



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

March 2026

# THE APPLE PRESS

## **Serving the Lord Together: Built Up in Christ**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on the life of **Appleton Christian Church**, I am filled with gratitude. Week after week, month after month, I see the body of Christ at work—faithful men and women serving quietly, consistently, and sacrificially. Some teach. Some prepare meals. Some pray faithfully behind the scenes. Some greet at the doors. Some serve our children. Some maintain our property. Some give generously. Some visit the sick. All of it matters.

The Word of God reminds us:

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another” (Hebrews 10:24–25).

That passage is not merely instruction; it is a description of what I see happening among you. You are stirring one another up toward love and good deeds. You are encouraging one another. You are living out your faith actively and visibly.

## **A Body Working Together**

The Apostle Paul gives us one of the clearest pictures of the church in 1 Corinthians 12. He writes: “For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27).

A human body functions because each part does its work. The eye sees. The hand grasps. The feet move. No part can say, “I have no need of you.” In the same way, the church functions because every member plays a role.

At Appleton Christian Church, I see this truth lived out. The visible and the unseen ministries are equally valuable in the sight of God. The one who stands behind a pulpit and the one who cleans up after an event are both serving Christ. The one who sings loudly and the one who prays quietly are both strengthening the body.

And Scripture makes something very clear: when each part does its work, the whole body grows. “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love” (Ephesians 4:16).

Church growth is not merely about numbers. It is about maturity. It is about unity. It is about Christ being formed in us. And that kind of growth happens when every member participates.

## **You Are Equipped by God**

Yet I know that some among us hesitate. Some may think:

- “I don’t have the skills.”
- “I’ve never done that before.”
- “I’m not trained.”
- “Others are more qualified.”

Let me lovingly say: that is not how God works.

Scripture teaches plainly:

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...” (Romans 12:6).

And again:

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).

Notice the wording: **“as each has received a gift.”** Not some. Not the trained few. Not only the leaders. Each.

If you are in Christ, you have been given spiritual gifts. These gifts are not accidents of personality. They are not random talents. They are grace given by God for the building up of His church.

Paul explains the purpose clearly:

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7).

Your gift is not for self-promotion. It is not for recognition. It is not for comfort. It is for the common good—the strengthening of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Some gifts are visible: teaching, leadership, exhortation.

Some are supportive: service, mercy, generosity.

Some are foundational: faith, wisdom, discernment.

But all are necessary.

You may not feel equipped—but Scripture says you are. You may not feel experienced—but God often calls the willing before the experienced. You may not feel confident—but God strengthens the humble.

Remember Moses, who doubted his ability to speak. Remember Gideon, who questioned his strength. Remember Peter, an ordinary fisherman. God delights in using ordinary people filled with His Spirit to accomplish extraordinary purposes.

### **Expanding Opportunities to Serve**

As we look ahead, we believe the Lord is leading us to expand ministry opportunities within our church. Our desire is not to create busyness—but to create meaningful pathways for service, discipleship, and spiritual growth.

Our Deacons are prayerfully evaluating areas where we can strengthen and expand ministry:

- Hospitality and welcome ministries
- Care and visitation
- Prayer support
- Teaching and discipleship
- Community outreach
- Practical service teams
- Support ministries behind the scenes

The role of the Deacons, as seen in Acts 6, is to help ensure that practical ministry needs are met so that the church can function in unity and effectiveness. Their leadership will help us organize and direct service in a way that honors Christ and builds up the body.

But plans alone do not build the church. Programs alone do not strengthen faith. It is people—Spirit-filled believers—serving in obedience who build up the body.

## Strengthening Communication for Ministry

To better coordinate these efforts, we have recently purchased a new communication system designed to help us stay connected and informed about ministry opportunities. Good communication supports good stewardship.

This new system will help us:

- Share ministry needs more clearly
- Coordinate volunteers more effectively
- Provide updates on church activities
- Encourage participation across all ages
- Strengthen connection within the body

In Acts 2, the early church was described as being devoted to fellowship, teaching, breaking of bread, and prayer. They were connected. They knew one another's needs. They supported one another faithfully.

While technology is not the source of unity, it can be a tool that serves unity. Our prayer is that this communication system will help us function more cohesively as one body—serving, praying, and growing together.

## Growing Toward Maturity in Christ

Ultimately, our goal is not simply increased activity. Our goal is Christlike maturity.

Paul writes in Ephesians 4:

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood...” (Ephesians 4:11–13).

Notice who does the work of ministry: **the saints**. The pastors equip. The leaders guide. But the saints—the congregation—do the work of ministry. And the result? Unity. Knowledge of Christ. Maturity. Stability. Love. When each member serves according to the grace given to them, the church becomes stronger, more unified, and more Christ-centered.

## A Pastoral Plea

So I close with both gratitude and invitation.

First, thank you. Thank you for serving faithfully. Thank you for loving one another. Thank you for giving your time, your energy, your prayers, and your resources for the glory of God.

Second, I urge you to prayerfully consider:

- Where is God calling me to serve?
- What gifts has He entrusted to me?
- How can I encourage and build up others?
- Where can I step forward in faith?

If you have never served before, perhaps now is the time.

If you have been serving quietly for years, perhaps God is calling you to deepen or expand that service.

If you have doubted your usefulness, remember: God does not waste any member of His body.

Let us not grow comfortable. Let us not grow passive. Let us grow in unity and maturity in

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Christ.

“Now may the God of peace... equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ” (Hebrews 13:20–21).

May the Lord continue to shape Appleton Christian Church into a body that is faithful, unified, and fruitful for His glory.

Let us pray. Let us serve. Let us grow—together—in Christ.

I love you all, Dan



### MARCH 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- Deacon Meeting, 12:15 PM
- 8- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 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 March 8)
- 17- Parent's Workshop, 6:30 PM (contact Heather or Alan)
- 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
- 27- Celebrate Recovery, 6:30 PM
- 29- PALM SUNDAY
- 31- Men's, Women's, Children's 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**

### APRIL 2026

- 3- GOOD FRIDAY, 6:00 PM
- 4- Men's Group, "His Project", 8:00 AM, breakfast/Bible Study
- 5- EASTER SUNDAY, 7:00 AM Sunrise Service (Pond),  
8:15AM Breakfast (WC)  
9:30 AM Activities for children (WC)  
10:30 AM Second Service (WC)

**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



### 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



## Clothed in His Love Ministry at ACC

Workshops in March:

CUTTING Workshop

Thursday, March 5th – 6pm to 8pm

and

SEWING/CUTTING Workshop

Saturday, March 21st – 9am to 3pm

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!!!

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## Missions that ACC supports

The Pregnancy Center  
 Memduh & Suna Uysal (Internet Evangelism to Turkish speaking people)  
 Assisting Christian Individuals, Int. - Nancy Hagerman  
 Mesa County Jail Ministry - bibles  
 Camp Christian  
 WCCCM (Western Colorado Christian Campus Ministries)  
 Christ Chapel  
 Wycliffe - Jennifer Harper  
 One for Israel

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.



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

Sawvy 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

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

# upcoming events

ACCKY SPRING 2026  
TALK TO HEATHER FOR MORE INFO!

- Mar 17th** PARENTS WORKSHOP
- Apr 5th** EASTER- SCAVENGER HUNT!
- Apr 18th** ROOTED: CAMP FUNDRAISER
- May 2nd** CAMP CHRISTIAN WORK DAY
- June** CAMP SEASON BEGINS!
  - 8-11** HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH)
  - 15-18** MIDDLE SCHOOL (6TH-8TH)
  - 22-25** JUNIOR (3RD-5TH)

## Next Meal Prep March 14 (sign up by March 8)



- 1) Honey Soy Chicken
- 2) Buffalo Chicken Thighs
- 3) Chicken Tacos
- 4) Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches
- 5) Pineapple Mojito Lime Pork Chops
- 6) Roast and Gravy

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.



Daylight saving time will kick off on Sunday, March 8, requiring Americans to lose an hour of sleep as time shifts ahead by one hour.

Join ACCKY for our next

## Parents' Workshop!

Contact Heather or Alan for more information!

March 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm

During Family Night  
In Gathering Area



Child Care  
Provided!

Topic:  
Praying for  
Your Children

## EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, 3/29/26  
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  
9:30 AM ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN  
10:30 AM SERVICE



Operation Christmas Child is a year round Mission Project for Appleton. Each month has a different focus and in March we are collecting quality crafts and WOW items: wooden whistles, wooded toys, handmade hats, baby dolls, soccer balls, etc. These items as well as other items can be brought to the church on Sundays where a special box will be located in the front lobby. One can also bring them to the church office.  
Thanks! Donna Jean

# MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mar 1 Service 8:00AM Service, 10:30 AM	2 9:30am Staff meeting 6pm ACCY- Elementary Updates V	3 6pm Fellowship meal, 6 PM 6:30pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	4	5 6pm Clothed in His Love	6 4:30pm Praise team rehearsal 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery Group	7 7am Men's group, "His Project"
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### 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

#### March 2026

- 1-Dan Baker
- 8-Brian Waggoner
- 15-Levi Willis
- 22-John Wilson
- 29-Dan Baker

### Second Service

#### March 2026

- 1-Dan Baker
- 8-Alan Dyson
- 15-Jenny Nichols
- 22-John Wilson
- 29-Dan Baker

## SUNDAY GREETERS

### First Service

#### March 2026

- 1-Keith Kump
- 8-Judy Devine
- 15-Linda/Dick Mann
- 22-Connie/Tom Fudge
- 29-Agnes Ekos

### Second Service

#### March 2026

- 1-Yvette Caldwell
- 8-Karen Ranville
- 15-Kathy/Kelly Messamer
- 22-Robin Dague
- 29-Jenny Nichols

## MARCH 2026

### PRAYER FAMILIES & SCHOOLS

- 1- Evelyn Cronk  
Robin and Jim Dague  
Grand River Academy
- 8- Jenny and Bob Dalley  
Rhinna Dalley  
Summit School Program
- 15- Agnes Ekos  
Bob Dauk  
Valley School West (program)
- 22- Burk and Heather DeBolt  
Mary DeKoevend  
Caprock Academy
- 29- Ascent Classical Academy  
Judy Devine  
Sandy Devinney



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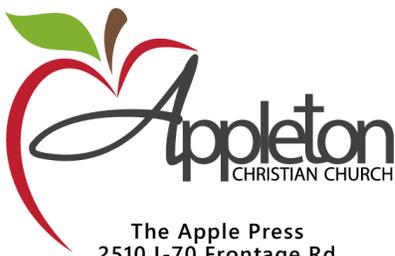
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9:30 AM Sunday School for adults  
10:30 AM Classes for children

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