

CHRISTIAN CITY

# Your partyline connection!

May 2024, Senior Living Newsletter



## Count Me In! Service Project for May

Thanks to everyone who helped stock the Rec Center in March! Tyler received lots of great supplies that she can use throughout the year. And several residents earned CMI chips!

Our Count Me In service project for May is a toiletries drive for our THRIVE program. We have 18 young adults living and “thriving” here at Christian City. The THRIVE program is designed for young adults who have completed their high school education and need ongoing support for a

successful transition to adulthood and independence. Many vulnerable youth age out of foster care at 18 and instantly become homeless. The Thrive program aims to fill that void. Christian City provides housing and programs that develop life skills like budgeting and financial literacy, home management, cooking, and career preparation including on-the-job training. Many participants are continuing their education, and all must maintain at least part time employment.

We are collecting soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and deodorant. If we can count YOU in for the May service project, please deliver your donation to the Welcome Center and receive your CMI Chip.

Keep collecting those CMI chips throughout the year for a chance to win a golf cart in January 2025 as well as other fun prizes!

And... it's never too late to donate. Make a one-time gift or become a GEM (Gives Every Month) and earn a CMI chip! Contact Lissa Rand at 770-703-2614 for more information about the Count Me In/Chip In program and making a donation.



Rhinehart Farms Produce Stand

Moving to Mondays in May.



1st & 3rd Mondays  
In May - that's the 6th & 20th

Come on down to the Welcome Center parking lot to get your VEGGIES & MORE!

eat MORE VEGGIES

# Mother's Day Tea



Wear your Sunday best and join us for a light brunch featuring a guest speaker and enjoy the table decorations!

**Friday, May 17 | 11am**  
**Christian City Auditorium**

**Please RSVP to Tyler**  
**by 5pm on May 13**  
**at 770-703-2730**

Transportation provided with request at time of RSVP.

**BE A**  
**TABLE HOST**



We are looking for residents to sponsor a table. Table Hosts provide the centerpiece and place settings for the brunch that is provided. If you are interested, please contact Tyler.



LET'S NAME THAT  
**BRIDGE**

**OUR BRIDGE  
NEEDS A NAME**

The wait is almost over – the walking path bridge that will connect the Hilltop Acres and Dogwood neighborhoods is under construction. As it takes shape, it occurred to some of us that the bridge will need a name. And what better way to name a bridge than to have a contest?

Here's how it works: from May 1-20 you can submit a name for the bridge – just come to the Welcome Center to do it. A panel of nine people (five staff and one resident from each patio home neighborhood) will review the ideas and select the top five. In June, everyone will vote, and the winner will be announced in the July Partyline.

The person who submitted the winning name will receive a gift and will be acknowledged at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

So put on your thinking caps and be sure to submit ideas by May 20. Need help getting your creative juices moving: John 3:16 Bridge, Loving People Bridge, Walk in Faith Bridge.....



# People's Club is Back!

Join us monthly  
for a special presentation from  
an artist, musician, author, or other exciting presenter.

**Thursday, May 23 at 3pm in the Sparks Inn Auditorium**

Come hear a captivating story of faith and a remarkable transformation of how the Gold Club became God's Club. Dan Garrett, Christian City's director of Church Relations shares the story behind his recently published book, "From Poles to Pews: How America's Most Infamous Strip Club Became a Church." This story is sure to be told with humor but will also renew your faith in the power of prayer and give hope in a challenging world.



## Spotlight on Cole Lackey

Cole's smile brightens your day every time you meet him. He has a heart of pure gold and is a gentle giant. Cole loves to refer to himself in third person and adores singing in the Two Sparrows Village choir and riding our shuttle bus. Cole never misses a line when singing and often rehearse during other periods in the program to keep the others practicing for their monthly shows at Southwest Christian Center nearby.

Despite the health challenges Cole has with a rare skin disorder and living with I/DD, he never lets it get him down. Cole avidly takes part in every aspect of the Two Sparrows Village Day & Community Access programs. He and his friend Victoria are often paired up to work wonders on the display shelves at Graceland and Clothes Less Traveled. They are a dynamic duo.

Cole has an interest in the field of housekeeping. When others are having downtime, Cole volunteers to vacuum and sweep before his mom or dad picks him up. Cole wishes to attend the day program 4 days a week, but his family must pay out of pocket until he is off the waiting list and provided a Medicaid waiver.





# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
28	29	30	1 9:30 Women's Bible Study, <i>Rec Center</i> 12:00 Men's Pool Group 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 3:30 Hand and Foot 5:00 LMM Bible Study *
5 2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i>	6 9:00-2:00 Rhinehart Farms Produce Stand, <i>WC Park. Lot</i> 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 3rd Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 11:30 LMM Bible Study *	7 10:00 4th Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 10:00 Mobile Chiropractor, <i>JSM</i> 11:00 Craft Class 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers	8 12:00 Men's Pool Group 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 3:30 Hand and Foot 5:00 LMM Bible Study *
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- All programs are at the Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.
- Is there a program you want to see?! Contact Tyler at 770-703-2730 with your suggestions and requests.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>National Day of Prayer</b>            10:00 3rd Floor Assisted Living Bible Study            3:00 Bingocize, LMM Act. Rm.            3:45 Catholic Service, Mt. Carmel Chapel</p>	<p>12:00 Line Dancing            1:30 Geri-Cardio            2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Auditorium            2:30 Pool Group</p>	<p>1:00 Women's Pool Group</p>
9	10	11
<p>10:00 3rd Floor Assisted Living Bible Study            1:00 Tai Chi            2:00 Silver Sneakers            3:00 Bingocize LMM Act. Rm.</p>	<p>10 - 1 Spring into Better Health Fair            12:00 Line Dancing            1:30 Geri-Cardio            2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Auditorium            2:30 Pool Group</p>	<p>1:00 Women's Pool Group</p>
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**\* MONDAYS:**  
 11:30 - LMM Bible Study meets in the LMM Community Room.

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

**\* WEDNESDAYS:**  
 2:30 - Swinging Old Dudes is in the SI Auditorium

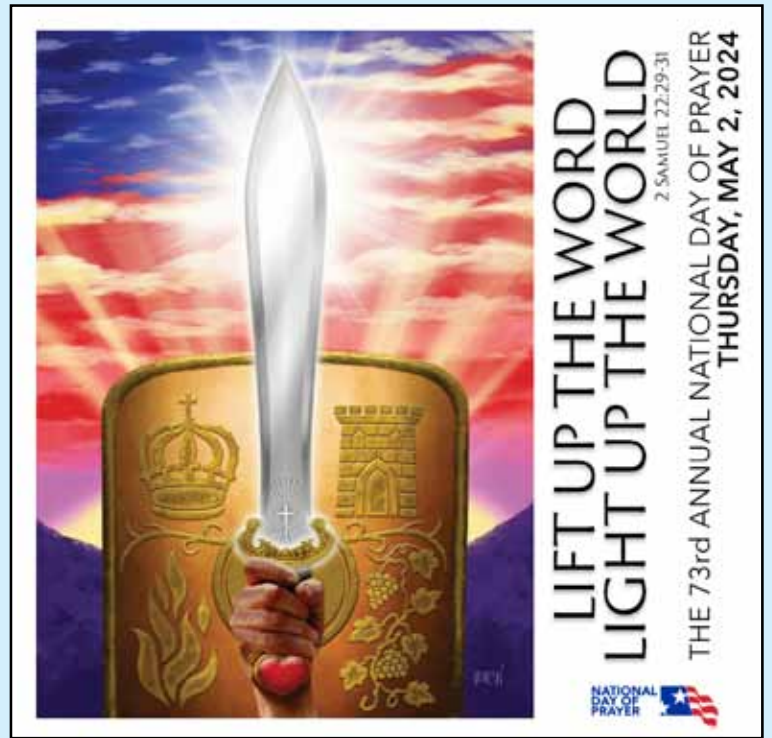
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 5:00 - LMM Bible Study meets in the LMM Community Room.

**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

# ***Thursday, May 2, is designated as a National Day of Prayer!***

*As a community of faith, Christian City residents will be gathering across the campus for a brief time of prayer for our nation, its civic leaders, the Lord's Church, our culture, and the issues we face today.*

*Please join your neighbors to pray at the times and locations listed below.*



- Dogwood Circle – 12:00 pm in the Rec Center***
- Harper Valley – 1:00 pm in the circle***
- Hilltop Acres – 2:00 pm in the clubhouse***
- Autumn Place – 3:00 pm in the clubhouse***
- Gene Miller Manor - 4:00 pm in the activity area***
- John Sparks Manor – 4:00 pm in the lobby***
- Larry Moore Manor – 4:00 pm in the courtyard***

**SHREDDING**  
*at Christian City*

**May 8-22**  
**9am - 4:30pm**

Residents may bring a box of documents and personally load them into the bin.

**Save the Dates**  
**in June**

June 2  
Sounds of the Season:  
Summer Strings

June 8  
Piano Recital

June 15  
Campus-wide Cleanup Day



# SPRING FLING!

at GRACELAND THRIFT STORE

**CONCESSIONS:** Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Chili, Nachos and Cheese, Chips, Cookies, and Drinks

**PARKING** will be on the ball field - Gate will open at 9:00; Store will open at 9:30am

**PLEASE NOTE:** Graceland will be closed April 29th - May 3rd to prepare for the May 4th Spring Fling.

**THANK YOU** for your support!  
All proceeds benefit our Children's Village.

*May 4th  
9:30am - 2:30pm*

7425 Red Oak Road • Union City, GA 30291 • 770-629-7718

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

### STORE HOURS:

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

### GOODIE HOUSE HOURS:

Thursdays: 10:30am-12pm

*In observance of Memorial Day, Graceland will be closed Tuesday, May 28. We will reopen on Wednesday, May 29 at 9:30am for donations only.*

*We reopen for shopping on Thursday, May 30 at 9:30am.*

*Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day.*

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.

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# The Chaplain's Office



On Memorial Day, we remember and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country, giving their very lives in securing and defending freedom. We shed tears of appreciation for their sacrifice. They are heroes.

When we speak of heroes, we do not find in them attitudes that seek glory for meritorious service. Instead, we see humility, those who would say that they were just “doing their duty” by putting themselves under the authority of others as they sought to do what they felt was right. They were willing to submit themselves to that authority in trust.

Such a soldier's submission to authority in trust presents itself in the life of Jesus. In Matthew 8, a soldier – a centurion in the Roman army comes to Jesus, seeking healing for his servant. When Jesus responds that he will go to heal his servant, the centurion, a man who served under authority and held authority himself, said to Jesus that he understood what authority meant. He knew that when one with authority speaks, things happen. Recognizing Jesus as the ultimate authority, the centurion responds, “Say the word and my servant will be healed.”

The servant was healed at that moment. Jesus was amazed at this man's faith. The centurion was willing to place himself, in humility and trust, under the authority of Jesus, in recognition that He alone was the ultimate authority – even over life and death itself.

To be a follower of Jesus is to submit – to place ourselves under His authority, trusting that He, and He alone is the one that loves us and knows what is best for us. It is not a complicated thing. Just as the centurion placed himself under Jesus' authority in recognition of God's will and purposes, we, too, must trust Him and recognize His authority in our lives. To do so takes “great faith” – a faith that pleases God, brings His success in life's endeavors, and provides the “peace that passes all understanding.”

As we honor those who have given their lives in service to their country, may we reflect anew on what submission to authority means, what submission to God's authority asks of us, and how that submission influences our lives.

**Carl**

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