



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

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## Living the Mission: Growing as Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ

At Appleton Christian Church, our mission is clear and deeply biblical:

***“To glorify God as we grow fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ” (Matthew 28:19–20).***

This mission is not merely a statement on paper; it is a call to a way of life. Everything we do as a church—our worship, teaching, fellowship, and outreach—flows from this purpose. We exist first and foremost to glorify God, and we do so by obeying Christ’s command to make disciples who live under His lordship in every area of life.

To be a *fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ* is not to claim spiritual perfection, but to pursue faithful obedience. It is a daily, growing commitment to love Christ, trust His Word, and walk in His ways. Scripture gives us clear guidance on what such devotion looks like. At Appleton Christian Church, we emphasize five biblical practices that mark the life of a disciple.

### 1. Pray Continually

Prayer is the lifeline of the believer. The Bible commands us to “pray at all times in the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:18) and to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Prayer is not reserved for church services or emergencies; it is the constant posture of a heart dependent on God.

A fully devoted follower understands that prayer is not about informing God of our needs—He already knows them—but about aligning our hearts with His will. Jesus Himself taught that prayer offered in faith honors God (Matthew 21:22). When we pray continually, we confess our need for His wisdom, strength, and grace.

As a church, we encourage one another to cultivate personal and corporate prayer—praying for our families, our leaders, our community, and the advancement of the gospel. A praying church is a dependent church, and dependence upon God brings glory to Him.

### 2. Study God’s Word

Devotion to Christ must be rooted in devotion to His Word. Scripture calls believers to “present yourself to God as one approved... rightly handling the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). God’s Word is not optional nourishment for the Christian life—it is essential.

The Bible teaches that “all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16–17). Through God’s Word, we come to know His character, understand His will, and grow in spiritual maturity.

Fully devoted followers do not rely solely on Sunday sermons for biblical intake. They read, study, and meditate on Scripture throughout the week. They allow God’s Word to shape their thinking, guide their decisions, and correct their lives. As we grow in the knowledge of God’s truth, we are better equipped to glorify Him in faithful obedience.

### 3. Actively Serve Christ

True faith always expresses itself through obedient action. James reminds us to “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22). Serving Christ is not a suggestion for the especially gifted or available; it is the calling of every believer.

God has uniquely gifted each member of the body of Christ to serve for the good of others and the glory of God. Whether through teaching, hospitality, prayer, acts of mercy, or practical service, every believer has a role to play. Galatians 6:10 urges us to “do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

A fully devoted follower looks for opportunities to serve—both within the church and beyond it. Service is an act of worship, reflecting the heart of Christ, who “came not to be served but to serve” (Mark 10:45). When we serve faithfully, God is glorified through our obedience and love.

### 4. Encourage and Support One Another

Christian discipleship is never meant to be lived in isolation. God has placed believers into the body of Christ so that we might build one another up in faith. Scripture calls us to “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Fully devoted followers take seriously the responsibility to support fellow believers—bearing one another’s burdens (Galatians 6:2) and stirring one another “to love and good works” (Hebrews 10:24–25). This includes regular fellowship, accountability, prayer, and loving correction when necessary.

A church marked by encouragement reflects the love of Christ to the world. As we walk together through seasons of joy and hardship, we demonstrate the unity and compassion that Christ prayed His followers would display. Encouraging one another strengthens the church and brings glory to God.

### 5. Share the Hope of Christ

Finally, fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ are committed to sharing the gospel. Christ’s Great Commission commands us to “go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19–20). The gospel is not something to be kept private; it is good news meant to be proclaimed.

Peter reminds believers that we are God’s chosen people, called to “proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). We are also instructed to be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15).

Sharing the hope of Christ flows naturally from a life transformed by grace. Fully devoted followers speak of Christ with humility, love, and conviction—trusting God to work through their witness. Whether through personal relationships, acts of kindness, or intentional outreach, we joyfully declare the saving truth of the gospel.

### A Call to Faithful Living

The mission of Appleton Christian Church is not fulfilled by programs alone, but by people who daily pursue faithfulness to Christ. As we pray continually, study God’s Word, serve actively, encourage one another, and share the hope of Christ, we grow as fully devoted followers—and God is glorified.

May we, as a church family, commit ourselves anew to this mission, trusting that God will use our faithful obedience to advance His kingdom and bring honor to His great name.

This year, we will begin with a sermon series on our mission here at Appleton Christian, and we pray you can all join us.

I love you all, Dan



**December 31-** New Years Eve party 7:00 PM at ACC (bring a snack and game to share)

### JANUARY 2026

- 1- New Year's Day
- 2- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM
- 9- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM
- 10- Meal Prep, 10- 11:30 AM, (sign up by January 4)
- 13- Men's, Women's, Children's Bible study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 16- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM
- 20- Men's, Women's, Children's Bible study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 23- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM
- 27- Men's, Women's, Children's Bible study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 30- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 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**

### FEBRUARY 2026

- 3- Men's, Women's, Children's Bible study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 5- Clothed in His Love, 6:00 PM
- 6- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM
- 7- Men's Group, "His Project", 8:00 AM, breakfast/Bible Study
- 8- Mission Team, 12:00 noon
- 10- Men's, Women's, Children's Bible study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 13- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM
- 14- Meal Prep, 10-11:30 AM, (sign up by February 8)
- 17- Men's, Women's, Children's Bible study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 20- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM
- 21- Clothed in His Love, 9:00 AM -3:00 PM
- 24- Men's, Women's, Children's Bible study, 6:30 PM, meal 6:00 PM
- 28- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM

**Office hours are: 9:00 AM—2:00 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>

## Celebrate Recovery



Mission: to offer a safe and supportive space where men and women can find healing and freedom from life's challenges (hurts, hangups, and habits) Friday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM.

*Contact Roxy Sanger or Dan Baker for more information or if you want to know how you can help.*

Join us for Tuesday night Bible Studies at 6:30 PM beginning again January 13, 2026. There is a light meal at 6:00 PM if you are interested.



### Next Meal Prep January 10 (sign up by January 4)

- 1) Mongolian Beef
- 2) Balsamic Pork Tenderloin
- 3) Apricot Orange Chicken
- 4) Black Bean Chili
- 5) Slow-Cooker Veggie Stew
- 6) BBQ Country Style Chicken

Cost for a set of 6 meals for:

- 2 servings - \$40
- 4 servings - \$80
- 6 servings - \$120



**Contact Heidi, 970-250-0588**



# Guide to Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping, Packing, and Tips

Savvy shoebox packers know that it's never too early to start shopping, packing, and fundraising for shoebox gifts. Use this guide to pack quality shoeboxes that are **FUN**, **FULL**, and **PERSONALIZED** so that each is unique and prayed over. By preparing shoebox gifts all year long, you can send the Good News of Jesus Christ and the great joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to more boys and girls around the world!

## YEAR-ROUND SHOPPING

January	February	March	April
Hats, Gloves, and Scarves	Fashion Accessories	"Wow" Items	Stuffed Animals
May	June	July	August
Personal Care Items	Toys	Clothing	School Supplies
September	October	November	December
Games	Letter and Photo	\$10 Donation Per Shoebox	Prayer

## MISSION OF THE MONTH - JANUARY



The Pregnancy Center of Grand Junction  
 Jaime Gallob, Center Director  
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 Grand Junction Co 81505  
 970-241-7474

[www.pregnancy-center.org](http://www.pregnancy-center.org)

[pregnancy-center@outlook.com](mailto:pregnancy-center@outlook.com)

**OUR VISION** at THE PREGNANCY CENTER OF GRAND JUNCTION IS A CULTURE WHERE WOMEN AND MEN FACED WITH CHOICES ARE TRANSFORMED BY THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND EMPOWERED TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS THAT RESULT IN ABUNDANT LIFE FOR THEIR FAMILIES. (JOHN 10:10b)

We accomplish our vision through our mission.

**OUR MISSION** is ACKNOWLEDGING THAT EVERY HUMAN LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION AND IS WORTHY OF PROTECTION, THE PREGNANCY CENTER OFFERS COMPASSION, HOPE, AND ENCOURAGEMENT BY PRESENTING INDIVIDUALS WITH REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES AND CHRIST-CENTERED SUPPORT.

**OUR PILLARS (PSALM 75:4)** that are based on Christ Center Support. GOSPEL (1 Peter 3:15), SANCTITY (Psalm 139:13-16), EDUCATION (Ephesians 6:7-8) AND SUPPORT (Matthew 23:11 & Philippians 2:3-8).

**PRAYER** is how we win the battle. We begin every morning with a devotional and prayer time to prepare for our day. We would love for you to join with us in praying for our volunteers that they may put on the full armor of God and be equipped to serve our clients well. Pray for our clients that they would seek truth and be prepared to receive what God is offering to them, that they would be truly transformed. Colorado has become the top abortion destination of the world. Join us in continuing to pray for only God's will to be done at our Center.

**Lastly**, the harvest is great but not many to work the fields. This year we have made many strides in filling our open volunteer positions and God has greatly blessed us with wonderful people. We are praying that in God's timing He will supply us with more called people to stand firm in this battle.

We are so thankful for your interest, engagement and provision in standing with us during such divided times.

## JANUARY

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Jan 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
Service 8:00AM Service, 10:30 AM		● 6pm NO Fellowship meal, 6 PM ● 6:30pm NO Women's Bible Study ● 6:30pm NO Men's Bible Study ● 6:30pm NO Youth Group		● 5:30pm Praise team rehearsal 5:30 . ● 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery Group		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Service 8:00AM Service, 10:30 AM		● 11:15am Staff meeting ● 6pm NO Fellowship meal, 6 PM ● 6:30pm NO Men's Bible Study ● 6:30pm NO Women's Bible Study ● 6:30pm NO Youth Group		● Prep day for meal prep ● 5:30pm Praise team rehearsal 5:30 . ● 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery Group		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Service 8:00AM Service, 10:30 AM		● 11:15am Staff meeting ● 6pm Fellowship meal, 6 PM ● 6:30pm Men's Bible Study ● 6:30pm Women's Bible Study ● 6:30pm Youth Group		● 5:30pm Praise team rehearsal 5:30 . ● 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery Group		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Service 8:00AM Service, 10:30 AM	Martin Luther King Jr. Day					
		● 11:15am Staff meeting ● 6pm Fellowship meal, 6 PM ● 6:30pm Men's Bible Study ● 6:30pm Women's Bible Study ● 6:30pm Youth Group		● 5:30pm Praise team rehearsal 5:30 . ● 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery Group		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Service 8:00AM Service, 10:30 AM						
		● 11:15am Staff meeting ● 6pm Fellowship meal, 6 PM ● 6:30pm Men's Bible Study ● 6:30pm Women's Bible Study ● 6:30pm Youth Group				

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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** **January 2026**

4-Bob Labig  
 11-Alan Dyson  
 18-Levi Willis  
 25-John Wilson

#### **February 2026**

1-Bob Labig  
 8-Alan Dyson  
 15-Levi Willis  
 22-John Wilson

#### **Second Service** **January 2026**

4-Bob Labig  
 11-Alan Dyson  
 18-Jenny Nichols  
 25-John Wilson

#### **February 2026**

1-Bob Labig  
 8-Alan Dyson  
 15-Jenny Nichols  
 22-John Wilson

### SUNDAY GREETERS

#### **First Service** **January 2026**

4-Keith Kump  
 11-Agnes Ekos  
 18-Linda/Dick Mann  
 25-Connie/Tom Fudge

#### **February 2026**

1-Keith Kump  
 8-Judy Devine  
 15-Karla/Steve Brown  
 22-Connie/Tom Fudge

#### **Second Service** **January 2026**

4-Jenny Nichols  
 11-Helen Caldwell  
 18-Donna Jean Ganss  
 25-Lisa O'Connor

#### **February 2026**

1-Yvette Caldwell  
 8-Joanne Reitz  
 15-Cris Hoche  
 22-Connie Martinez

## JANUARY 2026

### **PRAYER FAMILIES & SCHOOLS**

- 4- Landen & Debbie Brolien  
 Karla & Steve Brown  
 Grand Junction High School
- 11- Butch & Terry Brown  
 Doug & Carolyn Bryant  
 Palisade High School
- 18- Doug & Mary Bybee  
 Helen Caldwell  
 R-5 High School
- 25- Yvette Caldwell  
 Mike Clemmer  
 Gateway High 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 *ANTHNG* we can do for them.**

## Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

### It's Easy!

1. Go to your device's App Store.
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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[office@appletonchristian.org](mailto:office@appletonchristian.org)

[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.

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 9:30 AM Sunday School for adults  
 10:30 AM Classes for children

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 OF TRUTH

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 APPEAL



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