



# Baptisms



Chloe Barth gave her testimony of faith and was baptized on August 14. Dylan Steffen gave his testimony and was baptized on August 28.



# Youth Group Kick Offs



Sr. High Over 40 kids started the year with a scavenger hunt that had clues downloaded to the team captain's phone.



Jr. High Over 60 kids showed up for the annual messy kick off complete with a meal and some messy games.

# Beautiful Feet



Wesley and Natalie Crump left in August for their term with The Traveling Team. They are supported by our Missions Team.

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The Missions team welcomed xxx on August 21 and hosted a lunch with xxx family. They work in North Africa.

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### Dear Church Family,

"It's a good problem," is a phrase I've heard more than once recently. I agree, we have a good "problem" on our hands in that in the past couple of months, the church has been very full on Sunday mornings. As we've had new folks join the church family and also many guests join us (particularly on baptism Sundays), the parking lot, children's programs, and sanctuary have been really full.

This Spring, as we saw the beginnings of this space issue, I was reminded of 1 Corinthians 3, which says "God gives the growth." We labor, we welcome, we pray, but God alone determines whether or not He will pour rain on the fields and whether or not he will bring spiritual and numerical growth to a given local church. There are good farming practices and bad ones, but when it doesn't rain, the best and worst farmers are both left staring at feeble fields. So it is in the church. God alone gives growth according to his wisdom and mercy.

The elders, deacons, and staff have had numerous conversations about what to do to accommodate new needs arising from increased attendance. We want to avoid knee-jerk reactions to a couple months of high attendance, while at the same time accommodating current needs, and planning for future health of the church (and, Lord willing, a church plant). In short, we're using a lot of "duct tape" right now. Duct tape—one of the wonders of creation—is not a long-term fix, but it can be helpful in the present to keep things together while buying more time for longer-term solutions.

There are a few ways that the whole church family can chip in, serving as duct tape, to keep things running smoothly. **First, the parking lot** is completely full on most Sundays. This is not a huge problem in view of the global plight of the church; nevertheless, there are some simple ways you can help out. In order that the closer spaces are reserved for the elderly and our guests, please consider parking on Hillcrest Street just to the north of the church and using the sidewalk to the east of my house for a short walk to church. Also, you can park on the grass in the open lots to the north of the church or park at an angle on the grass around the perimeter of the lot. It would be a beautiful thing if church was the one place in life where the most distant spaces filled up first.

**Secondly, the sanctuary** is getting pretty snug during the worship service. We're not crammed in comparison to one-room churches in Sub-Saharan Africa, but we are full enough that the ushers have

been busy playing human Tetris as of late. The simplest thing we can all do is to move up a few rows from our usual spot and scoot close together in the pews. This way, the back rows are conveniently available for guests as well as those with young children who occasionally need to hop in and out of the worship service.

Additionally, Denny Foor (Deacon of Technology) is working on a livestream video option by having a T.V. set up in the coffee fellowship area. On crowded Sundays, a handful of church members can "take one for the team" and watch the livestream in the fellowship hall. If this option is needed, those who watch the livestream

could still be in the sanctuary during the singing, and then sit in the fellowship hall to view the livestream for the remainder of the service. The livestream video is not a long-term solution, but we think it will be a suitable "duct tape" option for now.

**More importantly** than parking and pew space is the reality that numerical growth of the church can affect the "One Another" cul-

ture of the body. There are a couple of small things that we can all do to cultivate meaningful relationships in a growing church family. **First**, if you have not had your photo taken for the church photo directory, please consider doing so during Coffee Fellowship on September 18 and 25. This is a great way for people to put names and faces together. **Secondly**, consider signing up for One Another meals. Four times a year, One Another meals meet with 6-10 others in homes and it is a great way to connect with others from the church family. **Third**—and this applies to all of us—try to intentionally meet new people during coffee fellowship. This might be a terrifying thought to some, but if you see someone you don't know—just stick out your hand and introduce yourself. It might be uncomfortable and even awkward, but if we fail to get out of our comfort zone in greeting one another, we'll probably gravitate toward cliquishness.

I'm thankful that our church family is growing, but I'm also thankful that God is making us less comfortable. Someone in our church told me many years ago, "We're a fishing boat, not a cruise ship", and I couldn't be more excited to keep fishing together.

**Grace and Peace, Andy**

**Directory Photos**  
September 18 & 25  
During Coffee Fellowship  
Please have your picture taken if you are not in the directory or need your photo updated.

<b>Sunday Worship Services</b>	<b>Youth Groups</b>
Morning Worship 9 am-10 am	Wednesdays
Nursery for infant-3 yrs	Jr. High 6:00 pm Jordan McKinsey
J.A.M. (ages 3 - PreK) every Sunday	Sr. High 7:30 pm Danny Kaupp
K-3 Children's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday	<b>Pastoral Staff</b>
4-5th grades 1st & 3rd Sunday	Andy Huetter, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am	Grant Stauter, Assoc. Pastor
406 W 7th Street, PO Box 280, Gridley, IL 61744 Ph 747-2299 www.christ-cc.org	Kyle Romine, Assoc. Pastor

# Sunday School 2015-2016

## Sunday School starts September 11!



If you have not yet registered your kids for Sunday School, please download the form at our website to register.

The kids' classes are picking up where they left off in May—in the Promised Land. We'll teach from Judges through the minor prophet, Joel, this school year.

### Teachers

**JAM**  
Becky Roth  
Stephenie Deckard  
Beth Carrion  
Megan Castleman

**2nd-3rd grades**  
Jonna Strauch  
Cari Schultz

**4th-5th grades**  
Todd Morrison  
Suzie Johnson

**Pre-K class**  
Delmar, Cathy Smith  
Jordan, Marqui Krone

**K-1st grade**  
Jennifer Morrison  
Bri Sanders

**Jr. High**  
Jordan McKinsey  
Seth Foor  
Tim Kaupp

**Sr. High**  
Danny Kaupp  
Jake Foor  
Caleb Zehr

### Adult Classes

**Bible Basics** (early bird class)  
Tim Fairchild, teacher, 8-8:45 am  
Conference Room, 10 weeks

**Systematic Theology**  
Larry Blevins, teacher, 10:30-11:15 am  
Family Center, 13 weeks

**Heaven: What Will It Be Like?**  
Grant Stauter, teacher, 10:30-11:15 am  
sanctuary, six weeks: Sept 11-Oct 16

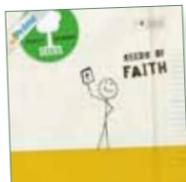
**Knowing God's Will**  
Kyle Romine, teacher, 10:30-11:15 am  
sanctuary, five weeks: Nov 6-Dec 18

**Membership Classes**  
October 23 & 30, 10:30-11:15 am  
For anyone interested in membership

## Bible Bucks Verses

### September Bible Bucks Verse

Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways.  
Psalm 128:1



Children will be encouraged to memorize Scripture again this year. The purpose is to teach our kids to be able to say a verse from Scripture and to live it in their daily lives.

The verses come from Seeds of Faith Family Worship Bible Verse CD, vol. 2 "Seeds of Faith."

There is one verse per month. JAM, Children's

Church and Sunday School teachers will practice weekly with the children. The verse will also be printed in the bulletin weekly.

As an incentive, kids can earn Bible Bucks by attending Sunday School (1 buck), bringing a Bible to class (2 bucks), and memorizing the verse of the month (5 bucks).

The Bible Bucks store will be open twice: at the end of the first semester and the end of year.



## The Ministry of Little Lambs

The Little Lambs Board exists to encourage and assist the staff and oversee the happenings of Little Lambs Preschool, which has been operating since 2010.

The current board members are: Abby Huette (chair), Stacy Ludy, Jil Stauter, Becky Roth, Jeff Porzelius, Bob Wettstein and Grant Stauter (CLC liaison).

We meet quarterly to receive updates from Stacy Ludy, to pray for the school as well as approve decisions and changes as needed under the shepherding of the Church Leadership Council.

Little Lambs will begin their school year on September 6. Stacy Ludy is assisted by Stephenie Deckard.

We have seen God's faithfulness to this ministry of our church and are so thankful for the staff, who are training these little ones in the ways of the Lord.

The Board's vision is that the hope of Christ will not just touch the students, but the families as well. To that end, every year we host a Family Night, and this year Susan Laiming will again lead a Wednesday morning Bible study for young moms.

We invite you to join us in praying for the staff, students, and families of Little Lambs.

—Abby Huette, chair of Little Lambs Board

## Meet Kyle, Courtney, and Anna Romine

Kyle, Courtney and Anna Romine moved to Illinois the last week in August. They are living in a home in rural Chenoa as they get acclimated to the area and Kyle begins his work as an Associate Pastor at Christ Community.



In their spare time, the Romines enjoy bicycling, gardening, woodcarving, eating, watching TV and reading.

**Kyle's favorite Scriptures are:**  
Psalm 23; 2 Chronicles 20;  
Luke 19:1-10; Ephesians 2:1-10;  
Matthew 28:18-20.

**Courtney's are:**  
Revelation 5:2-5; Proverbs 3:5-6

Kyle grew up in Bloomington, attended Eastview Christian Church and graduated from Cornerstone Christian Academy. He attended Johnson Bible College, where he met Courtney, and graduated with a double major in Preaching and Church Leadership. During his college days, he completed a summer internship with Duane Otto, working in the Ithaca Fellowship ministry where he preached at nursing homes, learned about agriculture and becoming a man of peace.

Courtney grew up in Jamestown, Tennessee attending Pine Haven Baptist Church. She also graduated from Johnson Bible College with a degree in Children's Ministry/Preschool Directing and went on to receive her Master's degree in Education. She is qualified to teach preschool through 5th grade.

They met in college and were married May 31, 2014. After their marriage, Courtney joined Kyle in Mortons Gap, Kentucky where he was working as a youth minister at Mortons Gap Christian Church. Soon after, Courtney became the secretary at the church. Anna Bernice Romine was born February 5th, 2016.

Kyle begins his duties as Associate Pastor on September 4. He'll be working with Pastors Andy, Grant, and other church staff to learn more about Christ Community and help define the role and vision of a future church plant.

## Growing, Learning, Working

The church office is busy these days with the addition of Kyle Romine on staff and Jordan McKinsey beginning his training as Administrative Assistant.

Jordan began light duties in July and August but will be gradually increasing responsibilities and hours by the end of the year. He has been concentrating on bulletin, newsletter, and website work. He'll begin learning the financial duties in October—being trained on a full quarter and year-end tasks before Keri Hany officially retires by the January 15, 2017 Annual Meeting.



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### Nursery Help Needed!

It's double the fun in the nursery these days with multiple sets of twins. We've added nine new babies this year (so far)!

If you love to hold babies, please contact Kelly Mool, our nursery coordinator for forms and instructions.

Email: kellymool@hotmail.com  
Phone: 309-242-3560

### September Birthdays

- 1 Shelby Edwards
- 1 Emily Wenger
- 2 Danielle Mallory
- 3 Lisa Barnhart
- 4 Mandy Barth
- 4 Adrian Carrion
- 5 Hattie Meiss
- 6 Connor Stoller
- 7 John McKey
- 9 James Albritton
- 9 Pat McKey
- 9 Doug Nelson
- 10 Charles Albritton
- 10 Aiden Jeffreys
- 11 Feebe Finck
- 11 Carlee Stoller
- 12 Nickie Moulton
- 13 Adam Carrion
- 13 Thad Mool
- 13 Tim Sanders
- 14 Tom Hany
- 15 Jason Albritton
- 15 Luke Ihlenfeldt
- 15 Peggy Poppen
- 15 Jeffrey Porzelius
- 18 Dianne Weer
- 21 Susan Johnson
- 23 Jacob Carls
- 24 Tim Kaupp
- 28 Kate Kelly
- 29 Silas Huette
- 30 Stephanie Finck
- 30 Al Hany
- 30 Michaela Kelly

### Anniversaries

- 2 Matt & Emily Wenger
- 11 Thad & Kelly Mool
- 13 Bill & Becky Roth
- 18 Hadley & Heidi Welsch
- 25 Jeff & Denise Benedict
- 26 Scott & Kim Edwards
- 28 Jeffrey & Teresa Porzelius
- 28 John & Tonya Krone
- 30 Jim & Danielle Mallory

### Attendance & Offering

8/7	329	\$ 7,712
8/14	367	\$ 7,816
8/21	462	\$ 8,189
8/28	422	\$10,033



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