

Crown Heights Christian Church



Thank You

2026 is here! We had a great 2025 and ended it with your generosity and kindness, and we are so grateful. Thank you all so much for our Christmas gifts. We are blessed to be a part of this family.

**Aaron, Madison
Kaleb, Diana
Pam, Daltyn
Christine and Andi**

Aaron's Alley

In 2020, during the pandemic and the shutdown, the world changed. While we were all trying to figure out what this meant for our families, our community, our nation, and our world, we began to do life a little differently. That experience altered how I operated, thought, and interacted.

Well, once we began meeting together again, we realized that we were all a little different. So, in 2022, we began to create new Mission and Vision Statements. From this process, we created our current Mission Statement, "Sharing, Connecting, and Serving to show God's love for one another." That is the phrase I use each week when we begin worship. We also created a Vision Statement. That statement is: "We strive to be a welcoming community striving to make a positive difference for each other, our neighbors, and our world." Those statements have been guiding our planning and programming decisions since that time. We have also recognized that our Mission and Vision statements capture who we are and who we hope to be.

Well, after living with those statements for a couple of years, we began to realize that our church's logo seemed outdated and out of touch with who we are as a church. So, a group of folks met to discuss the possibility of changing our logo.

To be honest, I did not understand the complexities of this process when we began the next phase of our work. This opened up all sorts of questions and challenges. But, we did it! We have agreed upon color choices, fonts, and an image that we feel encapsulates our congregation.

And, I'm excited to tell you all that THIS SUNDAY we will unveil this new logo to all of you. Our really talented team will present this new logo to our congregation on Sunday during Sunday school. So, will you join us on Sunday, from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall? If you can't make it, we will post a brief recap of the presentation with the new image next week. This is an exciting time at CHCC!

Blessings,

Aaron Krueger

A Message from Madison

Happy New Year! The new year always brings lots of excitement and hope. I have spent the last few weeks planning for our children's and youth programs and I share that same excitement and hope for our programs. Our Children will have their palm processional and egg hunt, they will share a meal made just for them with their families, they will work in our community with local organizations. Our kids will head off to church camp, some for the very first time! We will participate in trunk or treat as a community and cheer on our kids as they hit the stage for annual Christmas program. Our youth will continue to grow together and explore their own faith. They will begin preparing for their mission trip and continue to serve the church and youth deacons. The youth will share time in community on Wednesday nights during Rooted. Our children's and youth programs are very special ministries in our church. This is where faith can grow and blossom for both our students but also for our volunteers! Maybe the adults see a "classic" bible story in a brand new light, or they experience the childlike wonder once again. Our students have lots to teach us about the world around us and how to approach our faith with curiosity in a new light. I am very excited about this next year with our students!

Happy New Year!
-Madison Showalter

From the Book Club

Hi, all, I hope we are all ready for a joyful Christmas and blessed New Year. Remember, we are meeting in the church library at 5:00.

We are using the parking lot by the office so we don't have to 'fight' the automatic doors by the fellowship hall. Here are our next four book choices:

Feb. 1, 2026 - The Faith Club

March 1, 2026 - Mad Honey

by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

April 5, 2026 - The Other Valley

by Scott Alexander Howard

Church Office Deadlines

Friday email and Sunday bulletin - Tuesday at noon

Newsletter - last Tuesday of the month at noon

Prayers

Kayla Jones, the daughter of Claire and Steve Dodson, is home recovering

Marsha Howard is recovering from hand surgery

Holly Wyant, the daughter of Jim and Judy Reynolds, is having surgery to remove a brain tumor. Surgery was Monday morning

Jennifer Seibel's son, Luke, will be having his double transplant on Friday

Marsha Howard is experiencing severe hand pain and will have surgery in a week

Bill Hemm, Pastor at Forrest Park Christian Church, has stage 4 lung cancer

Theta and Perry Pederson are in Teal Creek, room 242 in Edmond

Prayer of healing for Jeff Hollford, family member of Joan Corbin's daughter-in-law

Porter McGehee and the McGehee Family - Porter was born with Noonan's syndrome, we are praying fervently for an improved Cardiomyopathy report

Ryan DeArman is still searching for answers to his health concerns

Sarah White's friend Caroline, has stage 4 breast cancer

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