



CHRIST CHURCH

A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

Matt's Meanderings

Easter Season

"He (Jesus) said to them, 'What things?'" Luke 24:19 (CEB)

In the season of Easter, we find ourselves looking back to understand what to do moving forward. The resurrection of Jesus is of such importance that we cannot help but look back in grateful adoration of our true Savior, Jesus Christ. As I look back on Holy Week, I am appreciative of the services we were able to participate in. The midday services at Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Easter Egg Hunt & meal, Maundy Thursday Communion & foot washing, Good Friday Tenebrae, Sunrise, and our Easter morning services.

The passage above is Jesus' conversation with the two disciples walking to Emmaus. They are not looking to the future because they are unable to truly consider the immediate past or their present reality. They are sad and unable to understand why Jesus died and what it means that the women told them they had seen him resurrected.

I wonder how many of us find ourselves like the two men walking to Emmaus. We've experienced something great in the resurrection but do not really understand how that helps us moving forward. Maybe we simply celebrated Easter because that's what we do. I want to challenge us to consider Christ's resurrection as the impetus for all decisions we make moving forward. How do the decisions we make proclaim the resurrection of Christ and how do they further his kingdom in our lives and in the lives of others?

Over the coming weeks we will continue looking at the Apostles' Creed and what it teaches us about who God is and what God does. We will continue to consider what it is we believe and proclaim week in and week out. We will consider how each phrase continues to call us back to Christ.

Who knows...maybe as we continue to look back on Christ's resurrection, we may find ourselves walking alongside Christ without even knowing it. How beautiful it would be to realize we have been walking alongside the Savior of the world.

May we continue to be the Easter people Christ calls us to be.
May we seek not to understand all that took place, but to simply share what we know to those who do not yet know.

Happy Easter & God bless!



Matt

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Angie

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Dear Christ Church, what an amazing Easter we were able to experience! Thank you for all who came out to make our annual Egg Hunt a great success! All of the children had lots of fun, and the meal following was perfect. A warm thanks to CWM for always helping out to provide us with such wonderful food.



Coming up in May we will have Children's Bible study for all ages. These will take place on Sunday evening from 5:30 pm-7pm on May 4th and May 18th in the YCC with supper provided. We will be breaking off into different age groups. On Wednesday, May 14th, we will meet for play at Basil Griffen Park to enjoy some fun fellowship together between 6-7pm.

Please keep in mind that VBS will be June 1st-4th. Our volunteer link will be posted soon- be thinking of a way you would like to help us serve this year!

YOUTH MINISTRY



Nick

Happy May, Christ Church! We are in full end of year mode, graduation, sports tournaments, & gearing up for summer break! Speaking of graduation, I did want to take a moment and congratulate Kathryn Harmon on finishing up her high school career! We are praying for Kathryn as she closes this chapter and begins a new one.

I also want to congratulate two of our juniors who qualified for this summer's Governor's Scholar Program and Governor's School for the Arts! Lilia Compton will be headed to GSP, and Sawyer Rowland will be headed to GSA to focus on instrumental music & piano. All of the youth are ridiculously talented & intelligent; these two are no exception. If you see Lilia or Sawyer, please wish them congratulations & be praying for their adventures.

The youth will meet this month; except for Mother's Day or Memorial Day. We are continuing our deep dive through Exodus, focusing on slow and intentional learning, going chapter by chapter to really understand the meaning of walking by faith & daily provision in the desert. Exodus is a rich story with many epic events, full of goodness & faithfulness & many hints of the blessing of the coming Messiah baked into the details.

With Easter having just occurred, I must close with the fact that Jesus is Risen! I pray you take that wonderful news of redemption into your daily walks of faith, in jobs, in school, in whatever it is that you do. God, in his supreme authority as man, did not consider equality with God something to be exploited. Jesus went to the cross, for you, for me, & for many, to restore & redeem what was broken. The flowers of the fields worry not, for their creator has them completely covered. You are worth so much more than those beautiful flowers. God bless you. Nick Winquist



WORSHIP & CONNECTION—SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Missions Trip

The missions team invites you to prayerfully consider joining us as we partner with Christ Youth on their summer missions trip! We head to Gatlinburg after church on July 6 and return Friday July 11. We will do construction-based work along with our youth group in a project organized by TeamEffort. The cost is \$400 which covers the project, lodging, and most meals. We will need to organize our own transportation. We will have one afternoon set aside for a fun outing. Please contact Melissa@christchurchbg.org right away if you are interested - spots are limited!



Summer Praise Band Academy

Calling all adult wannabe rockstars! We are organizing a session of summer nights of music-making... No skillz required. Bring your dusty guitar, drumsticks, or karaoke-loving voice and work on honing your skills. Mistakes welcome. Song requests considered. Joy mandatory. Certain Summer Sundays 5:30-7pm depending on interest starting May 18 with an organizational meeting! Contact Melissa@christchurchbg.org for more info or to reluctantly sign up.



Junior Chimes Choir

Would your music lover aged 5-18 be interested in a chimes choir this summer? Hand-chimes are a gentle entry into the amazing world of handbells. We will focus on learning basic skills for ensemble music-making and learn a piece together. Info meeting June 2 at 5pm before VBS for parents and kids. Mondays 4-5pm starting June 9, ending July 28 with parent performance! Vacation plans understood. Ability to read music is helpful but not mandatory. Please contact Melissa@christchurchbg.org to sign up or to volunteer to help!

Melissa



CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

It's graduation season!!! This is very much on my mind because our middle son Isaiah is graduating. I have all of the feels—caught between the sadness of a season ending and the joy of seeing my son step into his own. Truly this is not an ending: this is the beginning of everything for him.

When I graduated high school, I was never so glad to leave. And it is in college at the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry that I began to become myself—the one Jesus made me to be. This is how I pray for my boys, every day—Lord, help them to be everything You have created them to be and all that You have called them to be. That only happens as they leave home.

This is the promise of Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told His disciples, “It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you” (John 16:7). We know what those grief stricken disciples did not: It is in the receiving of the Holy Spirit that they became everything God intended them to be—and it literally set the world on fire!

I would love to hang on to those sweet little boy moments sprinkled in the past. But I would never want to keep my sons from the fullness of all God has for them! This is the only way they will step into the joy they were made for. And so it is with us. Maybe it's time for you and me to step into God's fullness by inviting Him to fill us with His Holy Spirit, leaving the safety of what we have always known behind so that we can learn exactly what it is in His Kingdom we were made for! Let's be brave and graduate!



Sami



CHRIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Purpose: We dedicate ourselves to serve Jesus by our goals, actions, and commitment. May we grow stronger in our faith as we serve others through our missions.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 1st at 5:30 at the home of Betsy Kullman (1853 Affirmed Circle). This will be our annual Fellowship Meeting with the sharing of our Salad Extravaganza! Please bring any type of salad to share with your friends.



Share the date! The yard sale is almost here! Please share the date with friends and family members. Flyers are available at church to post where it might be permissible. CWM will sponsor an indoor yard sale on Saturday, May 11th. The drop-off will be on Thursday, May 9th and Friday morning, May 10th. Please begin to collect any contributions you can make. All clothing items can be folded. We will not be hanging items. We are accepting all items that are in good shape (working, no holes/tears, clean/no stains). We will not be accepting mattresses, box TVs, or dishwashers. All proceeds will go to the Foster & Adoption Ministry.

At our April meeting the Warren County Public Library shared information about their services! All women attending our April had a delicious lunch while we meet. The women did a fantastic job cleaning the kitchen on April 8th! Thank you to all who participated and especially to our lead cleaner, Becky Harrell!

There will be no meeting in June. There are multiple opportunities to serve at VBS! Word for the year: Family Our focus verse for May is Psalm 127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. I hope to see you soon! Michelle



In Christian Sympathy

IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS LAFLIN

James & Sharon Anspach
Don & Margaret Johnston
Ron Wilson
Don & Deloris Gaddie
Mark & Heather Sohn

IN MEMORY OF KAREN GARDEN

Don & Margaret Johnston
Don & Deloris Gaddie

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MASANNAT

Bill & Joyce Buckman
Bruce & Dianne Allen
Don & Deloris Gaddie

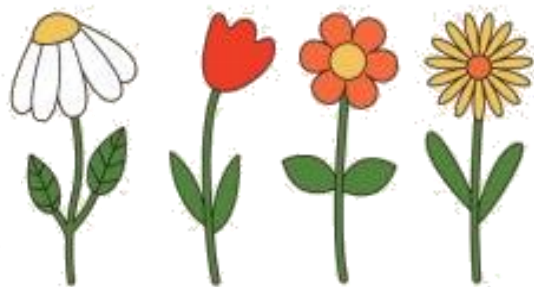
SATURDAY MEALS

A big "thank you" to our volunteers who helped with MEALS on Saturday, April 5. There are several individuals who deserve special recognition for going above and beyond the call of duty that day. Lana Compton had to deliver to almost every floor of one of the Towers downtown, with the elevator not working. Fortunately, the Berrys came to her aid! ☺ Linda Bragg pulled double duty, being an inside worker as well as helping David with deliveries. Bruce Allen also did additional work, working inside and then staying on to help with the annual "deep cleaning" of the kitchen, dish room and downstairs!

On Easter weekend, Bruce served as an inside worker, and Betsy Kullman prepared Easter cards for 155 food recipients. We appreciate your service, and how well you represent our church!

Looking ahead, Christ Church's next scheduled Saturday for MEALS is July 19, so please mark your calendars. We also will need to supply a few volunteers, along with all the churches, for Memorial Day weekend (Sat. May 24) and July 5. If you would like to volunteer for any of these occasions, 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.

Thank you very much, Sean & Val Kinder



FAITH FOOD PANTRY

VACATION IN MAY. . . Due to the STAMP OUT HUNGER food drive sponsored by the mail carriers on May 10, we won't be asking for other donations in May. If you want to contribute to the food drive, just leave a bag of nonperishable items beside or in your mailbox. Your mail carrier will pick it up, and the collected items will be distributed among several different pantries around town, one of which is our pantry here at Faith.

Thank you, in advance, for your help with the STAMP OUT HUNGER food drive on Saturday, May 10.





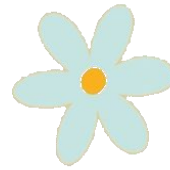
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30a Prayer Group	2 Church Office Closed	3 4pm Mizo Youth
				Men's Journey Experience		
4 Graduate Sunday 8:45/11 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 1p Mizo Fellowship 5:30p Kids Bible Study 5:30p Youth Men's Journey	5 11a Staff 6p Lay Leadership 5:30p Women's Bible Study	6 5p BG Cheer 6:30p Scouts	7 5:30p CWM Salad Supper @ Betsy's 7p Choir 8:15 Praise Team	8 8:30a Prayer Group 7:30p Basketball	9 Church Office Closed	10 4pm Mizo Youth
11 Mother's Day! 8:45/11 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 1p Mizo Fellowship No Youth	12 STAFF RETREAT 5:30p Women's Bible Study	13 5p BG Cheer 6:30p Scouts	14 6p Kids Ministry Playtime @ Basil Griffen 7p Choir 8:15 Praise Team	15 LAST DAY — LEARNING TREE 8:30a Prayer Group 7:30p Basketball	16 Church Office Closed Mizo 7-9pm Sanctuary	17 Mizo 10am-3pm, Classroom 4p Mizo Youth
18 7:30a Men's Breakfast 8:45/11 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 1p Mizo Fellowship w/M meal following 5:30p Kids Bible Study 5:30p Youth 5:30p Summer Band	19 11a Staff 5:30p Women's Bible Study 6p Lead Team	20 5p BG Cheer 6:30p Scouts	21 7p Choir 8:15 Praise Team	22 8:30a Prayer Group 7:30p Basketball	23 Church Office Closed	24 4pm Mizo Youth 12p-2pm Party
25 8:45/11 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 1p Mizo Fellowship No Youth	26 Church Office Closed Memorial Day!	27 5p BG Cheer 6:30p Scouts	28 11:30a Grief Group 7p Choir 8:15 Praise Team	29 8:30a Prayer Group 7:30p Basketball	30 Church Office Closed	31 4pm Mizo Youth



Birthdays



5/1 Orlanden Orsorio
 5/3 Nikki Moore
 5/3 Blaise Tylicki
 5/8 Victoria Meister
 5/8 Chloe Welch
 5/11 Megan Withers
 5/12 Tom Lohmann

5/14 Isaak Truelove
 5/16 James Bond
 5/16 David Bragg
 5/19 Evelyn Libe
 5/20 Taylor Carter
 5/20 Tim Tidwell
 5/27 Bonnie Willis

5/28 Mason Gordon
 5/28 Charlotte Winquist
 5/29 Shelia Best
 5/30 Charles Bryson



Stewardship and Attendance

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

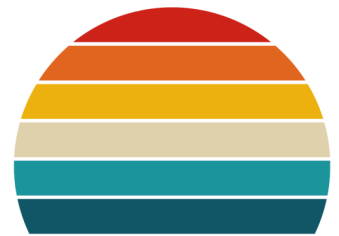
Building Fund Received Apr. \$1890

Stewardship:

Apr. 6 \$26,848
 Apr. 13 \$37,570
 Apr. 20 \$21,098
 Apr. 27 TBD

Attendance:

Apr. 6 170
 Apr. 13 260
 Apr. 20 306
 Apr. 27 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-kTXwdpEMk0w?



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 Sami Wilson.....Pastor of Admin. & Congregational Care
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 Angie Gordon..... Children's Minister
 Abby Seel Assistant Children's Minister
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