal, from 6-8:45 pm on Tuesdays. If you are interested in missions, serving in a leadership position or involved in any way at Christ Community, we urge you to enroll in Perspectives to learn more about our core value of Beautiful Feet.

The Missions team will pay half of your registration cost: \$250 before 12/1; \$270 after. There are family discounts available. Enroll online: [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)

If you have questions, please see Keri Hany or Pastors Andy Huette and Grant Stauter.

The Missions Team will pay half of the registration fee.

## Christ Community Perspectives Graduates

2015	2013	2010
Delmar Smith Seth & Katie Zeller	Chuck & Marsha Albritton Debbie Bandy Grant Stauter	Denny Foor Jake Foor Seth Foor
2014	2011	2007
Brian & Susan Buchanan Wes Crump Rebekah Kaeb Betty Kaupp Daniel Kaupp Alissa & Jordan McKinsey	Dee Foor Dee Kitchell Kansas Krone Janet Rosenberger	Al & Keri Hany Abby & Andy Huette

## November Birthdays

- 1 Teresa Porzelius
  - 2 Diane Swanson
  - 3 Shirley Funk
  - 4 Stella Meiss
  - 4 Samuel Neal
  - 6 Nancy Froelich
  - 7 Dave Poppen
  - 12 Penny Grusy
  - 12 Tyler Roth
  - 13 Chloe Barth
  - 13 Parker Mallory
  - 19 Larry Neuhalfen
  - 21 Dianne Kuerth
  - 21 Thelma Wesle
  - 23 Janell Hall
  - 25 Ferne Kilpatrick
  - 26 Timothy Johnson
  - 29 Andy Huette
  - 29 Alli Jeffreys
- Anniversaries**
- 1 Greg & Alicia Allen
  - 12 Dave & Peggy Poppen
  - 16 Dave & Alisa Ihlenfeldt
  - 24 Denny & Dee Foor
  - 28 Jeff & Becky Stoller
- New Birth in October**
- 12 Keeley Marie Vaughan
- Parents: Abby & Casey Vaughan  
 Grandparents: Delmar & Cathy Smith

## Attendance & Offering

10/4	304	\$19,007
10/11	312	\$ 7,445
10/18	427	\$11,122
10/25	338	\$10,849

# November & December at Christ Community

## Sunday School Breaks

**Nov 22:** No Sunday School (Thanksgiving meal)

**Dec 13:** No Sunday School (Sunday School Program)

**Dec 27:** No Sunday School (Christmas break)

## Thanksgiving Service & Meal

We celebrate Thanksgiving with a special service that begins at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 22. (No 9 a.m. service). The holiday choir will sing during the service. JAM will have class as usual, but there will be no Sunday School.

A Thanksgiving meal will be served in the Family Center following the service. Extended family and guests are welcome! Sign up during Coffee Fellowship to bring food.

## Sr. High Post Office

Our Sr. High operates the Christmas “post office” in December. On December 13 and 20, bring your Christmas cards for Christ Community Church families. They will sort your cards and have them ready for pick-up during Coffee Fellowship.

## Christmas Services & Programs

**Dec 13:** Children’s Christmas Program after the 9 a.m. worship service.

**Dec 20:** The Holiday Choir will perform at our 9 a.m. worship service. We will have Sunday School.

**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service starts at 7 p.m. The Holiday Choir will perform.