

# DECEMBER IN PHOTOS

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 Huetter, Sr. Pastor  
Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor



**SR. HIGH POST OFFICE**  
Thanks to all those who helped sort Christmas Cards for our church family.



## HOLIDAY CHOIR

Tammy Sanders and Greg Allen do a great job of recruiting and leading the choir at Christ CC. They performed at several Sunday Services in

Gridley and Chenoa including the Candle-light service in Gridley. Thanks to all who took part in the choir and made a joyful noise to the Lord.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Phil & Linda Hartzler and others performed a short skit for the kids during the Christmas Eve Service. A little prank from John McKey caused the whole congregation to bust out in laughter. Another aspect of our service includes singing "Silent Night" together acapella as a church family!



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Becky Roth and her team coordinated the Christmas Program with the kids who participate in Children's Church and J.A.M. (3-5 yo).



## PLANTING TOGETHER

Erik Johnson, Andy Huetter, Dave Steinbeck and Wes Ooms all preached one sermon on Dec 9 about the importance of planting together. Throughout January we will hear one sermon from each pastor about the joys of planting a church together in Minonk.



## LITTLE LAMBS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Stacy Ludy (Director) coordinated the Christmas program on December 18.

**CHRIST COMMUNITY**  
CHURCH OF GRIDLEY  
January 2019 Issue

**THE OUTPOST**

Our Newsletter has a new look! Read why on pg. 7.



## February Book Groups

Sign-ups, group leaders and book information inside. **Pg. 5**



## Milestones

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



## Read thru the Bible

Join the church family in reading through the Bible. Details available. **Pg. 3**



## December Photos

Monthly Recap. Flip to the back page to see a snapshot of the previous month in review. **Pg. 8**



# 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:

**Shannon & Katie Bachelor** *Middle East*  
(from their monthly Newsletter)

Shannon & Katie met with Middle East business leaders and parliamentarians in a fall gathering hosted by friends from the National Prayer Breakfast. We brought our friend *"the Teacher"* with us and he taught about how Muslims can follow Jesus. They loved his teachings! Shannon (with a small team) organized all the team leaders in the region to gather for a 2-day training and coaching on outreaches leading movement.



L to R: Anna, Shannon, Grace, Katie, Sam

for those being sent to the field. Shannon and *"the Teacher"* have launched a project of videos on the trustworthiness of the Bible in Arabic, aimed for high identity/highly religious Muslims in their religious Quranic language.

Katie was asked to speak to doctors and nurses at the 3rd Breast feeding Symposium. She continues to make inroads and relationships at the hospital she works for and amongst others in her part-time Doula work. Because of several dreams, our friend *"the Teacher"* asked to be baptized!

## On the personal side

We launched Sam to Case Western University in August. This was by far our hardest good-bye in 11 years on the field! We were excited to have Sam with us this Christmas. Anna is the choreographer of her school play, Annie, which Grace has a role in this February. Both girls practice very early in the morning for the Dead Sea to Red Sea running relay race. Anna will participate in the race again this March!

## Next Month

Matt & Nati, Ella (2) & Chloe (2 mo) Taylor  
To Every Tribe



Thank you,  
From Shannon, Katie,  
Sam, Anna & Grace

## 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

## Prayer Requests for the Bachelor's

Pray for "the Teacher": protection, safety, his spiritual growth, marriage, family, his teachings and his projects with Shannon.

Pray for more locals who can disciple locals!

Pray for our video projects that they will help religious cousins trust the Bible.

Pray for our friend Rose to come to fully trust and follow Jesus.

Pray for our family, wisdom, stamina, and for each of us to abide in Him.

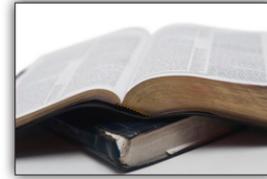
did you know...



Katie Bachelor is the daughter of Paul & Susan Laiming. Paul & Susan have been members of CCC for over 40 years.

# Reading Through the Bible in 2019

*"We desire to be a church that opens the Bible often, whether in public or private, to know the truth of God's Holy Word."*  
- from our Open Bibles Core Value Statement



One of the many beauties of Scripture is that there are always more truth, more wisdom, more grace that you continually find. Over time you start to learn who God is and what He is like and since God is infinite there is always more to learn. I know that you can learn about God from listening to good teaching and other avenues but there is something special when it is just you and the Bible—and God shows you things that you've never seen before.

This past year, some of you followed a Bible reading plan, and you read through the New Testament or maybe the whole Bible, and for some, it was for the first time. It brings me much joy that you stuck with your plans. For 2019, I want to challenge the congregation again to read through, not just the New Testament portion of the Bible, but the entire Bible. The plan we will be offering

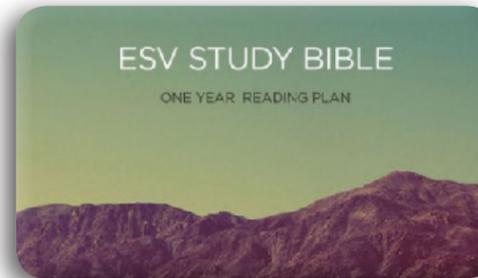
The word always has a transforming

effect even when we don't realize it.

is called Bible in a Year, it's the same plan we offered this past year. With this plan, you read from the Old Testament and the New Testament every day. But if you don't want to read through the whole Bible, we are also offering a New Testament plan called Foundations New Testament (F260). With this plan you read through the New Testament in a year and there is only reading on the weekdays. You also get verses each week to memorize. Scripture memorization is one of the best disciplines we can have in 2019. Psalm 119:11 says, *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."* Let's join in with the psalmist here and commit ourselves to storing up God's Word in our hearts in 2019. Both of these plans are on the YouVersion bible app (which is a great app for Bible plans). I look forward to finding, even more, diamonds with you in 2019.

*Grant Stauter, Associate Pastor*

## Let's Read Together.



### ESV Bible in a Year

Includes readings from four sections of the Bible each day: the Psalms and Wisdom Literature, Pentateuch and History of Israel, Chronicles and Prophets, and Gospels and Epistles.

Plans available on the YouVersion Bible App and at the Welcome Centers at Christ CC.



### F260

This plan is a 260-day reading plan that covers every chapter of the New Testament. Your purpose should be to read in order to understand and respond to God's Word.

Plans available on the YouVersion Bible App and at the Welcome Centers at Christ CC.

## January Milestones

### Birthdays

- 3 Caleb Porzelius
- 3 Haze Welsch
- 4 Trent Kaupp
- 5 Sloan Gentes
- 9 Sophia Allen
- 11 Harper Deckard
- 11 Glen Smith
- 12 Franki Finck
- 12 Brent Kelly
- 12 Julie Walters
- 13 Bill Roth
- 14 Carrie Dixon
- 15 Katie Albritton
- 16 Jacob Krone
- 19 Pearl Rinkenberger
- 19 Caroline Wettstein
- 23 Megan Bridgers
- 25 Frankie Finck Jr.
- 25 Keiko Klein
- 25 Mark Ludy
- 26 Melissa Eskridge
- 26 Edith Wilson
- 29 Brady Carrion
- 29 Joshua Krone
- 29 Jason Porzelius
- 31 Peggy Barth
- 31 Tyson Fehr

### Anniversaries

- 8 Frank & Irma Grusy

### Attendance & Offering

Date	Attendance	Offering
12/2	370	\$10,374
12/9	363	\$6,903
12/16	410	\$8,885
12/23	380	\$15,848
12/30	316	\$25,089

### The Annual Report

Annual Reports will be available on January 20 at both Welcome Areas.

### Join the Bible Reading Plan

Download the YouVersion Bible App



Search for "F260: New Testament"

**FOUNDATIONS NEW TESTAMENT**  
A 260-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR BUSY BELIEVERS

# WEEKLY EVENTS

- MON** **Morning Workouts**  
5:15am  
Family Center  
Open to all.  
Dave Ihlenfeldt  
dave1@gridcom.net
- TUES** **Men's Group: Thriving in Babylon**  
1st/3rd, 6:30pm  
Men's group traveling through the book of Daniel.  
Tim Johnson  
tpj.ccc@gmail.com
- 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
- Evening Women's Group 1**  
1st/3rd, 6:30pm  
Northwest Classroom  
Bev Nelson  
bnelson@gridcom.net
- Evening Women's Group 2**  
Begins Jan 23  
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 / JANUARY

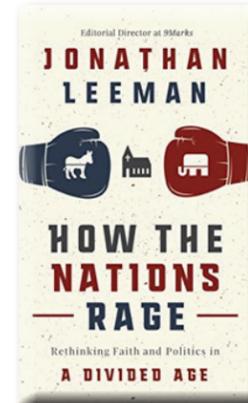
- 00 February Book Group Sign-Ups**  
Fellowship Hall  
Sign up for your favorite February book group (book details on pg. 5). Indicate on sign up sheet (available in the coming weeks in the Fellowship Hall) if you need the church to buy the book for you. Drop off payment to church office before Jan 20.
- 06 Sunday School Begins**  
10:30-11:15am, All Ages  
**Sunday School Locations**  
K - 1st: Curved Room  
2nd - 3rd: Middle Room  
4th-5th: Family Center Classroom  
Jr. High: Upper Room  
Sr. High: Conference Room  
Adult: Sanctuary - *Living the Core Values in 2019*
- 06 Monthly Prayer Meeting**  
7-7:45pm, Sanctuary  
Everyone is invited to sing and pray together. The focus for January's Prayer meeting will be the church plant to Minonk.
- 09 Youth Group Begins**  
**JHYG - 5:30pm**  
Zack Puck  
zepuck@gmail.com  
**SHYG - 7:00pm**  
Jordan McKinsey  
jmac213108@gmail.com
- 20 Baby Dedications**  
During the service  
If you have a child you would like to dedicate please contact a pastor by January 13.  
**Grant Stauter**  
grant@christ-cc.org  
**Andy Huetter**  
andy@christ-cc.org
- 27 Annual Meeting**  
10:30am, Sanctuary  
*Annual Reports will be available at both Welcome Centers on January 20. If you are a member at Christ CC we encourage you to attend the meeting.*  
**No Sunday School**

# FEBRUARY BOOK GROUPS

February is "Book Group" month for adult Sunday School. The adults take a break from the normal routine and take four weeks to read and discuss books about spiritual matters. The sign-ups for book groups will be in the Fellowship Hall throughout the month of

January. You may order a book from the church or order your own copy (hard copy or Kindle version).

*\*If ordering from the church, please place and pay for your order by January 20 so that we have time for delivery.*



Political theology scholar and pastor Jonathan Leeman challenges Christians from across the spectrum to hit the restart button. First, we shift our focus from redeeming the nation to living as a redeemed nation. Second, we take the lessons learned inside the church into our public engagement outside of it by loving our neighbors and seeking justice. When we identify with Christ more than a political party or social grouping, we avoid the false allure of building heaven on earth and return to the church's unchanging

political task: to represent a heavenly and future kingdom now. 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.

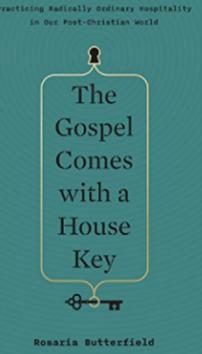
Led by Brian Kurz  
brian.p.kurz@gmail.com

4.26 stars on goodreads

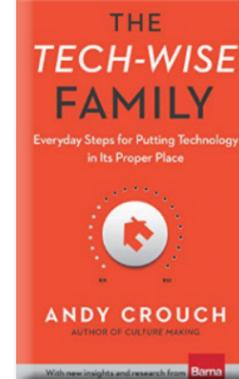
What did God use to draw a radical, committed unbeliever to himself? Did God take her to an evangelistic rally? Or, since she had her doctorate in literature, did he use something in print? No, God used an invitation to dinner in a modest home, from a humble couple who lived out the gospel daily, simply, and authentically. Rosaria Butterfield invites us into her home to show us how God can use this same "radical, ordinary hos-

pitality" to bring the gospel to our lost friends and neighbors. 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 everyday, sometimes messy lives—helping them see what true Christian faith really looks like.

Led by Delmar Smith  
dcsmith5@gridcom.net



4.47 stars on goodreads



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. He takes readers beyond the typical questions of what, where, and when and instead challenges them to answer provocative questions like, Who do we want to be as a family? and How does our use of a particular technology move us closer or farther away

from that goal? Anyone who has felt their family relationships suffer or their time slip away amid technology's distractions will find in this book a path forward to reclaiming their real life in a world of devices.

Led by Mark Butikofer  
markbuti@yahoo.com

4.27 stars on goodreads

When Jesus gave his disciples the Great Commission, he revealed that the key for reaching the world with the gospel is found in sending, not gathering. Though many churches focus time and energy on attracting people and counting numbers, the real mission of the church isn't how many people you can gather. It's about

training up disciples and then sending them out. The true measure of success for a church should be its sending capacity, not its seating capacity.

Led by Denny Foor  
dennyfoor@gmail.com

4.53 stars on goodreads

