



CHRIST CHURCH

A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

Matt's Meanderings



Mission Statement

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age." Matthew 28:19-20 (CEB)

This passage from Matthew is likely the most well-known passage from Matthew's Gospel. The "Great Commission" has been a banner for Christians for centuries. Over the last 40+ years, churches and denominations have been intent on identifying mission and vision statements to help them live into this commission. Many churches have a mission statement (somewhere) but it's so long and so old that most people don't know what it is. This is a problem. Another problem is that most people don't know the difference between a mission statement and a vision statement...or they just don't care about either (ha, ha).

For clarities sake, allow me to bore you with the difference. A vision statement is meant to convey a reality you want to see come to fruition at a certain point in the future. It answers the basic question, "Where do you see yourself or your organization in 5, 10, 15, or even 20 years?" A mission statement, on the other hand, is the purpose of your organization, in our case, the church. This statement becomes the filter through which we make all our decisions. The mission of Christ Church is to *Connect people with God and Connect people with each other*. All decisions we make should fall in line with this mission.

The GMC also just formalized our denomination's mission statement: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread Scriptural holiness across the globe*. I love this mission statement because it emphasizes the Great Commission and leans into our Wesleyan heritage of spreading holiness (sanctification) through Biblical truth and teaching. As we seek to connect people to God and one another, I pray we'll lean into this through scriptural authority and understanding. I pray we'll seek points of connection grounded in scripture.

The task of making disciples is one that we all share. It's not my job, it's our collective responsibility. I pray that we would continue to seek ways to connect people with God and others through scriptural holiness. I pray that we will continue to focus on the future God has for us. To this end, the Lead Team has tasked the Lay Leadership Team with developing a Next Steps discernment team. We hope to have this team formed and to spend the first 6 months of 2025 praying and thinking through our next steps as a congregation. Please join me in praying for this team and with this team about our future at Christ Church! May our continued work honor God and grow his Kingdom here in Bowling Green, KY and around the world. Amen!

God bless!



Matt



Upcoming Events:

November 4
Lay Leadership Team
6pm

November 6
Christ Women's
Ministries 6pm

November 17
Men's
Prayer Breakfast
7:30am

November 18
Lead Team
6pm

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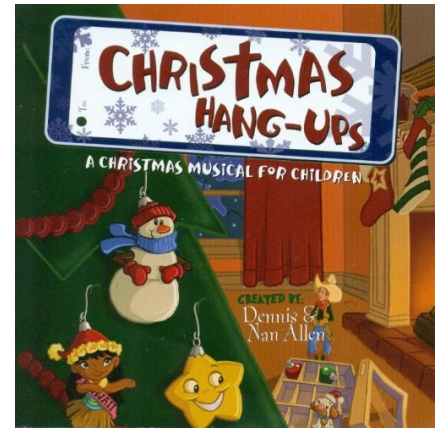
Angie

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

First of all we would like to thank you for all of your support during Youth and Children’s Sunday! What a fantastic day! Abby and I are so proud of all of our children in our Kids Ministry and also our youth. They worked really hard to engage everyone in such a special worship time, and we are so thankful that we have a church that nurtures and grows their relationship with God.

The Christ Kids Christmas Play is coming soon! This year, our play will be titled, “The Christmas Hang-ups”. It’s a great little story so please come and join us on Dec 8th @ 4pm. As usual, immediately after the play we will have a potluck reception. We will begin to introduce our music during WD2 after our lesson. We will also practice the very last two Sundays during ROCK. Our kids love performing and seeing the Sanctuary packed with people they love.

On November 24th we will have an “Adventfest” for the children during the time our adults prepare our worship spaces for Christmas. This is usually an evening event beginning at 4pm and will provide supper for the children. We have a great time and do lots of crafts and fun things this night. We would love to have your child attend.



YOUTH MINISTRY



Nick

The Christ Church youth are eagerly looking forward to several special events this November! First, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Women’s Ministry for giving the youth group the opportunity to serve lunch during the annual Christmas Bazaar; our youth always have a blast preparing and selling food to Christmas shoppers. Stop by and see us on November 9th!

Second, if you need your yard raked, we still have about four yard slots available. On November 16th, we will be running from house to house getting those pesky leaves out of yards. We are thankful for the men’s ministry that comes alongside our youth to provide extra manpower, blowers, equipment, and company as we serve our congregation.

The youth have been working through a couple of studies this fall: one focused on Jesus in our Generation, and the other focused on the book of Exodus. Throughout Jesus in our Generation, the youth have explored the topics of technology addiction, religion, management of money, constructive conflict, and self-absorption/vanity. In the early chapters of Exodus, the youth have continued to study about God’s fulfillment of his covenant with Abraham and the deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian rule.

As we look ahead to Thanksgiving and the Advent season coming up, I am reminded of how thankful I am for this congregation and how you faithfully support our youth group. We have a tremendous amount of gratitude for you, dear reader.

God Bless,

Nick



WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Reflections from Melissa on Costa Rica and the GMC Conference

Being at the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church was an absolute honor. From the first moment when they called the conference to order, and the room erupted in applause and cheers, there was a sense of exhilaration, of expectation of the Holy Spirit to move, and a deep sense of freedom in unity. As the week progressed, you could feel the trust and healing grow in the room. There was no sense of division or mistrust, even during some of the more difficult and controversial discussions. Most of the comments at the microphones were made with respect, love, and gentleness. Each session felt holy, even doing business. There were pauses to pray. To rest. To laugh. To celebrate. There was an inclusion of brothers and sisters from around the world. There was tenderness, sensitivity, and love exhibited in almost every way. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully at times it felt more like a revival than a business conference! At one worship service, I went to receive prayer at the altar, and the lady who prayed for me prophetically summarized the last 25 years of my Christian life, even to the point of citing obscure scriptures which have been meaningful to me in my path of growth in Jesus. I went back to my seat and took notes so I could remember how God had spoken to me in that moment. God is always at work! He is the God who sees us!



Melissa

Please follow the following link to read Melissa's full story filled with a testimony of God's hand at work in powerful ways!

<https://tithely-5db1d224027fd-825309.elvanto.net/file/91eefd84-aad1-4c61-875b-6b74d03d9bdb/>

CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Hi friends! Welcome to November! One of the most beautiful worship times we will experience all year happens in November—All Saints Day. This is when we remember and give thanks for those members of our congregation who have died during the year. It is a solemn and holy and sacred moment when we intentionally pause and name those from our faith family who have passed into the presence of God.

Grief is an unwieldy thing. It is present among us in ways that we rarely realize. It can sneak up behind us when we least expect it, capturing our attention in ways we cannot anticipate. As we order our days, we rarely make room for grief. We just don't think mourning our losses is necessary—until grief makes itself known. What I love about All Saints Day is that it gives us an opportunity as a faith family to acknowledge the ache we carry; it helps us make room as a community to name and acknowledge our grief.

It also reminds us that we do not grieve as those who have no hope. Even in our loss, we remind one another that we have life beyond death—to be present with the Lord is to be fully alive! And so All Saints Day is also a celebration: We give thanks that our loved ones are full of joy and peace and are standing in the presence of Jesus, reminding ourselves that we will do the same.

Be comforted friends; Jesus is with us now, and when it is time we will be with Him too.





Sami



CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 9, 2024

 8am-2pm 



The 2024 Christmas Bazaar will host 28 vendors displaying their crafts in the FLC. We are excited to have 5 new vendors joining our event this year. Live music will provide a festive Christmas spirit. There will be many great vendors at the Bazaar. These talented people will be selling handmade items including: Art, Cards, Jewelry, Books, Holiday Décor, Soaps, Knitted and Sewn items, Wood Crafts, and so much more! Come get an early start on your Christmas Shopping!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?? You can donate to our Baked Goods Sale, bring your gently used treasures to Grandmas Attic or Volunteer. Sign up is on the rolling White Board in the Connection area or the lobby in the FLC.

- Please bring Bakery items **wrapped** and **priced** to the **FLC Lobby between noon and 6:30 pm on Friday Nov 8th.**
- Grandmas Attic items should be **priced** (no clothing please) and placed in the **FLC lobby Wednesday Nov 6th – 4:00-6:30 and Friday Nov 8th - 8:00- Noon in the YCC.**

There is no admission charge, and parking is free. Invite your friends, neighbors and relatives too! Contact Nancy Pollock for more information 419-304-7761.

Remember breakfast served by the Christ Church Men and lunch served by Christ Church Youth during the Bazaar!



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Save the Date:
Sr. Adult Outing on
Thursday, November 21st
Lunch at Chaney's at 11:30am

SATURDAY MEALS

Just a friendly reminder that we're collecting stuffing (6 oz. boxes) again this year for the special Christmas boxes that will be delivered by Saturday Meals. We will need a total of 168 boxes, 28 more than last year, so please be generous and help us reach our goal. There are receptacles at the entrances to the Family Life Center and the sanctuary, where you can drop off your donations.



As the holidays quickly approach, there will be several opportunities for volunteers. The first one is Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 30), when we need to supply individuals to cover one delivery route. We will also need one delivery route covered for December 14, 21, 28, as well as one volunteer serving those days as an inside worker.

We hope you can join us as we help those who are in need of food, serving the Lord as we serve others. If you would like to participate in this food ministry, please call or text Sean Kinder at 270-996-0890. Thank you, Sean & Val Kinder

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER

This month we are collecting Thanksgiving foods for our Food Pantry. Items like Stove Top Stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, green beans, cake mixes and icing would be good staples for a Thanksgiving meal. Thank you guys so much for your continued support of our Food Pantry here at Faith. Both your monetary contributions and your generous donation of food items allow our Food Pantry to help meet some of the community's needs. We are continuing to serve about 20-25 families each week. Thank you, again, and may God bless you and your church.



ANGEL TREE PRISON MINISTRY

For many years, Christ Church has participated in this ministry, providing gifts for children on behalf of incarcerated parents.

- *Angel information tags available November 24 and December 1
- *Wrapped gifts returned December 8

Sign up sheets for volunteers will be on our rolling whiteboard soon. Please pray as our church family serves. For more information, call or text Lyn Dickison 606-571-4234.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Christ Church will serve as a Drop-off Center for Operation Christmas Child again this year during National Collection Week, November 18-25. Please consider packing a shoebox and/or volunteering during this week for this very important ministry. You may also build a shoebox online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/>

Monday, November 18	8AM-12PM	Friday, November 22	3PM-6PM
Tuesday, November 19	3PM-5PM	Saturday, November 23	10AM-12PM
Wednesday, November 20	8AM-12PM	Sunday, November 24	12:30-5PM
Thursday, November 21	3PM-6PM	Monday, November 25	8AM-12PM



Sign up sheets are located in the connection area on the Operation Christmas Child display table. Please contact George or Martha Gootee with any questions at 307-1693 or 320-5551. You can also contact us at gwootee@aol.com or findmartha@hotmail.com.



In Christian Sympathy

Our Deepest Condolences are given to:
Chloe Welch in the loss of her husband Bob.
Deloris Gaddie in the loss of her brother David Hardcastle.

**IN MEMORY OF
RICHARD STROUT**

Dorsey Class
Bonny & Phyllis Laflin
Tim & Linda Tidwell
Larry & Jo Byrd
Bill & Joyce Buckman
Ron Wilson—Grief Support Group

**IN MEMORY OF
DAVID HARDCASTLE**

Bruce & Diane Allen—Building Fund
Shirley Lowe—Building Fund
Ron Wilson—Grief Support Group
Tim & Linda Tidwell

**IN MEMORY OF
BOB WELCH**

Dorsey Class
Bill & Joyce Buckman



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



11/1 Sam Carver	11/9 Marilyn Miller	11/23 Linda Bragg
11/2 Nick Jones	11/15 Connie Pittman	11/23 Matt Moore
11/4 Larry Byrd	11/18 Maria Cann	11/25 Lana Compton
11/8 Sandy Hartman	11/18 Graham Foley	11/25 Marc Lovell
11/9 Todd Altimus	11/20 Kelley Orr	11/29 Phyllis Laflin
11/9 Bonnie Hanes	11/21 Nikolai Carver	
11/9 Kim Harlan	11/21 McKinley Creek	



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary Service at 8:45 a.m. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Online and In Person services in the FLC at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church. To watch Online:
<https://www.christchurchbg.org/online/>

Beginning Monday watch the service at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMkOw?



STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Budget for the Year \$596,974
 Needed Per Week \$11,480

Bldg. Fund Received Oct:
 \$715

Stewardship:

Oct. 6	\$17,772
Oct. 13	\$12,702
Oct. 20	\$10,531
Oct. 27	\$8,503

Attendance:

Oct. 6	186
Oct. 13	229
Oct. 20	209
Oct. 27	229





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Michael Romans Assistant Youth Minister
Angie Gordon Children’s Minister
Abby Seel Assistant Children’s Minister
Tabitha Foley..... The Learning Tree Director
Jeanie Orr Organist
Roman Di Gaetano..... FLC Production Manager
Bonnie Hanes Treasurer
April Taylor.....Nursery Supervisor
Joshua SmithLay Leader
Lorenzo Hall, Jr.Security
Tiffany Baker.....Custodian

Worship Services: Sanctuary Service 8:45 am / Online and In-Person 11:00am



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