



CHRIST CHURCH

A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

Matt's Meanderings

New Bible

"Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (CEB)

Happy New Year! I love this time of year. One reason I love the new year is that I get to purchase a new Bible. For those who do not know, I read through the Bible every year, and over the last decade I have read through the Bible in a different translation each year. This year, I will spend my devotional time in the New English Translation (NET). I am also excited because it is my very great hope that I will read through the entire Bible differently this year, and alongside many of you.

I have adapted the reading plan I typically use and turned it into a 2026 Scripture Reading Plan booklet. Several church members have helped me organize it, and Michael and Emily Romans have helped format it and make it far more beautiful than I would have made it. I am grateful for the assistance of those who helped.

We will have these booklets available to everyone ahead of 2026 (hopefully by December 28, 2025). Over the course of the year, we will read the entire Old Testament together. In the first half of 2026 we will also read through the entirety of the Psalms. In the second half of the year, we will read through the entirety of the New Testament. Every Sunday in 2026 you will read one of the Old Testament passages and either the sermon text I will preach from that day or one of the lectionary passages for that day.

I cannot tell you how excited I am about reading through the Bible along with you. I hope that those of you who regularly read scripture might find this a nice adaptation or change to your regular routine. For those of you who, maybe, do not read scripture as regularly, I pray this becomes a useful and fruitful tool for your continued growth.

Scripture is a living document. It is the very Word of God. That same Word became flesh and dwelt among us: Jesus Christ. As we read this year, as we worship together, may our faith grow, may our connection with God and one another deepen, and may we see Christ more clearly.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Matt



2026

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who attend our Children's Play! They did such a wonderful job and we are so proud of them!



Angie



We have an exciting 2026 planned and hope your children will join us! Contact Angie Gordon, angiecgordon@gmail.com to be added to the children's email list.

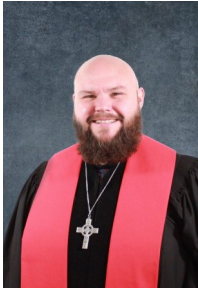
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SPRING SCHEDULE- 2026				
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Jan 14 th - WD2 begins	Feb 8 th - 5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study	March 8 th -5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study	April 1 st - Egg Hunt @ 6pm- followed by CWM meal	May 17 th - 5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study
Jan 11 th - 5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study	Feb 18 th - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE- 6pm * No meal, everyone attends service in Sanctuary	March 22 nd - 5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study	April 2 nd - Maundy Thursday evening service	May 31 st -5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study
Jan 25 th - 5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study	Feb 22 nd - 5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study	March 29 th - Palm Sunday- KIDS SING IN SERVICE/WAVE PALMS	April 3 rd - Good Friday evening service	
			April 5 th Easter	
			April 8- no WD2 (Spring Break)	
			April 12 th - Relay Worship	
			April 26 th -5:30 Meal, 6pm Children's Bible Study	
			April 29 th - Last WD2	
				***VBS DATE TO COME





YOUTH MINISTRY

We had a wonderful end to the 2025 year filled with lots of food, fun, and most importantly, worship! I want to say a big thank you to everyone who has made this year wonderful: to all our volunteers, to the families that hosted us for Progressive Dinner, to this whole congregation for taking seriously their covenant to pray for and support each one of our students. Thank you!



Michael

As we look forward to next year I have a growing anticipation about what God is going to do in and through the lives of our students here at Christ Church as we continue to study God's word verse by verse, in the Minor Prophets, on Sunday Nights and as we dig deep, on Wednesday Nights, into the practices that have shaped Christian lives since the very beginning.

As we start the year you will hear about all of the great ministry we will be doing. Today, I just want to draw your attention to two really important pieces of our ministry.

1. Our first Sunday Night Gathering of 2026 will be on **01/11/2026**. We will be continuing on at our regular time, beginning at 5:30 pm. This first meeting will also be our annual **Parent's Meeting**.

Parents will meet at 5:30pm. I will give you a calendar for the first half of the year, introduce our mission trip for this year, and get the incredibly important paper work that we **must** have for each student for them to be able to fully participate in our ministry in the coming year.

2. **The Christ Church Scripture Reading Plan.** One of the foundational practices that we will be talking about with our students this year is the discipline of regularly and consistently reading the word of God. In 2026 The entire church is invited to connect to God and to connect to one another by going on a journey together of spending a Full Year in God's Word. We are publishing a small booklet that will be available to all of you. I want to ask you to encourage your students to pick up one of these books and journey with us beginning January 1st as we spend the whole year in the whole bible together.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks so much to all our volunteers who helped with Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week, and those of our church who generously packed a shoe box. We collected 2,537 boxes during collection week, which was 83 more than last year! Thanks to your help, 2,537 children across the globe will receive the joy of a shoe box full of surprises, and more importantly you've helped provide 2,537 gospel opportunities, so that more will learn of Jesus and His saving grace!



MOUNTAIN MISSION

As 2025 ends, we look back at all the blessings God has given us. We could count them all, but that would probably take a few years to do! God has been so good to us this year, as He always is, and we are so incredibly thankful for His mercy and grace.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

[Messenger](#)

[Urgent Needs List](#)

SATURDAY MEALS

First, a huge "thank you" for helping us make and even exceed our quota of boxes of stuffing. They went out in the special MEALS Christmas boxes on December 13. We do appreciate your generosity! The rest of the Christmas season proved to be very active for our Saturday MEALS volunteers. Our church, in collaboration with a dozen other local churches and businesses, participated in several holiday deliveries. We want to thank the following individuals for giving of their time and energy: the Berry family, Sami Wilson and family, Bruce Allen, Linda Tidwell, Lana Compton, and Pam Coe. We also want to thank all of our volunteers who served in 2025. You are an amazing group, and we're so grateful for all your assistance.

Looking ahead, our next scheduled day to serve is **February 7, 2026**, so please mark your calendars. We're always looking for new volunteers, especially those who might be willing to serve as last-minute replacements. Even if you cannot volunteer, please support us with your ongoing prayers. We hope you will join us in 2026 as we help those who are in need, serving the Lord as we serve others. If you have questions and/or would like to be a part of this program, please call or text Sean Kinder at 270-996-0890.



FAITH FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting canned meats for our food pantry for the month of January.



In Christian Sympathy

Our Deepest Condolences are given to:

Kathy Alexander and family in the passing of David Alexander

IN MEMORY OF

Sandy Hartman

Woody and Becky Harrell


Larry and Jo Byrd

The Dorsey Sunday School class

Carol Wilson

Ron Wilson

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>4 8:45/11am Worship 10:00a Sunday School 1pm Mizo Fellowship 4pm Christmas Clean No Youth</p>	<p>5 11am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>6 Learning Tree resumes</p>	<p>7 8:15pm Praise Team</p>	<p>1 Happy New Year! 1pm Mizo Worship 3pm Mizo Meal Passion Trip</p>	<p>2 Church Office Closed Passion Trip</p>	<p>3 4pm Mizo Youth Passion Trip</p>
<p>11 8:45/11am Worship 10:00a Sunday School 1pm Mizo Fellowship 5:30pm Children SN 5:30pm Youth SNG</p>	<p>12 11am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>13 4:45pm BG Cheer</p>	<p>14 4pm Network 5:15pm WD2 Chili Cookoff & Fellowship 7pm Choir 8:15pm Praise Team</p>	<p>15 8:30am Prayer Group 6pm Lay and Lead Team</p>	<p>16 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>17 4pm Mizo Youth Youth Activate Games</p>
<p>18 7:30a Men's Breakfast 8:45/11am Worship 10:00a Sunday School 1pm Mizo Fellowship 5:30pm Youth SNG</p>	<p>19 11am Staff Meeting 6pm Lead Team</p>	<p>20 4:45pm BG Cheer</p>	<p>21 11:30am Grief Support Lunch 4pm Network 5:15pm WD2 7pm Choir 8:15pm Praise Team</p>	<p>22 8:30am Prayer Group</p>	<p>23 Women's Retreat Church Office Closed</p>	<p>24 Women's Retreat 4pm Mizo Youth</p>
<p>25 8:45/11am Worship 10:00a Sunday School 1pm Mizo Fellowship 5:30pm Children SN 5:30pm Youth SNG</p>	<p>26 11am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27 4:45pm BG Cheer</p>	<p>28 4pm Network 5:15pm WD2 7pm Choir 8:15pm Praise Team</p>	<p>29 8:30am Prayer Group</p>	<p>30 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>31 4pm Mizo Youth</p>



Sami

Hi friends! Have you ever thought about what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ? If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, that is exactly what you are! You are a part of His body, equipped by the Holy Spirit, to accomplish the work and witness of God's Kingdom in tandem with all other believers around the world. And just like our physical bodies have many parts to accomplish different things for our health and well-being, so it is for the Body of Christ. Each of us are a part of His body. My favorite joke about who I am in the Body of Christ is to say I'm the funny bone . . . which isn't always funny! (Imagine me at my computer laughing!!!)

In all seriousness, we all have an important part to play in God's work. And God distributes our giftedness and function within the Body according to a design that makes sense to Him. If we are wise (or just too old to waste precious energy and brain cells), it behooves us to try and understand His way of doing things. I want to be on His page! I'm guessing you do as well.

As we begin this new year, let's make a resolution to not waste ourselves on service that doesn't profit the Kingdom of God. Let's resolve to do Kingdom work in a Kingdom way! This year I am introducing a teaching seminar that helps participants learn not only what their spiritual gifts are, but how to use them in the context of our local church family. That is what Network is all about. It is about serving God and the church in a way that glorifies God and builds up the church. In a way that fills us with joy because we are serving exactly the way we are designed to serve! No more suffering for Jesus by serving in ways that make you want to stab yourself in the eye repeatedly! (You think I jest.) No, serving God should reflect the joy God feels in serving us in the Trinity. God has great joy in being our Father; Jesus has great joy in being our Savior and Redeemer; the Holy Spirit has great joy in being our Comforter, Counselor, and Equipper. One in Three and Three in One. And all are working together in mysterious ways that do not duplicate the work of any One of them, but uphold and uplift the work of Each of them. My favorite big theology word that describes this is Perichoresis (you should look it up). Often it is described as a Divine dance.

Don't you think this is what God would have for us in our serving with one another? That we are entering into the joy and exhilaration of the Divine dance that is happening within and around us all the time, bringing forth the Kingdom of God? If you are interested in learning more about your unique place in the dance—join me this spring for Network! I will be offering it in my WD2 teaching time slot at 4pm, or as a couple of short retreats at the church, and maybe even in the Sunday School hour!

Network

Discover your spiritual gifts, personal style, &
God-given passion for serving in the Body of Christ

Cost: \$13—Participant Guide

When: 4pm Wednesday's, January 14– February 18

To Register: email sami@christchurchbg.org by January 6th



January Birthdays

1/1 Carolyn Marks
1/3 Paul Siebert
1/3 Brianna Cardwell
1/3 Karen Rohrer
1/4 Alexander Compton
1/6 Olivia Lovell
1/6 Amanda Smith
1/6 Gerod Truelove
1/6 Conner Twyman

1/7 Laura Altimus
1/9 Luci Bull Di Gaetano
1/9 Jon Sauerbrey
1/9 Shan Winquist
1/10 Martha Lloyd
1/10 Sophie Moore
1/10 Doug Rohrer
1/11 Wes Chou
1/11 Merle Troutman
1/13 Micah Rowland
1/14 Stephen Harmon
1/14 Joshua Smith
1/15 Deloris Gaddie
1/16 Stuart Foster
1/18 Aaron Gordon

1/18 Jeana Withers
1/22 Kevin Gilpin
1/30 Bill Richards
1/31 Scott Tylicki
1/31 Gail Williams



Stewardship and Attendance

Budget for the Year \$593,336
Needed Per Week \$11,410

Building Fund Received Mo. \$

Stewardship:

Dec. 7 \$19,102.00
Dec. 14 \$23,691.14
Dec. 21 \$TBD
Dec. 28 \$TBD

Attendance:

Dec. 7 261
Dec. 14 266
Dec. 21 259
Dec. 28 TBD

Sunday Worship Times

Traditional Service 8:45 am
Sanctuary

Sunday School 10:00 am

Contemporary Service 11:00am
Family Life Center

Watch Online

<https://www.christchurchbg.org/online/>

Past Services

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMkOw?



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Rev. Dr. Matt Seel.....Lead Pastor
Rev. Michael Romans Associate Pastor
Rev. Sami Wilson.....Pastor of Congregational Care
Angie Gordon..... Children's Minister
Abby Seel Asst. Children's Min. & Learning Tree Dir.
Lee Young.....Interim Traditional Worship Leader
Nick Winquist..... Contemporary Worship Leader
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Jeanie Orr Organist
Bonnie HanesTreasurer
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