



# CHRIST CHURCH

A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

## SAMI SAYS: "BEAUTIFUL FEET"

What a tremendous blessing it was to participate in worship during the Midsouth Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church, singing "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing". Surely there were a thousand of us! There was holy continuity of the words coming from our lips and the praise pouring from our hearts. The deep blessing of our worship resonated among us, refreshing the tired places, restoring what had been depleted. How beautiful it was to experience such love of Jesus in my own heart, and then to see that same love for Him reflected in the eyes of those I encountered.

Our theme for the week came from Isaiah 52:7: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" This is exactly what we experienced—beautiful teaching and preaching and witnessing and worshipping, sharing the good news of Jesus, equipping us to take the good news of Jesus to others, helping us experience it so that we could share it.

How gratifying to know this way of living into the Body of Christ is something I experience each week as I gather with you, my church family. Please hear this: There is as much Jesus to be experienced here in Christ Church as there is when the whole Global Methodist Church gathers. I see Him reflected in your eyes; I hear Him in your songs and in your prayers; I experience Him in your tangible acts of kindness. How beautiful are you, each and every last one of you. I am so honored and humbled and blessed to serve among you.

Don't stop being beautiful! It is worth it to follow Jesus into all the humble places. Because you may be the only way someone else will experience the Body of Christ today. It may be in the familiar places you frequent. Or it may be in the places out of your comfort zone. The point is, we live in a world that is crying out for the beauty of Christ to restore it. And our feet are the feet Jesus has chosen to bring that beauty—equipped, guided, and directed by the Holy Spirit. We are His body. We are the beautiful feet. If we don't go, the world won't know. And shining His beauty is a great way to walk in the world! Much love, Sami



*Sami*

Please continue to be in prayer for Pastor Matt during his time of renewal leave. He will be back in the office on July 24th and preaching on July 27th. Until then, if you need anything, our other staff members are happy to assist you as best as possible.



*Matt*

July  
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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

A huge thank you to everyone that participated in Vacation Bible School this year! There is no way that we could make this happen without the volunteers and donations! Thank you all!- Angie & Abby



Angie

60- The average number of children that attended our program each night!  
10- Christ Youth Volunteers that stepped up and did an AMAZING job helping this year!  
4- Community/College Age volunteers that helped decorate/ and volunteer in our program!

49- Volunteers that made every inch of VBS run super smooth!

4- Different Bible Stories that taught them that Jesus LOVES them!

Our mission for donations this year at VBS was helping the families in London, KY and surrounding areas that have been impacted by the tornado. \$3,500 was collected for our mission! WOW! What a blessing that will be for the ones who need it.

We have several Bible studies and a few events coming up with the Children's Ministry throughout the remaining summer months. If you have a child and are not already on my mailing list, please reach out to me or the office and let them know!



## YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy July, Christ Church! Summer is officially in full swing with the youth group! School is out, there is a very strong 'stay up super late and sleep in' mentality going on! The youth have been enjoying vacations, summer camps, and quality time with their families, but they also showed up in major ways for our children during Vacation Bible School. From volunteering as classroom leaders, Bible Story room characters, opening skit characters, Music teachers, and everything in between, the youth served with their whole hearts and showed the love of Christ through every act of service.

Speaking of service, our youth will be heading out on Mission the week of July 6th-11th to Gatlinburg, TN with TeamEffort Missions. Please be in prayer for our travels, our mission project, and for the memories we will make as a youth group. My prayer for this week is that the youth continue to deepen and strengthen their relationships with God through worship, study, and service - and that they make unforgettable, hilarious, life-time memories with each other. Also, I would encourage you to lift up the adults who have selflessly agreed to volunteer their time and money to serve on mission with our youth. Christ Church will be extremely well represented in Gatlinburg.

I am confident the youth will do as Paul instructs, "do everything for the glory of God" while serving on mission. May we do the same in our daily, normal, quiet, moments: live for his glory. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our youth.



Nick

## WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Calling all Sunday School classes, connect groups, and other small groups in the church!

The missions team is issuing a challenge to you for **Serve September**:

**Host a service or outreach project in September as a group.**

The core goal is to actively spread the good news about Jesus Christ through direct service and work performed by groups within the church.

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- Month of July: Pray. Thoughtfully select a project and work out all the necessary details.
  - Month of August: Pray. Post project description and a sign-up sheet to invite broader participation from the church. Reach out to people who don't attend Sunday School to join you.
  - Month of September: Pray. Do your service project!
  - Month of October: Pray. Evaluate your project. Send a brief report to the Missions Team, sharing glory sightings, challenges, and what you've learned.
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What is the project? Who will you serve? That is completely up to you! You could choose a parachurch ministry, a neighborhood, a nonprofit organization, etc. Consider where your passions and giftings intersect with need and existing opportunities. Think about a gift of time and effort that stresses the importance of relationship-building or that positively impacts our immediate neighbors or ministry partners. The overall aim is for these projects to be life-giving and simple, allowing the smaller groups in our church to apply their strengths in the community as a means to share the love and good news of Jesus Christ with the world around us.

Have questions or need help? Reach out to [melissa@christchurchbg.org](mailto:melissa@christchurchbg.org) or connect with our Serve September team: Melissa Bull, Román Di Gaetano, George Gootee, Martha Gootee, Becky Harrell, Woody Harrell and Joshua Smith.



*Melissa*





## CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Throughout the month of July, all women of the church are invited to come on Wednesdays at 6:30 to the FLC for Bible Study. We will be working through Priscilla Shirer's book, "Breathe." There is a sign-up sheet outside of Melissa's office.



## In Christian Sympathy

**Our Deepest Condolences are given to:**  
The family & friends of Linda Booth  
Martha Gootee in the passing of her brother Mark Johnson



**IN MEMORY OF  
LINDA BOOTH**  
Tom & Linda Lohmann  
Bill and Joyce Buckman



On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone for the words, cards, texts, calls, hugs, prayers, and even your presence during this time of loss of my brother, Jason. Your presence and willingness to walk with us during this difficult time have meant the world to us. For us, you have shown what it is to be a community of faith... but even much more, a family.

Thank you,

The Smiths: Barbara, Joshua, and Chris



## SATURDAY MEALS

July is a busy month for MEALS. As with all holidays, we are expected to supply a few volunteers, and we are happy to report that we already have ours for the 4th of July weekend. A big "thank you" to Bruce who will be helping out! Our church's next Saturday is **July 19**, and we will need our regular number of deliverers and inside workers. We're always looking for new volunteers and last-minute replacements, so if you would like to volunteer, please call or text Sean Kinder at 270-996-0890. We hope you will join us as we help those who are in need, serving the Lord as we serve others.



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY: YOUNG AT HEART

We are planning on going to Hot Rods faith and family night July 18th. We will need to know soon how many want to go. If we get 20 people tickets will be \$10. I will place a sign up sheet this Sunday on the rolling board. Please sign-up by June 24th. We would like to order as soon as possible to get good seats.



## FAITH FOOD PANTRY

For the month of July, we are in need of:

Pasta sauces. . . Tomato based sauces, Marinara, Alfredo, Mushroom, etc.

Instant mashed potatoes or boxed potato dishes. Dried pinto or great northern beans.



## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF



Hello!

Most of you know me, but I would like to introduce myself as the new Director for The Learning Tree here at Christ Church. My name is Abby Seel. I am also the Assistant Children's Minister, Joel and Nora's mom, and maybe best known for being Pastor Matt's better half! I am so excited to take on this new role. I have a background in early childhood development and have years of experience working in that field. I would like to thank Tabitha Foley for all the work she put in getting the program up and running and the Lead Team for giving me a chance to fill this role. I can't wait to minister and love on all the kids who walk through the doors of our church to attend our Learning Tree program!



Hello Church Family,

I'm Emily Romans and I'm so excited to be your new Administrative Assistant! Many of you may already know me through attending the Journey Sunday school class or the Contemporary Worship service. You may also know me as Jonas and Willow's mom, or Pastor Michael's wife. I did Administrative work at the Wesley Foundation and at Temple UMC and am looking forward to serving in this capacity with you fine people. You can reach me by phone (270) 842-4343, email [info@christchurchbg.org](mailto:info@christchurchbg.org), or in the front office Mon– Thurs from 8:00am– 2:00pm. Thanks in advance for the patience extended toward me as we transition emails and offices to get everything where it needs to be. I am honored to be in this role and am looking forward to serv-

## July Birthdays



7/4 Hutch Kennedy  
7/4 Amy Tylicki  
7/6 Madisyn Taylor  
7/8 Joel Seel  
7/14 Sami Wilson  
7/17 Gracie Wilkerson

7/20 Dale Thompson  
7/22 Brenda Roberts  
7/22 Emogene Stuart  
7/23 Scott Burklow  
7/23 Brittany Osorio

7/25 David Burton  
7/28 Nancy Brand  
7/29 Dennis Meador  
7/30 Diane Allen  
7/30 Dennis Towe  
7/31 Hayden Cardwell

## Stewardship and Attendance

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

Building Fund Received June \$740.00

### Stewardship:

June 1 \$18,815.46  
June 8 \$11,929.00  
June 15 \$9288.00  
June 22 \$7007.00  
June 29 \$??????

### Attendance:

June 1 248  
June 8 211  
June 15 237  
June 22 221  
June 29 ???



## 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?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA_hizimRxR-kTXwdpEMkOw?)



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Dr. Matt Seel..... Lead Pastor  
Melissa Bull. ....Minister of Worship & Connection  
Rev. Sami Wilson.....Pastor of Congregational Care  
Nick Winkvist.....Youth Minister  
Michael Romans.....Assistant Youth Minister  
Angie Gordon..... Children's Minister  
Abby Seel ..... Assistant Children's Minister and  
The Learning Tree Director  
Emily Romans.....Administrative Assistant  
Jeanie Orr ..... Organist  
Roman Di Gaetano ..... FLC Production Manager  
Bonnie Hanes .....Treasurer  
April Taylor ..... Nursery Supervisor  
Joshua Smith ..... Lay Leader  
Lorenzo Hall, Jr..... Security  
Tiffany Baker.....Custodian



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