



April 2026

# THE APPLE PRESS

## Remembering, Rejoicing, and Holding to the Promise

This past Saturday, our church family gathered for something that was both tender and beautiful—a celebration of life for Malinda Lyons. As I stood and looked across the room, I was deeply moved. There were familiar faces, dear members, and even those who had not been with us for some time—all drawn together by love, by shared memories, and by the faith we hold in common through Jesus Christ.

What a testimony it was.

We came not only to grieve, but to rejoice. We remembered Malinda's faith, her servant's heart, and the incredible gift she shared with us through her music. But even more than that, we celebrated the hope she held onto—and now fully realizes.

Moments like these have a way of opening a flood of memories. As I reflected on Malinda's life and the gathering of so many people who loved her, I found myself thinking about others from our church family whom we have said "see you later" to over the years. Saints who finished their race. Brothers and sisters who now stand in the presence of the Lord.

And while there is always a sense of loss, there is also something else—something stronger and steadier: hope.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in **1 Thessalonians 4:13–14**:

*"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again..."*

We *do* grieve—but not without hope. Not as those who are left wondering. Not as those who fear the unknown. Because for the believer, death is not the end. It is a doorway.

And especially during this Easter season, that truth shines even brighter.

Easter reminds us that the grave does not win.

Easter declares that sin does not have the final word.

Easter proclaims that through Jesus Christ, death has been defeated.

As Paul writes in **1 Corinthians 15:54–55**:

*"Death has been swallowed up in victory.  
Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?"*

Because Jesus walked out of that tomb, Malinda will walk again. Because He lives, those who belong to Him live also.

Jesus Himself gave us this promise in **John 11:25–26**:

*“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die.”*

That is not wishful thinking. That is not poetic sentiment. That is the firm and unshakable promise of God.

And as we are reminded in **2 Corinthians 1:20**:

*“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ.”*

Every promise—*every single one*—finds its fulfillment in Him.

So when we gather for celebrations like the one we had for Malinda, we are doing more than remembering a life well lived. We are bearing witness to a promise kept. We are declaring, together, that what lies ahead for those in Christ is far greater than anything left behind.

And we are reminded to live with that same hope.

My dear church family, may we hold tightly to these truths. May we encourage one another with them. And may we live each day in light of eternity—confident that because of Jesus Christ, the best is always yet to come. And knowing that we are not promised tomorrow, live fully today, inviting all we meet to join us through Christ.

I love you all, Dan

## EASTER SCHEDULE

**GOOD FRIDAY, 4/3/26, 6:00 PM**



**EASTER SUNDAY, 4/5/26**

**7:00 AM SUNRISE SERVICE**

**(starts at the pond by the upper building)**

**8:15 AM BREAKFAST**

**(Potluck - bring your favorite dish to share)**

**9:30 AM ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**

**10:30 AM SERVICE**



### APRIL 2026

- 3- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 6:00 PM
- 3- No Celebrate Recovery Group
- 4- Men's Group, "His Project", 8:00 AM, breakfast/Bible Study
- 5- EASTER SUNDAY,
  - 7:00 AM Sunrise Service (by the pond)
  - 8:15AM Breakfast - Potluck, bring a dish to share
  - 9:30 AM Activities for children
  - 10:30 AM Second Service
- 6- Elder Meeting
- 7- Men's, Women's, & Youth Bible Study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 10- "Colorado National Monument Creation Tour" Contact John Wilson
- 10- Celebrate Recovery meets, 6:30 PM
- 11- Meal Prep, 10:00-11:30, sign up by April 5
- 11- "Arches National Park Creation Tour" Contact John Wilson
- 12- Deacon Meeting, 12:15 PM Contact Levi Willis
- 14- Men's, Women's, & Youth Bible Study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 17- Celebrate Recovery meets, 6:30 PM
- 18- Clothed in His Love, 9:00 AM -1:00 PM, Contact Connie Fudge
- 18- Rooted in Christ Worship Night, 4-6 PM, camp fundraiser
- 21- Men's, Women's, & Youth Bible Study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 24- Celebrate Recovery meets, 6:30 PM
- 28- Men's, Women's, & Youth Bible Study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM

### WEEKLY

- **Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Worship Service**
- **Adult Sunday School, 9:30 AM**
- **Youth Sunday School, 10:30 AM**
- **Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Family Night Bible Studies, Meal 6:00 PM**
- **Friday, 6:30 PM, Celebrate Recovery**

### MAY 2026

- 1- Celebrate Recovery meets, 6:30 PM
- 2- Men's Group, "His Project,"8:00 AM, breakfast/Bible Study
- 2- Camp Christian Workday
- 5- Men's, Women's, & Youth Bible Study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 7- Clothed in His Love, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- 8- Celebrate Recovery meets, 6:30 PM
- 9- Meal Prep, 10:00 - 11:30 AM, sign up by May 3
- 10- Deacon Meeting, 12:15 PM
- 12- Men's, Women's, & Youth Bible Study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 15- Celebrate Recovery meets, 6:30 PM
- 16- Clothed in His Love, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Office hours are: 9:00 AM—3:00 PM, M-Th.**

For more information on any event, go to our website and click on the calendar. Then click on the event to get more information.

<http://www.appletonchristian.org/calendar>



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 3, 2026  
6:00 PM

Christian Community Cantata Chorus Presents...

# IT IS FINISHED

An Easter Cantata

Created by  
Russell Mauldin & Sue C. Smith

Arranged & Orchestrated by  
Russell Mauldin

April 4th - 3:30pm

At Fruita United Methodist Church

# EASTER HUNT

APRIL 5TH, UPPER BLDG  
9:30AM, AFTER BREAKFAST

LEARNING ABOUT JESUS  
GLOW IN THE DARK EASTER EGGS  
LOTS OF GOODIES

CONTACT  
HEATHER  
FOR MORE  
INFO

**Next Meal Prep April 11  
(sign up by April 5)**

- 1) Chicken Tortellini Soup
- 2) Garlic Basil Chicken
- 3) BBQ Country-Styled Pork Chops
- 4) Honey Dijon Steak Bites
- 5) Margarita Chicken
- 6) Mojito Lime Pork



**Cost for a set of 6 meals:**

**2 servings of 6 meals - \$40**

**4 servings of 6 meals - \$80**

**6 servings of 6 meals - \$120**

**Contact Heidi, 970-250-0588 for questions.**

## Celebrate Recovery



### A Note on Celebrate Recovery

As the initial excitement of the new year begins to fade, many people find that their resolutions start to slip away. Research suggests that a significant majority of individuals abandon their goals by early February, often feeling discouraged when the initial momentum stalls. Celebrate Recovery offers a different approach by providing a consistent fellowship of believers dedicated to personal growth and spiritual strengthening. While we certainly support those navigating any kind of addiction, two-thirds of our participants attend to find help with everyday struggles like anxiety, codependency, anger, work stressors, depression, food and the weight of perfectionism.

The heart of this ministry is based on the Beatitudes delivered by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, which connect us to God's nature, our redemption, and the transformative work that the Holy Spirit has on us. In Grand Junction, there are opportunities to connect five days a week, with Appleton Christian hosting an open share session every Friday night from 6:30 to 7:30. There is no requirement to commit to a group long term, as our doors are open to anyone, even those who simply had a difficult week and need a safe place to talk. Whether you are facing a temporary setback or a lifelong habit, this community is designed for any adult looking to find freedom and peace.

*"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed." - James 5:16*



### Operation Christmas Child Update:

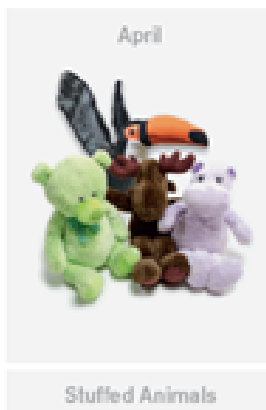
Thank you again for your very generous hearts towards Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Being able to send 304 boxes was absolutely wonderful. Each of those boxes contained God's Love

and God's Word. The boxes are still being delivered throughout the year. Please keep the children, youth, all the teachers and workers in our prayers. Our boxes went to the Philippines, Haiti, Ghana, Benin, Mexico, and a sensitive country that cannot be named. Our Western Slope sent 15,989 boxes. The USA collected and sent 10,906,661 boxes. Our Appleton family collects items all year long. There are certain things suggested for each month, but you are welcome to bring any items in whenever you are able. The suggested items for April are stuffed animals. Please feel free to see or call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you again and God bless. Love and prayers.

Donna Jean Ganss 970-640-8396

*"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the people."  
Psalm 96:3*



Stuffed Animals

Hello Appleton Family!

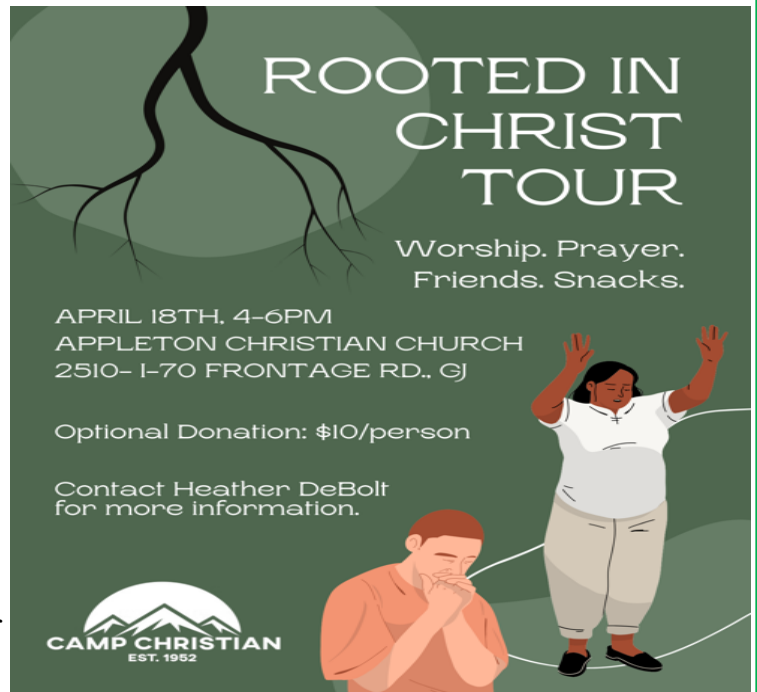
Camp season is almost here!! We are super excited for Camp Christian over here in the kids and youth ministries, and we want to bring you into the fun! Our youth leadership team is working hard on putting together all the programming for the high school camp this year, so our hearts are already being prepped for this season. This year's camp season theme is "Rooted in Christ: Established in Faith," based on Colossians 2:6-7:

*"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."*

We are going to have a summer FULL of deep-dives into the Bible, fellowshiping with other believers, and experiencing God in new ways. It's going to be amazing! We've been working with the high school camp worship team this year, too (the same people who did the Green Pastures, Still Waters event), and, together, we're putting on another awesome worship night this year as our students' fundraiser for camp! This worship team will be going on TOUR all across the valley and surrounding region to hype us up for camp season, and Appleton will be kicking it off! We hope you can make it, and if you love it, you can go to any of the other events too!

Our camp fundraiser will be on April 18th, from 4-6pm. There'll be food, fellowship, fundraising, and most importantly, worship of our Lord and Savior. I really hope you can join us! The students will be serving that day in different capacities, praying for you, putting together the spread of snacks, and leading part of the event itself! Please come and pray with us to set the tone for the rest of the season, and help us get to camp this summer!

Thanks y'all! Hope to see you there!  
Heather DeBolt  
Kids and Youth Director



# ROOTED IN CHRIST TOUR

Worship. Prayer. Friends. Snacks.

APRIL 18TH. 4-6PM  
APPLETON CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
2510- I-70 FRONTAGE RD., GJ

Optional Donation: \$10/person

Contact Heather DeBolt for more information.

**CAMP CHRISTIAN**  
EST. 1952



# ROOTED IN CHRIST

EST. IN FAITH Camp Christian 2026 Season

"So walk in Christ, rooted in Him and established in the faith." Colossians 2:6

WORK DAY: MAY 2ND  
HS CAMP (9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>): JUNE 8-11  
MS CAMP (6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>): JUNE 15-18  
JR CAMP (3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>): JUNE 22-25

All Kids & Youth Camps \$180 for registration, T-shirt, & snack cards.

Discounts available for early registration!

Contact Heather DeBolt for more info.

**CAMP CHRISTIAN**  
EST. 1952

[LINK TO REGISTER](https://campchristiancolorado.org)

[CAMPCHRISTIANCOLORADO.ORG](https://campchristiancolorado.org)



## Clothed in His Love Ministry at ACC

Workshops in April:

CUTTING Workshop

NO workshop due to Holy week

and

**SEWING/CUTTING Workshop**

**Saturday, April 18th – 9am to 1pm**

**Shorter due to Youth Event**

**Bring a lunch if you wish to stay all day**

All our activities are held in the Worship Center. We would love for you to join us.

We have expanded the ministry beyond the **Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes**, for which we sew jumpers, skirts, pants and shorts for children, size 2 to 14. We are adding bibs, fleece hats, and newborn to size 1 outfits for **The Pregnancy Center of Grand Junction!**

Please contact Connie ahead of time to let us know that you are planning on attending either or both workshops. **We will teach you to do the cutting** if you'd like to participate but have never done this kind of work before.

We are also offering **beginning sewing lessons** for those interested in learning how to sew while working on simple items for the ministry. Contact Connie or Elizabeth to discuss this.

Finally, we are always happy to take donations of onesies (for NB thru 1 year) and children's t-shirts (2 year to 14 year). They must be solid colored shirts (no characters, logos, etc). If you'd like to donate monetarily to the ministry, we will use the money to buy more fabric and t-shirts, as needed. Please give the money to ACC, with a memo that it is for "CiHL".

Come join us, we'd love to have you, and please pray for God's purpose and will for this ministry. It is all to His GLORY!!!

Connie Fudge (fudgeconnie@gmail.com) – (208) 755-2873

Elizabeth Kovarovics (ermcbroom@gmail.com) – (970) 361-6778

Donna Jean Ganss (donnaganss@yahoo.com) – (970) 640-8396

### Come celebrate Jean Radebaugh's 95th Birthday

Apr 12, 2026

from 10am- 2pm.

At her home

136 S. Orchard

Fruita, CO

Stop in for a few minutes or a few hours, just stop in!



Join us for Tuesday night Bible Studies  
at 6:30 PM.

There is a light meal at  
6:00 PM if you are  
interested.

Classes for men, women, and children.



Contact Alan or Kari Dyson for adult studies.  
Heather DeBolt for children's activities.

# Creation Tours

John Wilson will be leading a couple of Creation Tours:

Friday, April 10, Colorado National Monument  
Saturday, April 11, Arches National Park

Please contact John Wilson if you have questions or need more information.



# APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>SUN 29</p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service 8:00AM</li> <li>Service, 10:30 AM</li> <li>5pm ARK- Camp Teaching Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>MON 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Staff meeting</li> </ul>	<p>TUE 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Fellowship meal, 6 PM</li> <li>6:30pm Men's Bible Study</li> <li>6:30pm Women's Bible Study</li> <li>6:30pm Youth Group</li> </ul>	<p>WED Apr 1</p>	<p>THU 2</p>	<p>FRI 3</p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY service, 6:00 PM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm NO CR group</li> </ul>	<p>SAT 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7am Men's group, "His Project"</li> <li>3:30pm Cantata, FUMC</li> </ul>
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breakfast &amp; Easter scavenger hunt for</li> <li><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b></li> <li>Service, 10:30 AM</li> <li>Sunrise Service 7:00AM</li> <li>5pm ARK- Camp Teaching Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Staff meeting</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Fellowship meal, 6 PM</li> <li>6:30pm Men's Bible Study</li> <li>6:30pm Women's Bible Study</li> <li>6:30pm Youth Group</li> </ul>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Colorado National Monument Tour</b></li> <li>Prep day for meal prep</li> <li>4:30pm Praise team rehearsal</li> <li>6:30pm Celebrate Recovery Group</li> </ul>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Arches National Park Tour</b></li> <li>Meal Prep, lower bldg, ARK</li> </ul>
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ways to send

### Prayer Requests:

[Prayer card](#) on Sunday (check the box to be included in the weekly email distribution); OR [email prayers@appletonchristian.org/](mailto:prayers@appletonchristian.org/)

OR [call](#)

Nancy @970-241-0858 or the church office @970-242-7380

For **shut-in communion**, please call 970-242-7380 during office hours or contact person listed below:



### **SHUT IN COMMUNION**

**Bob Labig 970-216-7659**

**(if you would like to help with this, please contact the office or Bob)**

### Communion & Offering **Meditation**

#### First Service

#### APRIL 2026

- 5-Dan Baker
- 12-Brian Waggoner
- 19-Levi Willis
- 26-John Wilson

#### Second Service

#### APRIL 2026

- 5-Dan Baker
- 12-Alan Dyson
- 19-Jenny Nichols
- 26-John Wilson

### SUNDAY GREETERS

#### First Service

#### APRIL 2026

- 5-Keith Kump
- 12-Judy Devine
- 19-Linda/Dick Mann
- 26-Connie/Tom Fudge

#### Second Service

#### APRIL 2026

- 5-Helen Caldwell
- 12-Connie Martinez
- 19-Lisa O'Connor
- 26-Joanne Reitz

### APRIL 2026

#### PRAYER FAMILIES & SCHOOLS

- 5- Chois DeVinney  
John & Tammy Dick  
Appleton Elementary School
- 12- John & Ellen Durham  
Alan & Kari Dyson & Family  
Broadway Elementary School
- 19- Barbara Easlick  
Mike Eide  
Chatfield Elementary
- 26- Patsy Fitzpatrick  
Sarah & Kenny Fletcher  
Chipeta Elementary School



### APPLETON CARE MINISTRY

Occasionally we have needs that come up in the church. If you have a talent or some time that could maybe help someone out, please contact the office.

- Mechanical skills for small car repairs
- Providing meals
- Visiting (home, hospital, nursing facilities)
- Light exercise (walking)
- Calling on the phone or visit
- Grocery shopping
- Running errands
- Light chores around the house
- Driving to appointments



*Our purpose is to LOVE on people, let them know we CARE, and to see if there is ANTHING we can do for them.*

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2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Enter the assigned password into the app to begin synching.



### You can also access the directory on your computer.

Go to: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> to create an account using the email address you have listed in the directory. You will receive a confirmation email and once you click on the link, your email address will be validated. You will then need to log in, just as an email account, every time to access the directory. You will be able to view the information, but the phone numbers and email are not hyperlinked as with the smart device app.

## Connect with us:

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[prayers@appletonchristian.org](mailto:prayers@appletonchristian.org)  
 To sign up to receive prayer requests, please send an email with **Subscribe in the Subject line.**

The Bible affirms the power and importance of prayer and we, as a church, are committed to pray for each other. Let us know your request and we will lift you up in prayer.

[appletonexchange@appletonchristian.org](mailto:appletonexchange@appletonchristian.org)  
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**APRIL 2026**

*Our Mission  
 To grow fully devoted followers of  
 Jesus Christ.  
 Matthew 28:19-20*

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM Worship  
 9:30 AM Sunday School for adults  
 10:30 AM Classes for children

A CORE  
 OF TRUTH  
 —  
 WITH A  
 LOT OF  
 APPEAL



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