

### Exploring Fieldcrest

Church Plant Vision & Prayer Night

Sunday April 7  
6:30 pm  
@ Community Bible Fellowship in El Paso

## April's Monthly Prayer Meeting

**When:** April 7th at 6:30pm  
**Where:** Community Bible Fellowship (CBF) in El Paso  
**What:** Church Plant Vision & Prayer Night

Erik Johnson and the CAP (Community Analysis Process) Team will present an overview of the spiritual state and needs of the Fieldcrest communities and share their hopes for the church plant in Minonk. There will be a Q&A time after the presentation, and we'll finish up the night with a time of prayer together. If you have any questions are curious about what's next, or love to pray, then come join us!

### Why plant a church in Minonk?

Minonk has a population of around 2100 people, and the Fieldcrest school district is composed of around 5000 people. And just like any community, including the ones we call home, we know that not everyone is trusting in and following Jesus. So there are people to be reached and disciples of Jesus to be made. And the primary model we see in the book of Acts when it comes to making disciples is the sending of missionaries and the planting of new churches in new geographic regions. It isn't our desire to 'compete' with existing churches in that area. Rather, it is our desire to see the Gospel witness in that area increase, and to see lives changed by the power of the Gospel.

### Who will be the pastor at the new church?

Erik Johnson will be the founding pastor. Erik and Bree got married in 2003 and have 4 children: Josie (10), Charlie (8), Harvey (4), Lyle (2). Erik has been on staff at Crosspoint Community Church since 2009, and has served in a variety of roles. In his time at Crosspoint, he has led in the following areas of ministry: worship team (as a volunteer from 2003-2009, and as paid staff from 2009-present), student ministry, small groups and discipleship classes, counseling and preaching. We are excited to see Erik and his family continue to walk by faith into this next season of calling and ministry.

### Who is planting the new church?

In the New Testament, we see the Body of Christ partnering together for Kingdom work. We believe that the Lord is most glorified and this new church plant will be at its healthiest, when local churches can stand in unity and contend together for the sake of the Gospel and people. Specifically, Christ Community in Gridley, Community Bible Fellowship in El Paso, and Crosspoint Community Church in Eureka will serve as the oversight churches to this new work.

### Will believers who call Christ CC, CBF, Crosspoint, or other local churches, be encouraged to go and join this new church and its work?

Yes. Some of you will be called to this work. That may be for a temporary basis where you go and serve for 6-12 months after the launch, or it may be a long-term calling. Much like Barnabas and Saul went out together in Acts 13, our prayer is that God's people, who are fellow partners in the Gospel, might go together, to form a new faith family that lives for the glory of God by gathering and growing new believers through the proclamation of the gospel.

Sunday Worship  
Morning Worship 9-10 am  
Sunday School 10:30-11:15 am  
Communion served 4th Sunday

Children's Ministries  
J.A.M. (ages 3-PreK) every Sunday  
K-5th Church; 1st & 3rd Sundays

Wednesday Youth Groups  
Jr. High, Zack Puck, 5:30-7:30 pm  
Sr. High, Jordan McKinsey, 7:00-9:00 pm

Pastoral Staff  
Andy Huetten, Sr. Pastor  
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor

CHRIST COMMUNITY  
CHURCH OF GRIDLEY  
April 2019 Issue



## February Book Group Photos

### How the Nations Rage

This group, led by Brian Kurz talked about how to think about politics through a Christian worldview. *"It's only when we realize that the life of our churches now is the hope of the nation for tomorrow that we become the salt and light Jesus calls us to be."*



### The Gospel Comes with a House Key

This group, led by Delmar Smith, talked about Rosaria Butterfield's radical hospitality. *"Such hospitality sees our homes as not our own, but as God's tools for the furtherance of his kingdom as we welcome those who look, think, believe, and act differently from us into our lives."*



### Gaining by Losing

The group led by Denny Foor talked about the principle of church planting from J.D. Greear's book, *Gaining by Losing*. *"The true measure of success for a church should be its sending capacity, not its seating capacity."*



### The Tech-wise Family

This group was led by Mark Butikofer. *"Drawing on in-depth original research from the Barna Group, Andy Crouch shows readers that the choices we make about technology have consequences we may never have considered."*



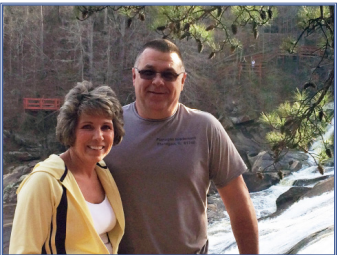
### Meet Our Deacons

The Deacons at Christ CC work in many ways to spread the gospel through their individual giftings.  
**Page 3.**



### Milestones

Birthdays, Anniversaries, New births. Email your info to [office@christ-cc.org](mailto:office@christ-cc.org). **Pg. 3.**



### Member Bios

Get to know a member/regular attendee at CCC. Flip to **pg. 7** to learn about Steve & Mary Carls.



### Prayer Calendar

The monthly Prayer Calendars can be found on **pages 5-6.**



Last week, I was able to spend a couple of days at Lifesong M.B.O. ("Ministry of Open Arms," abbreviated in Creole) in Haiti. Our church has been able to fund the building of a Student Life Home on the property (a home for 8-10 high school students) as well as a medical clinic that will be constructed this year. Though I trust Lifesong's work, I wanted to get a feel for the projects our church is involved in, as well as to explore future potential to partner with their work. I especially wanted to check out the work in Haiti because development work in Haiti has historically been notoriously counter-productive.

In preparation for the trip, I read the book *Travesty In Haiti: A True Account of Christian Missions, Orphanages, Fraud, Food Aid, and Drug Trafficking*, and learned much. The book is written by Timothy Schwartz who lived in Haiti for a number of years doing research for a Ph.D. and his perspective is enlightening. He chronicles widespread corruption, the destruction caused by food aid (foreign markets have essentially given surplus grain to Haiti, thus devastating local markets and dis-incentivizing farming), and the deeply entrenched mind-set of receiving handouts from *blan* (white) persons. Analyzing dozens, if not hundreds, of charities, the author only found one Christian school that he believed had integrity and was doing legitimate development work. And that school, he later found out, had basically become a school for rich Haitians to send their kids to because it was the only decent school around. Though people back in the States were sending donations to this school to fund "poor Haitian kids," some of those kids were vacationing in France while on holiday from school. Schwartz's aim in writing was to "to call attention to the need for accountability" because he believes "that the disaster we call foreign aid—'disaster,' at least, in the case of Haiti—comes from the near total absence of control over the distribution of money donated to help impoverished people in the country" (Schwartz, 4).

Going to Haiti, the country with the most NGO's per capita in the world, and the largest recipient of foreign aid in the western hemisphere, I was cautious. I believe in Lifesong's work, but I wondered if it would suffer from many of the same problems I had read about in *Travesty in Haiti*. Though it's certainly tough to render accurate judgment in just a few days, I was nevertheless very encouraged by what I encountered.

First, Mike and Amy Rivas, the directors of Lifesong MBO were ardent about implementing principles from *When Helping Hurts*. The first night when we were there, they gave us a few guidelines for our stay. The first rule was "Don't give anything to the kids." They explained that if we do that, we undermine the work ethic they are trying to teach and we perpetuate the mentality that *blans* = handouts. Additionally, over the course of our time, I repeatedly heard Amy reference the book *When Helping Hurts*, which was read by our entire missions team several years ago and has been influential in our own thinking about charity. The Rivas' vision is to develop Haitian leadership, skills, jobs, and remain as much in the background of the work as possible so that Haitians are leading the way.

Secondly, I love Lifesong's four-part pledge and I got to see that in action. Lifesong pledges that every child they serve will:

- 1) Not want for food, clothing, medical care, or shelter.
- 2) Be taught the Gospel and how to live as followers of Jesus Christ.
- 3) Receive a quality education to provide a foundation for their future.
- 4) Experience love and support as they transition into adult living.

These pillars guide Lifesong's work in all their locations and I was able to witness it in Haiti. The students receive two meals a day (compared to one meal every-other day for some in the nearby neighborhoods). All 135 high school students at the school are regularly instructed in the Bible, and the 35 who live in Student Life Homes on the property are living in Christian community with regular practices of spiritual disciplines such as Bible study, prayer, and worship. When I asked about how they determine who gets to attend their school, Amy explained that she interviews each student and family, which is one way they can remain faithful to protect their vision of serving those with legitimate need. Additionally, the education students are receiving is solid. In fact, one woman who was touring the school with us had lived in Haiti and spoke Creole was verbally astounded when she walked in the science lab at Lifesong school. She said to the rest of us, "You don't understand—this sort of classroom does not exist in Haitian schools." Lifesong has partnerships with American donors who have strategically given to make a legitimate science lab a rare reality. I also loved the emphasis I saw on vocational training. Rather than re-invent the wheel, Lifesong gave some of their property to a like-minded vocational training center called Extollo. Now, right next door to the school, Lifesong's students can learn welding, mechanics, and masonry to prepare them to transition from high school into adulthood, in addition to the farming skills they can learn on Lifesong's property.

Third, I appreciate the financial stewardship practiced by Lifesong. The 100% pledge is rare among charities and means that due to some private funding, every cent of donations given to Lifesong are given to the projects for which they are designated. Further, I appreciate that they are working for each Lifesong site to have ongoing revenue streams to underwrite the cost of operations. At the Ukraine site, for instance, last year's net profit on the strawberry farms was about a quarter-million bucks, which does not cover the entire Ukraine budget (yet), but substantially contributed to the operating costs. The Haiti project is a long way from sustainability, but the direction is being set now to follow in the footsteps of Lifesong Ukraine, which would be a rarity in Haitian charitable organizations.

As I stood in the line to get through customs in Atlanta, I couldn't help but think of Schwartz' book. The well-dressed Haitian man next to me was eager to tell me about the four orphanages and three schools he supposedly runs in Haiti while also mentioning that he was going to see his daughter at the best private school in L.A. on his way to Maui. There's no perfect charity. There's no perfect development plan. Yet, as I learned in *Travesty*, there's a drastic difference between missions work done with integrity and much of what goes on in the name of charity and orphan care. I'm thankful that our church can partner with an organization we trust to do holistic ministry with wisdom and integrity

Grace and Peace  
Andy Huet

I'm thankful that our church can partner with an organization we trust to do holistic ministry with wisdom and integrity.



Steve & Mary

# The CARLS Family

APRIL'S  
MEMBER BIOS

Tell us a little about yourself...

We are parents of Jacob Carls - 27 (Molly) of Flanagan and Amanda Smith - 30 (Brandon) of Macon, Georgia. We are grandparents to 2: Addison James is 14 months old and Bryer Andrew is 22 months old.

How did you meet?

We met in 1981 while both attending Illinois Central College in Agricultural related majors. We had several classes together and Mary didn't know anything about tools or tractor mechanics, so she relied on Steve who soon figured this out and handed her all the wrong tools when the instructor would send her to the tool box in shop class.

We started dating in 1983 and married in April of '85. We moved east of Gridley to Steve's grandparent's family farm and still reside there. We love the country, our church family and the Gridley community. We both came from small rural communities: Benson and Flanagan, but Gridley is home now and has been for our entire married life of 34 years. We started attending First United Church in 2002, and became members soon after.

What do you do for a living?

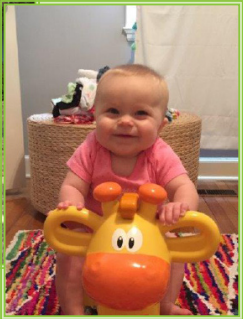
Steve has worked at Flanagan Implement since he was 14 years old, purchasing the business in 2000. I (Mary) worked at the bank in Gridley after we got married, which enabled me to meet a lot of people in Gridley. I was home with the kids for 8 years before going back to work for Drs. Proesel, Blue & Supan at the Dental Offices in Gridley. I have worked in Bloomington for the past 11.5 years at GROWMARK and Evergreen FS, Inc. as an Executive Assistant and receptionist.

What do you do for fun?

When we aren't working, we enjoy our grandkids, traveling, 3rd Sunday Markets, antiquing, long walks (especially on a beach) and the back-roads of central Illinois in our red '97 Jeep Wrangler. We are excited to announce that Amanda's family will be moving back to the area late this spring as Brandon will begin a career with OSF St. Joseph in Bloomington on April 8th. We look forward to them being closer, watching Addi and their family grow, and catching up on quality time with our whole family together.



Amanda & Brandon



Addison James  
14 months old



Bryer Andrew  
22 months old

Jacob & Molly

How has God been working in your life?

We were both very fortunate to have been raised in Christian homes and have always attended church as a family and been involved in the life and ministry of the congregations where we attended. We continue to grow our faith life in Christ Community Church and are very grateful for the biblical teaching we've experienced here. We were able to witness Jake & Molly's baptisms last May in Flanagan where they attend and are active. It was a special day to hear their testimonies and know of God's grace and blessings in their lives. We continue to marvel at God's presence in their marriage and how they are raising Bryer.

What is your favorite Bible verse?

My (Mary) favorite verse is Psalm 118:24: "This is the day that the Lord has made, we will be Rejoice and be Glad in it", because I know each day is a rich and precious gift and God's mercies are new every morning, His Faithfulness is Great, and there is peace and comfort knowing those truths. Steve's favorite verse is from Colossians 2:7, "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." We are grateful for the close friends that keep us grounded, speak God's truths in our lives and walk this journey with us.

How can we as a church family be praying for you?

We covet your prayers as Amanda's family packs, travels, finds housing, transitions to a new career and life in Illinois, as well as gets "plugged in" to the church and the community. As we enter the spring planting season we ask for safety for all the farmers, employees of agricultural careers and their families. We pray for aging parents and the decisions that surround their healthcare needs. We know God controls all things, so we pray for guidance, wisdom, patience and understanding on a daily basis.



# MISSIONARY UPDATES

Who are the missionaries that Christ CC supports? Every month this page will be dedicated to spotlighting fellow soldiers in the advancement of the gospel. We hope that this page will be an encouragement for the reader and a way for our church family to put names with faces and to pray for and encourage our missionaries.

Update from:  
**Chris & Dana**  
*SIM USA (information from  
2017 Missionary Questionnaire)*

**SIM USA's Mission Statement:**  
SIM is an international mission organization with more than 1,600 active missionaries serving in more than 50 countries. SIM members serve God among many diverse people groups in Africa, Asia, and South America.

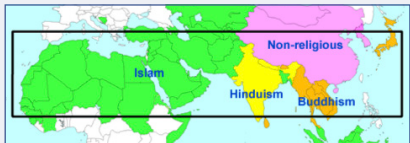
**SIM** workers are “international” themselves, representing more than 30 nationalities—including nations that in the past only received missionaries. They also serve in a wide variety of career fields. SIM is looking for people of any ethnicity who have almost any skill imaginable!

**SIM** is a community of God’s people who delight to worship him and are passionate about the Gospel, seeking to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ in the world.

Their purpose is to glorify God by planting, strengthening, and partnering with churches around the world as they:

- Evangelize the unreached
- Minister to human need
- Disciple believers into churches
- Equip churches to fulfill Christ’s Commission

## The 10/40 Window



The 10/40 Window is the rectangular area of North Africa, the Middle East and Asia approximately between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude. Approximately 5.04 billion individuals residing in approximately 8,650 distinct people groups are in the 10/40 Window. 5,920 (68.4%) of these people groups are considered unreached and have a population of 3.04 billion. This means approximately 60% of the individuals in the 10/40 Window live in an unreached people group.

## Next Month

Austin & Anna Hand  
International Teams

Core Value: Beautiful Feet  
Matthew 28:18-20  
Acts 20:24  
Psalm 67



## List of Workers

Joe & Amy Flammer  
Dan & Christi Ucherek  
Austin & Anna Hand  
**Chris & Dana Hardy**  
Bill Allison  
Seth Foor  
Dylan Steffen  
Wes & Natalie Crump  
Matt & Nati Taylor  
Shannon & Katie Bachelor

## Organizations

New Life Community  
Orphan Outreach  
Frontiers  
**SIM USA**  
Cadre Ministries  
The Traveling Team  
To Every Tribe  
International Teams

## Prayer Requests

That their time back in the states will be a time of refreshment.

That they would be encouraged by those they reconnect with.

That they would be reenergized and refocused for the work that God has called them to in South Asia.

That both Chris & Dana continue to have patience, strength and wisdom as they raise their children up in the Lord.

## Meet Our Deacons



Our deacons are (l-r): Jennifer Morrison, Becky Roth, Derek Meiss, Betty Kaupp and Bev Nelson. Not Pictured: Tiffney Palmer, Mark Butikofer.

## MINISTRY TEAMS

### Finance Team

The Finance Team exists to serve the church by developing and implementing plans for informed and faithful stewardship of church finances and property. **Derek Meiss is Deacon of Finance.** The Finance team members are: Chris Gentes, Doug Nelson, Bob Wettstein, Ken Hall, Dan Erwin and Thad Mool.

### Children's Ministry Team

The Children's Ministry Team exists to serve the church by giving oversight and coordination to all ministry programs for children from preschool to 5th grade. **Becky Roth is Deacon of Children's Ministry.** She works with the Sunday School teachers, JAM and Children Church leaders. Others involved with the team are: Lori Hardman, Megan Castleman, Susan Johnson and Linda Hartzler.

### Local Outreach Team

The Local Outreach Team exists to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by sharing the grace and truth of Christ in word and deed to local communities. The team seeks to administer grace through physical provision to those in need and invites those not involved in a church to Christ CC. **Tiffney Palmer is Deacon of Local Outreach.** Others who work with her are: Tiffney & Tony Palmer, Trent Kaupp & Jonna Strauch.

### Technology Team

The technology team exists to serve the church by maintaining all of our technological needs. **Mark Butikofer is Deacon of Technology.** Mark works with many people in helping with the sound system, the projection system, and the computers used in the church building.



**Children's Ministry Team** includes finding Sunday School teachers and equipping them to teach our young people about Jesus.

### Meals Team

The Meals Team exists to coordinate all of the meals that occur as a ministry of Christ CC. **Jennifer Morrison is Deacon of Meals.** The team seeks to promote the One Another core value by loving those inside the church and the Beautiful Feet Core Value by ministering to those outside of the church by providing meals. Other team members are Stephanie Deckard and Erin Kaupp.



**The Meals Team** provides the food and service for many of our church functions. Food draws people together!

### Missions Team

The Missions Team exists to lead Christ CC in its effort to participate in the Great Commission in cross-cultural contexts. The Missions Team maintains close contact with our missionaries and seeks to teach and encourage every attendee at Christ CC to be obedient to the Great Commission as either a go-er or sender. **Betty Kaupp is Deacon of Missions.** Other team members are: Jake Foor, Delmar Smith & Grant Stauter.



**The Missions Team** provides the church family with information about the missionaries we support as well as provides communication and encouragement for our brothers and sisters serving around the world.



**The Hospitality Team** oversees Coffee Fellowship. Ron and Marcia Mool are the coordinators. Contact Marcia Mool if you would like to serve.

### Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Team exists to ensure that the environment of Sunday morning gatherings is hospitable towards guests, and promotes fellowship with one another. The team also assists in the coordination of various elements of the worship service. **Bev Nelson is Deacon of Hospitality.** Others on the Hospitality team are: Ron & Marcia Mool (Coffee Fellowship), Kelly Mool (Nursery), Kanda Steffen (Communion), & Peggy Poppen.

## April Milestones

### Birthdays

- |    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Anne Wettstein  |
| 4  | Bonnie Sherrill |
| 5  | Dax Gentes      |
| 5  | Jay Kiefer      |
| 6  | Abigail Kelly   |
| 7  | Brier Meiss     |
| 9  | Jim Mallory     |
| 9  | Juno Zeller     |
| 9  | Logan Feit      |
| 11 | Alyie Roth      |
| 11 | Lacey Kiefer    |
| 11 | Steele Hitchens |
| 14 | Jil Stauter     |
| 15 | Arlo McKinsey   |
| 18 | Colton Kelly    |
| 19 | Tonya Krone     |
| 20 | Alissa McKinsey |
| 20 | Eliza Meiss     |
| 22 | Abby Huette     |
| 22 | Elsie Stoller   |
| 24 | Chazz Eskridge  |
| 25 | Bishop Wallace  |
| 26 | Marilee Wenger  |
| 27 | Dusti Palmer    |
| 28 | William Nyberg  |
| 29 | Karen Neal      |
| 30 | Brynn Clark     |
| 30 | Sydney Hall     |

### Anniversaries

- |    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 9  | Dave & Allie Ruff        |
| 12 | Dennie & Bonnie Sherrill |
| 20 | Steve & Mary Carls       |
| 28 | Jordan & Marqui Krone    |

### Attendance & Offering

3/3	293	\$9,470
3/10	283	\$7,455
3/17	291	\$9,983
3/24	273	\$5,759



## WEEKLY EVENTS

- MON** **Morning Workouts**  
5:15am  
Family Center  
Open to all.  
Dave Ihlenfeldt  
dave1@gridcom.net
- WED** **Morning Workouts**  
5:15am  
Family Center  
Open to all.  
Dave Ihlenfeldt  
dave1@gridcom.net
- Boyz to Men**  
Every week, 6-7am  
Conference Room  
John Dirks  
dirks.family@reagan.com
- MOM's Group**  
1st/3rd, 9-10:30am  
Childcare provided.  
Can always use more childcare workers.  
Susan Laiming  
susan.laiming@yahoo.com
- Men's Group: Revealing Christ Through Revelation**  
2nd/4th, 6:30pm  
Men's group going through the book of Revelation.  
Tim Johnson - tpj.ccc@gmail.com
- Evening Women's: Seamless**  
1st/3rd, 6:30pm  
Northeast Classroom  
Bev Nelson  
bnelson@gridcom.net
- Evening Women's: Ephesians**  
Every other, 6:30pm  
Conference Room  
Debbie Meiss  
ddmeiss@gridcom.net
- Jr. High Youth Group**  
Every week, 5:30-7:30pm  
Fellowship Hall & Family Center  
Zack Puck  
zepuck@gmail.com
- Sr. High Youth Group**  
Every week, 7-9pm  
Fellowship Hall & Family Center  
Jordan McKinsey  
jmac213108@gmail.com

**THURS** **Gridley Food Pantry**  
Every week, 12:30pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Maralon Stauter, Director  
(309) 747-2222

**FRI** **Morning Workouts**  
5:15am  
Family Center  
Open to all.  
Dave Ihlenfeldt  
dave1@gridcom.net

## MONTHLY CALENDAR / APRIL

- 07** **Monthly Prayer Meeting**   
Community Bible Fellowship  
El Paso, 6:30pm  
April's Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held at Community Bible Fellowship (CBF) in El Paso at 6:30pm. The focus of the night will be on the Minonk Church Plant. We will cover the vision for the plant and spend some time praying for the overall planting process. Everyone is invited!
- 07** **Building Rental**  
Fellowship Hall Reserved  
12-4pm
- 09** **Little Lambs Family Night**   
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm  
Little Lambs (LL) Preschool exists to support families in the growth and development of children ages 3-5. For more information, go to "Ministries" then Little Lambs Preschool on our web page. Or contact our LL Director, Stacy Ludy at stacyludy@yahoo.com or (309) 747-2778.
- 13** **64th Annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**   
8am-1pm, Family Center  
Everyone is invited! All proceeds will go to *The Forgotten Initiative* (TFI). TFI is a ministry of Lifesong for Orphans that works to grow sustainable foster care programs in local communities. We need volunteers to help with the breakfast. Contact Denny Foor, dennyfoor@gmail.com or Todd Morrison, wtoddmorrison@gmail.com.
- 13** **Building Rental**  
Fellowship Hall Reserved  
1-3pm
- 14** **Building Rental**  
Fellowship Hall Reserved  
4-7pm
- 19** **Good Friday Service**   
7:00-8:00pm, Sanctuary  
Everyone is invited to our Good Friday Service as we recognize the seriousness of the crucifixion and the beauty of the sacrifice that was paid for our ransom. Childcare provided.
- 21** **Easter Sunday Service & Light Brunch**   
9:00am, brunch following the service, Family Center



Denny Foor and Todd Morrison have been our Pancake Day coordinators for 15 years.

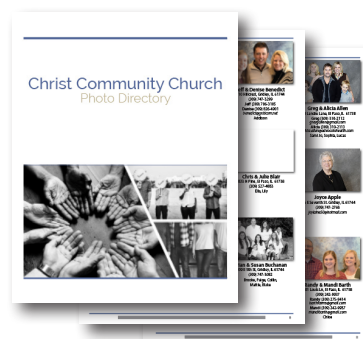
**What's with the weird icons?** These icons represent our Core Values here at Christ CC. We strive to provide events for our church family and community through the lenses of our Core Values, which we believe are evident all throughout Scripture. For a full list of our Core Values you can visit our website under the *Who We Are* tab.



## PHOTO DIRECTORY

Our photo directory is available at each Welcome Center at the church and on our website under the "Resources" then the "Member Directory" tab. The password for our directory is "One Another."

If you would like to update any information, take a new photo, or have your own photo you would like to use for the directory please contact the church office at office@christ-cc.org.



## April Prayer Calendar Christ Community Church 2019

Proclaiming the Gospel

...in Gridley and around the world

*I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. Romans 1:16*

### Week 1: 1st-6th

**Spiritual Growth:** "If, then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1

**Bible Reading Plan:** for discipline in following the Old and New Testament readings; for spiritual growth and growing love for the Lord; for perseverance; that those who committed to reading would be refreshed and continue opening God's word daily.

**Exploring Baptism Class:** that those attending would gain knowledge of baptism; that this growth would cause people to consider baptism.

**Our Pastors, Andy, Grant, Duane, Erik:** for strong, rich prayer lives that take them closer to the heart of God; for revelation of Truth as they study God's Word; for spiritual gifting to explain deep Truth to God's people.

**Future Elders:** for God to affirm men in their calling to be leaders of his people; that the Spirit would direct potential elders to their new role; that we would submit to the elders, trusting that their leadership is from the Lord.

### Week 2: 7th-13th

**Authentic Worship:** that we will daily remember the One who "began a good work in you and will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6

**Monthly Prayer Meeting:** for the church family to enjoy spending time together in prayer; for our affections to be lifted toward Jesus; that God would use His church to pray for His will to be done.

**Pancake & Sausage Breakfast:** for rich fellowship, new-found friendships, and an enjoyable time spent together; that we would use these events to invite those who have not yet put their trust in Jesus to be apart of the body of Christ.

**Chris & Dana Hardy:** That their time back in the states will be a time of refreshment; that they would be encouraged by those they reconnect with; that they would be reenergized and refocused for the work that God has called them to in South Asia; that both Chris & Dana continue to have patience, strength and wisdom as they raise their children up in the Lord.

### Week 3: 14th-20th

**One Another:** that the fruit of the Spirit will be evident in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

**Adoption:** for the Lord's leading for families considering adoption; for prayerfulness about God's call on Christ Community regarding adoption.

**Groups:** For groups to be edifying to the body of Christ; that the groups would focus on God as they draw near to Him; for relationships to form and accountability to be present.

**Discipleship Sunday School Class:** that those attending would grow in knowledge about discipleship; for every believer to be intentional about discipling others; teaching them to obey all that Jesus had commanded.

**Children's Ministries:** that we will fix God's Word in our hearts and minds and teach them to our children. Deut. 11:18-19

### Week 4: 21st-27th

**Open Bibles:** that we will meditate often on God's Word and be like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in season and whose leaves never wither. Psalm 1

**Youth Groups:** that Christ is proclaimed, warning and teaching everyone with wisdom so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28

**Little Lambs:** for the children to grow and develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, and socially to the glory of God; that Stacy, Stephenie, Becky and the children will be ambassadors of Christ to families.

**Church Plants, Chenoa & Minonk:** That the work being done in the school districts would bring honor and glory to God; for the church plant to continue in preaching the good news to those in the community; that God would continue to raise up men and women to lead where God has called them; that the lost would be found.

### Week 5: 28th-30th

**Beautiful Feet:** That [we] will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. Isaiah 12:4

**Matt & Nati Taylor:** for wisdom in parenting; patience in raising two young girls; strength for Matt as he continues school.

**Shannon & Katie Bachelor, Middle East:** that they are faithful to be in the Word, doing the work of Bible memory and meditation; that they take time to absorb God's Word and think hard about the Spirit-intended meaning.

**Dan & Christi Ucherek, Orphan Outreach, Guatemala:** that their joy is an encouragement to others and contagious in starting conversations with unbelievers.

**Wes & Natalie Crump, Seth Foor, & Dylan Steffen, The Traveling Team:** that they would continue to mobilize students to share the gospel to unreached people groups.

**Austin & Anna Hand, North Africa:** for encouragement to continue the work of sharing the gospel in a region hostile to Christ; for faithfulness and perseverance.