Christian City Lights Up Christmas Season

We set out to make this December memorable and by accounts we did it! Being on the first day of the month, Christian City turned its focus to Christmas and the coming of Christ into the world. We could fill this whole newsletter with photos from all the events and fun! Please enjoy these few photos on this page and the next. If you’d like to see more, go to https://christiancity.org/photo-galleries/.

It all began with the lighting of the community tree of lights - which we expect to become an annual event. Thanks to everyone who made the extra effort to join us, especially residents from the Assisted Living Center.
We are working on a Valentine’s Day project and we want your love story to be a part of it! Love comes in many forms, whether it be you and your spouse or a significant other from the past, you and your best friend or sibling, or even you and your pet!

If you are interested in sharing your story, contact Tyler at 770-703-2730 for more details. Stories can be shared vocally or written down.

We are reviving two committees to help with events/programs on campus. If you are interested in being a part of these, please attend the informational meeting. We would love to have you!

**Arts ALLiance:** Info meeting January 23 at 1 pm at the RC
If you are interested in the arts- whether music, visual, performance or more- this is the group for you! In the past, Arts ALLiance has helped plan art shows, Sounds of the Season music program and more!

**Special Events Committee:** Info meeting January 26 at 10:30 am at the RC
Special Events Committee members help our director of Campus Recreation with the planning, execution, and post event details for all on-campus special events for Active Senior Living residents.

Contact Tyler Garcia for more info on either of these groups at 770-703-2730.
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- Is there a program you want to see?! Contact Tyler at 770-703-2730 with your suggestions and requests.

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**Tuesday**

*Sign up by calling 770-703-2730 for 1:1 help with any technology product.*

**Wednesday**

*9:30 - Women’s Bible Study is in the Rec Center.*

**Legend:**
- HV - Harper Valley
- DC - Dogwood Circle
- AP - Autumn Place
- HA - Hilltop Acres
- LMM - Larry Moore Manor
- JSM - John Sparks Manor
- GT - Garden Terrace
- GMM - Gene Miller Manor
Meeting Members of Our Community

Two Sparrows Village has been blessed with an array of wonderful personalities. Allow me to introduce you to another beloved resident, Jesse Crowe. Jesse is a quiet, charming young man and has lived with us for a few months. He is truly a kindred soul. Jesse is the kind of friend that everyone should have. His hobbies are drawing anime, being outside and taking care of animals, including his own loveable four-legged friend, Chloe.

You’ll often find Jesse walking the Christian City Nature Trail. He says that he feels calm when exploring nature. He’s an avid listener of music or enjoys just taking a stroll in silence while taking in nature. He sometimes shares nature with us...in the form of his growing BUGS collection, post mortem!!!

Jesse is multi-talented. He makes the Cottage feel like home with the aroma of different dishes that he cooks. He makes a Tomato soup and garlic bread that looks like it belongs in a magazine.

This Charmer will be enrolled in Pet Grooming School soon. We look forward to seeing Jesse rise to his full potential.

Dwon Johnson
Two Sparrows Village, Resident Concierge

Two Sparrows Village at Christian City is a residential opportunity for neuro-diverse adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism.

Thank you for Supporting Graceland Thrift Store and Christian City Children & Family Programs

STORE HOURS:
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
9:30am-2:30pm

GOODIE HOUSE HOURS:
Thursdays only until further notice: 10:30am-12pm

ATTENTION: Graceland will be closed Tuesday, January 3. We will reopen for donations only on Wednesday, January 4, and for shopping on Thursday, January 5.

Please bring clothing and small appliance donations to Graceland during our donation hours, Tues - Sat, 9:30am-1:30pm. If you need to schedule a furniture pick up, please call Michelle at 770-629-7718. Pickups by appointment only.

Profits support Christian City Children & Family Programs
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Welcome to 2023!

January is a great time to look back at the previous year and look forward. It’s a time to evaluate and assess – to count our blessings and set our resolutions.

2022 has been filled with blessings that somehow mean more realizing the pandemic we have all endured together. When I think of 2022, I am grateful for –

Getting together again – in person! We certainly continue to have some restrictions, but they are so minimal compared to 2020 and 2021. What a blessing to be together!

Christian City has begun to open homes for young adults working to become independent. Some of these young people were previously in the foster system; some were previously homeless. All of them commit to hard work and responsibility!

The inaugural Terry Chapman Day of Service brought people together to improve our campus, including reclaiming a park at Dogwood Circle!

Christian City has begun a new program to keep families together and in their homes – families that might otherwise be taken into the DFCS system. In its first four months of operations, almost 50 families have been served.

Loving people loving people continues to epitomize the atmosphere on our campus. It is who we strive to be and what we strive to do.

Imagine 2023!

We will see improvements to our facilities and grounds!
We will construct 26 new life lease patio homes – the first since the 1990’s!
More children, young adults, and families will receive the help they need, breaking cycles of generational poverty and building stronger families.
Despite the economic downturn, we will continue to see the generosity of our donors.
And we will continue to honor Christ by loving one another.
I can’t wait! Thank you for choosing to be a positive influence on the culture in this community – and for supporting this ministry. I pray that God blesses you in 2023!

LaVann Landrum, Chief Advancement Officer
Llandrum@christiancity.org · 770-703-2632

Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:16-18
Another New Year is here – with it pages yet to be written. Along with God’s providence and grace, we begin this new year hopefully, a little wiser than the last, looking at the new possibilities with the insight and experience gained from the previous year.

As a child, I remember trying to run backwards – I was prone to try such odd things... I would crane my neck, trying to see where I was going. It never really worked well, as I recall - the results were less than satisfactory. While not working well when it comes to running, moving forward with an orientation to where we have been does have much to offer.

John Brawand of Wycliffe Bible Translators shares a story about an indigenous tribal group in South America who look at life and what lies ahead with an orientation that is distinctly different. You and I see the past as being behind us and the future being before us; but to this group of people, the past is thought of as being ahead of them and the future as being behind them. To them, all that they have experienced in the past – their joys, struggles, what they have learned – are all considered as being in front of them! It is as if they walk forward into the future turned backwards. They can see the past clearly. It is there for them to recall, reflect and grow from. The future, on the other hand, is behind them because it has not yet been experienced and thus not in their ability to see. This different way of seeing life’s journey has something to teach us about how we might carry ourselves in our daily walk. We need to fully accept the past – the good and bad, the difficult and easy - all as a part of our life experience. We need to examine and reflect upon these moments, for in them lie the tools of experience and insight for living abundantly today, and throughout the coming New Year. This year, too will have its own abundance and blessings alongside its struggles. Having a sense of where we have been gives us insight into where we need to go in a new year of promise that lies before us. Our past has known God’s faithful presence, provision and guidance. Let us look at new possibilities with the insight and experience we have gained. May we stand on his sure promises, anticipating how he will work in our living.

God is ready and able to lead...

Have a blessed new year!

Carl

Carl Ryden, Chaplain and Spiritual Care Officer, may be reached at 770-703-2670 or carlr@pruitthealth.com

Wondering which cottage won the best decoration award at the Children’s Village? They were all great, but Cottage 4 got the most votes. Congratulations!

Southern Crescent Chorale

SWEETS & SERENADERS

To Benefit Children’s Village at Christian City

Saturday, Feb. 11
7 p.m.
The Bedford School
with the McIntosh High School Cantabile