

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

Children's Ministries
J.A.M. (ages 3-PreK) every Sunday
K-4th Church; 1st & 3rd Sundays

Wednesday Youth Groups
Begins August 21
Jr. High, Zack Puck
Sr. High, Jordan McKinsey

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

CHRIST COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF GRIDLEY

August 2019 Issue



Sunday School

Sunday School will begin September 8. Curriculum and registration information can be found on **pg. 3**.



Milestones

Birthdays, Anniversaries, New births. Email your info to office@christ-cc.org. **Pg. 3**.



CCC Family Spotlight

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Prayer Calendar

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Dear Christ CC Family,

It's that time of year, when vacations are aplenty. Take a quick glance at your preferred social media outlet and you're likely to see families posing in front of theme park signs, selfies with mountain peaks in the background, or sunset scenes from the beach. Like many in our church family, our family was able to get away last week and enjoy a lovely week in Wisconsin on Lake Michigan. Between eating ice cream and riding water slides with the kids, Abby and I both enjoyed reading by the pool and family badminton in the evenings. (Abby also enjoyed making fun of my farmer's tan, which I'm happy to report, is still intact).

I'm a fan of taking a break from the normal routine of life with family and/or friends to enjoy some of God's good gifts in creation.

And yet, I find there's a difference between vacation and rest.

Certainly, some vacations can be more physically restful than others and yes, there are elements of creation that contribute to our spiritual and physical renewal. Taking time from normal work, getting some extra sleep, and sitting in an Adirondack chair by Lake Michigan is restful.

But the rest we're all after is more than a rested body. We're looking for rest internally, in our souls.

We want less stress, we want satisfaction, contentment and what the Old Testament writers call *shalom*. We want peace. And contrary to what the world may tell us or what we may infer from social media, a vacation cannot deliver ultimate rest.

Only Jesus can.

Apart from knowing Jesus, we spin our wheels seeking the thing(s) that will make us happy, whether that's a week at the beach, a re-decorated home, or a faster mile-split. But it never delivers.

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Apart from knowing Christ and trusting in His promises, even the most perfectly planned vacations do not alleviate anxieties, cure insecurities, or remove pressures. Sometimes the pursuit of rest leads to a never-ending chase of the next-best-thing. Before one trip is over, the next one is being planned. The social media timeline gets plastered with the best experiences this life has to offer, but which taken together paint of a picture of a soul that is—in a word—*restless*.

Jesus famously said,

Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest Mt. 11:28.

Jesus is not an option for rest. He's the option. He offers the grace, the

perspective, the contentment our souls need. In another instance, Jesus told a crowd who was in Jerusalem for a feast, which was the ancient equivalent of a vacation,

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

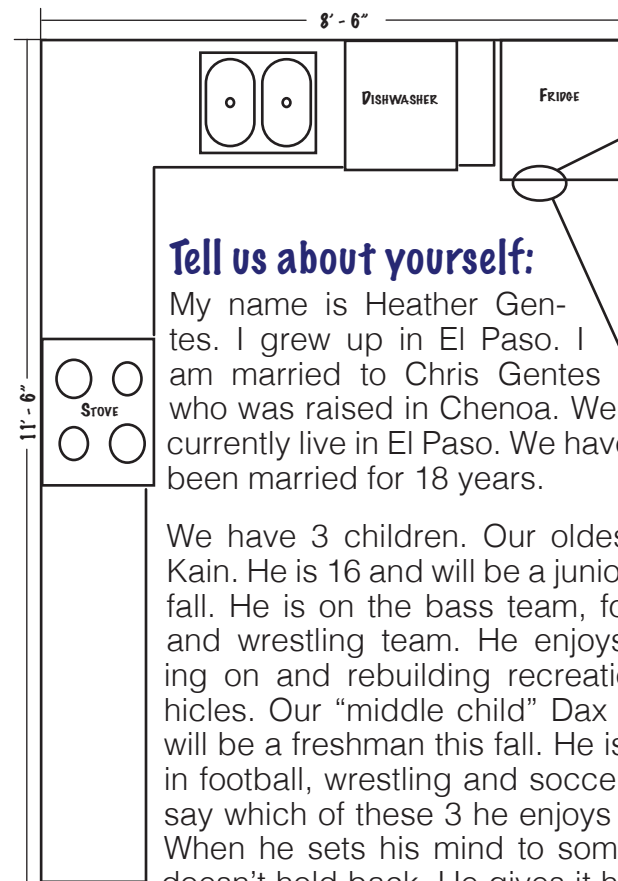
Jesus didn't condemn the feast, he just showed its insufficiency to deliver. Real refreshment, real rest, comes from enjoying the presence and promises of Jesus.

So church, don't buy the lie. Vacations can be good, but they can't give you what

only Jesus can. If you have some time to get away, I encourage you to take your Bible. Spend some extra time slowing down, sitting and contemplating God's Truth. Linger longer in prayer. Go to the source of living water, and there you will find rest.

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Grace and Peace, Andy Huetten



Tell us about yourself:

My name is Heather Gentes. I grew up in El Paso. I am married to Chris Gentes who was raised in Chenoa. We currently live in El Paso. We have been married for 18 years.

We have 3 children. Our oldest is Kain. He is 16 and will be a junior this fall. He is on the bass team, football and wrestling team. He enjoys working on and rebuilding recreational vehicles. Our "middle child" Dax is 14. He will be a freshman this fall. He is involved in football, wrestling and soccer. Hard to say which of these 3 he enjoys the most. When he sets his mind to something he doesn't hold back. He gives it his all. Our youngest is Sloan. She is 10 and will be in 5th grade. Her hobbies are basketball, volleyball, softball and showing rabbits. (A 4-H project that she and her grandpa Dale both love).

What do you do for a living?

Chris stays busy running a custom cabinet design company called Gravel Lane Design. He also owns and manages Titan Storage in El Paso. As for me, I have been a licensed cosmetologist for 20 years. I opened my own salon Studio G in El Paso about 6 years ago.

How long have you been attending Christ Community Church?

We have been attending CCC for 8 years. I'm so grateful for the Christian examples I've had in my life. The main ones being my parents. They have taught me what it means to have a personal relationship with Christ. I was blessed to grow up in a Christ-centered home. I continue to witness their dedication and love my parents have for one another.

What has been the most influential truth for your spiritual growth?

The verse in the Bible I find myself referring back to often these days is Matthew 6:25. *"Therefore I tell you do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink nor about your body what you will put on."* Life can be challenging



L to R: Dax (14), Chris, Sloan (10), Heather & Kain (16).

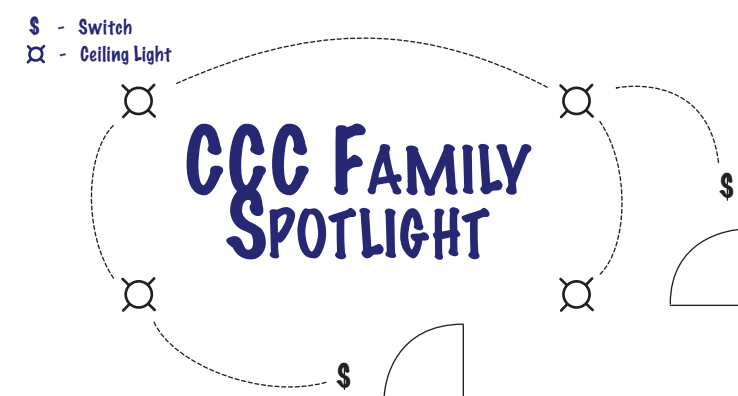


raising kids and running businesses. Sometimes I struggle with anxiety and read through this scripture to remind me that God "has this". I have nothing to fear. I just need to trust in him and in his timing in all things.

Christ CC Connections: ☪

We have several relatives at CCC in Gridley. My oldest brother Ryan Schlipf and his wife Sherri. Their children Bodee, Codee, Tucker and Sawyer. My twin sister Heidi and her husband, Hadley Welsh and their children Saylor, Creed and Haze. My youngest sister Holly and Chad Hitchens and their 2 boys Cruz and Steele. Chris's mom and step dad Teresa and Les Price attend CCC of Chenoa.

Ⓢ - Switch
☒ - Ceiling Light





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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our mission project during the week was for Operation Christmas Child. We had a goal to ship 125 boxes, which would be a total of \$1,125. The children surpassed that goal and raised \$1,318.50, allowing us to ship 146 boxes!

Thank you for coming to Christ Community Church of Gridley's VBS 2019! We had a blast with your kids going Into the Wild, Encountering Jesus. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped this past week!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins
September 8
10:30-11:15am

Sunday School starts September 8. Registration for children starts August 18 during Coffee Fellowship. Registering helps us order the curriculum we need as well as assign a classroom for each class size.

We are continuing in the Gospel Project, staying in the New Testament throughout the year. The Bible Bucks memorization program will continue and this year we will be

implementing a plan to include everyone in the congregation in the Bible memorization program. If you would like more information about Sunday School, please contact Becky Roth at beckyroth16@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you and your kids in Sunday School this Fall!

Register your kids on August 18 during Coffee Fellowship.

God Prepares a Way

Without the work of the gospel, the divide between the created and our Creator would be insurmountable. But there's good news. God had a plan for His people.

We believe that God's gospel project began "In the beginning" and continues today in the hearts and lives of His people. It is our greatest hope and the means by which we are free to love, serve, and follow Jesus Christ. The Gospel Project points people of all ages to the good news of the gospel and equip them to live gospel-filled lives individually, in community, and on mission. *From the Gospel Project website.*



If you would like more information about "The Gospel Project" visit gospelproject.com. If you have any questions regarding Sunday School contact Becky Roth at beckyroth@christ-cc.org. If you have questions regarding adult Sunday School please contact Pastor Grant Stauter at grant@christ-cc.org.

August Milestones

Birthdays

- 01 Irma Grusy
- 01 Dave Ihlenfeldt
- 02 Bob Wettstein
- 03 David Zeller
- 03 Heidi Keifer
- 07 Kathy Hany
- 08 Tanner Benedict
- 08 Joann Liming
- 09 Darci Poppen
- 09 Chris Zeller
- 10 Kevin Yergler
- 11 Jimmy Bridgers
- 12 Miranda Kaisner
- 13 Justin Kaisner
- 15 Kay Anderson
- 15 Cindy Fairchild
- 18 Alicia Allen
- 22 Sophia Hall
- 22 Rebekah Kaeb
- 22 Saylor Welsch
- 26 Ava Jo Ruff
- 28 Chuck Eskridge
- 31 Becky Stoller

Anniversaries

- 01 John & Maralon Stauter
- 09 Ken & Janell Hall
- 14 Cory & Stephenie Deckard
- 14 Dennis & Margie Stauter
- 17 Brian & Katie Kurz
- 17 Tim & Betty Kaupp
- 18 Seth & Katie Zeller
- 27 Doug & Bev Nelson

New Births

- 7.14 Hudson Edward
Jordan & Abby Kessinger
Grandparents: Jay & Heidi Kiefer

Attendance & Offering

6.30	363	\$7,226
7.7	356	\$11,070
7.14	316	\$9,033
7.21	355	\$7,803



WEEKLY EVENTS

- MON** **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
- WED** **Morning Workouts**
5:15am
Family Center
Open to all.
Dave Ihlenfeldt
dave1@gridcom.net
- MOM's Group**
On Summer break
Susan Laiming
susan.laiming@yahoo.com
- Men's Group: Revealing Christ Through Revelation**
2nd/4th, 6:30pm
Conference Room
Men's group going through the book of Revelation.
Tim Johnson
tpj.ccc@gmail.com
- Evening Women's: Seamless**
On Summer Break
Bev Nelson
bnelson@gridcom.net
- Evening Women's: Ephesians**
On Summer Break
Debbie Meiss
ddmeiss@gridcom.net
- Jr. High Youth Group**
Begins August 21, 5:30pm
Zack Puck
zepuck@gmail.com
- Sr. High Youth Group**
Begins August 21, 7:30pm
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 / AUGUST

- 04** **Building Rental**
Family Center Reserved
11:00am-4:00pm
- Monthly Prayer Meeting** 
Sanctuary, 7:00pm
Our monthly prayer meetings are a time when the church body can come and worship together as well as pray about specific events going on at Christ CC. Everyone is invited!
- 10** **Building Rental**
Family Center Reserved
5:00-7:00pm
- 11** **One Another Meals in Homes** 
Host Family's Home, 5-7 pm.
RSVP to Denise Benedict at the sign-up table in the foyer two weeks prior or at 309-747-3299 or benedict@gridcom.net. Childcare will be available from 4:45-7:30pm at the church.
- 15** **Building Rental**
Family Center Reserved
8:00am-1:00pm
- 21** **Youth Group Annual Kick-Off**
Jr. High - 5:30pm & Sr. High - 7:30pm, Christ CC
Our Annual Kick-Offs include games, food, expectations and plans for the fall and spring semesters as well as some time for the kids to go crazy, get messy and enjoy time spent with their friends. If you have any questions regarding our Jr. High youth program contact Zack Puck at zepuck@gmail.com. If you have any questions regarding our Sr. High youth program please contact Jordan McKinsey at jmac213108@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER

- 04** **Monthly Prayer Meeting** 
Sanctuary, 7:00pm
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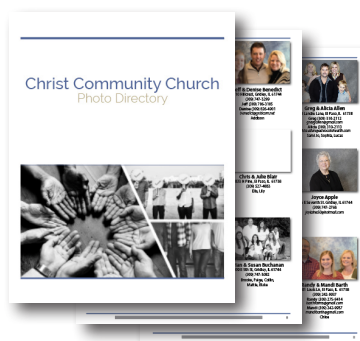
What's with the weird icons? These icons represent our Core Values here at Christ CC. We strive to provide events for our church family and community through the lenses of our Core Values, which we believe are evident all throughout Scripture. For a full list of our Core Values you can visit our website 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.



August 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-3rd

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.

New Elders: for God to strengthen men in their calling to be leaders of his people; that the Spirit would direct our new elders to their new responsibilities; that we would submit to the elders, trusting that their leadership is from the Lord.

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.

Bible Study Groups: Evening Women's Groups, Boyz to Men, Revelation Study, and others: that God would use our study groups to increase faith in us; that we would not only grow in our knowledge of God, but that it would travel into our hearts to increase our love for God and our obedience to him.

Week 2: 4th-10th

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: August 4th, 7pm: 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; that we would be a people characterized by prayer; that we would be people who are totally dependant on God for all things, big and small; that we would be intentional about gathering together as a family and giving our time and energy to the monthly prayer times.

Worship Team: that our worship team members would first be worshipers in their private life before leading worship on Sundays; that Jesus would be their all-satisfying treasure and that they long to sing joyfully to the Lord; that we as church family would worship in spirit and in truth.

Redeemer Community Church: That God would call many to be involved somehow with the church plant work in Minonk; for the lost to be found in the Fieldcrest School District.

Week 3: 11th-17th

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.

One Another Meals: That the meals would be a blessing to each member of the body of Christ; that we would enjoy spending time with one another as we invest in relationships.

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.

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 the lost would be found.

Week 4: 18th-24th

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 they would not be lax in their pursuit of holiness and evangelism; that Christ is proclaimed among them, warning and teaching everyone with wisdom so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. Colossians 1:28

Daily Scripture Meditation: that we would be spending time in the Word of God daily; that God would give us a desire to read His word; that our souls would experience a refreshing

sense of truth and revelation from the Bible; that we would not just be hearers of God's word but doers. James 1:22

Groups: that our groups currently meeting would open the Bible together regularly; that they would discuss eternal realities with other members of the body of Christ; that the times together would be filled with rich fellowship and authentic relationships.

Week 5: 25th-31st

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.

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.

Cadre Ministries: that Bill Allison and his co-laborers would press on in preaching the gospel and making disciplinarians; that followers of Jesus would be multiplied through their efforts.

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.

Cut along this line to hang the Prayer Calendar on your fridge, just like before!