



CHRISTIAN CITY

Your
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connection!
January 2025, Senior Living Newsletter

CELEBRATING SIXTY!

Over 60 years ago, Dr. Byron Harper and his wife Rose Marie met with their minister, Jim Dyer, and his wife Dura, to discuss how to meet the needs of people living on the margins.

While they did not have all the specifics mapped out in their planning, they envisioned something expansive, which only God could do. As they stood in an open field in Union City, they saw a “city” which served young and old, a place of safety and peace and healing. Part of Dr. Harper’s original dream included building a fully functioning hospital!

We find ourselves way down the road from those early days of dreaming, planning, and fundraising. And we want to celebrate the goodness of the Father’s leadership and blessing on this unique venture.

Our CEO, Keith Horton, is inviting you to join us on **Thursday, January 16, at 1:30 p.m.**, to kick off a year of gratitude and celebration for the many ways Christian City has impacted the lives of multiple thousands of people for 60 years.



Need help taking down your decorations?

If you need help taking down your decorations or any other household tasks, please let Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Mansour know. Volunteers are coming to campus on Friday, January 3, and she hopes that they will be able to help our senior community.

Just email Elizabeth at emansour@christiancity.org and she'll put you on the list. She will also confirm that she heard from you.



PHILANTHROPY
corner

IT IS FINALLY TIME!

Don't miss the 2025 Kickoff of our **Count Me In** fundraising campaign on Friday, January 31. We'll gather at 2 pm in the Rec Center to give away a golf cart to one lucky resident. Mark your calendar and gather your chips! More details to follow.

It's never too late to make a monetary donation. 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.



**SAVE THE
DATE!**

CHIP IN GOLF CART GIVEAWAY
Friday, January 31, 2025 • 2 p.m. at the Rec Center

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



Graceland will be closed Wednesday, January 1, and will resume normal business hours on Thursday, January 2, at 9:30 a.m.

We will also close on Tuesday, January 21, in observance of the Martin Luther King Day holiday, reopening on Wednesday, January 22, at 9:30 a.m.

If you have clothing items, small appliances, and household items we ask that you please bring them to Graceland during our donation hours: Tuesday- Saturday from 9:30am-1:30pm.

Profits support Christian City's Children & Family Programs
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A Blessed Christmas at Christian City

The annual Active Senior Living Christmas Luncheons seemed especially bright and happy this year. The company was delightful, the food delicious, and the singing was a whole lot of fun!





January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
29	30	31	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY NO PROGRAMS
5 2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i>	6 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 3rd Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 11:00 Bocce Party 3:30 Geri-Fit	7 10:00 Tech Tuesdays * 10:00 4th Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study *	8 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub
12 2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i> 4:00 Campus Christmas Event, <i>WC Chapel</i>	13 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 3rd Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 11:00 Bocce 3:30 Geri-Fit	14 CFA Biscuit preorders * 10:00 Tech Tuesdays * 10:00 4th Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study *	15 CFA Biscuit p/up, <i>WC</i> 9:30 Women's Bible Study, <i>RC</i> 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub
19 2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i>	20 MLK Jr. Day of Service	21 10:00 Tech Tuesdays * 10:00 4th Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study *	22 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub
26 2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i>	27 10:00 3rd Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 11:00 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit	28 10:00 Tech Tuesdays * 10:00 4th Floor Assisted Living Bible Study 1:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Resident Council, <i>WC</i> Chapel 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study *	29 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub

- All programs are at the Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.
- Is there a program you want to see?! Contact Tyler at 770-703-2730 or tgarcia@christiancity.org with your suggestions and requests.

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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10:00 3rd Floor Assisted
Living Bible Study
3:45 Catholic Service, Mt.
Carmel Chapel

3

12:00 Line Dancing
1:30 Geri-Cardio
2:00 Slater Jackson,
SI Auditorium
2:30 Pool Group

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* TUESDAYS:

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

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10:00 3rd Floor Assisted
Living Bible Study
10:00 Chair Yoga
1:00 Tai Chi
2:00 Silver Sneakers

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12:00 Line Dancing
1:30 Geri-Cardio
2:00 Slater Jackson,
SI Auditorium
2:30 Pool Group

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* TUESDAYS:

LMM Bible Study
is in the LMM
Community Room.

16

10:00 3rd Floor Assisted
Living Bible Study
10:00 Chair Yoga
1:00 Tai Chi
1:30 60th Anniversary
Kick Off, WC Chapel
2:00 Silver Sneakers

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12:00 Line Dancing
2:00 Slater Jackson,
SI Auditorium
2:30 Pool Group

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* TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH:

Chick-fil-A Chicken
Biscuit preorders
\$3.50 by phone to
770-703-2730.

23

10:00 3rd Floor Assisted
Living Bible Study
10:00 Chair Yoga
1:00 Tai Chi
2:00 Silver Sneakers

24

12:00 Line Dancing
1:30 Geri-Cardio
2:00 Slater Jackson,
SI Auditorium
2:30 Pool Group

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* WEDNESDAYS:

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

**Contact Campus
Patrol for emergency
maintenance
requests when office
is closed.**

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10:00 3rd Floor Assisted
Living Bible Study
10:00 Chair Yoga
1:00 Tai Chi
2:00 Silver Sneakers

31

2:00 Slater Jackson,
SI Auditorium
2:30 Pool Group
2:00 **Count Me In** Chip
Program

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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

Delta Volunteers Bring Santa to Christian City

Each year for as long as any of us can remember, Delta employees from Tech-Ops have lavished Christmas cheer on the residents of the Assisted Living Center and the Skilled Nursing Center, and 2024 was no different!



First Annual Christmas Star Run a Tremendous Success

The Christmas holidays have come and gone, but not without leaving special memories of the Christmas Star Run and Tree Lighting that was held on November 30th. Dale Cardwell, of TrustDALE fame and a Christian City trustee, kicked off the evening as our emcee for the Christmas tree lighting. A crowd of residents and guests braved the cold and enjoyed hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies while singing Christmas carols. The highlight of the program was an angelic rendition of “O Holy Night,” by Mary Horton, wife of Christian City President and CEO Keith Horton.



The lighting of the grand Christmas tree was the “starting gun” for our 5K runners as they raced through the Christian City campus. The course was aglow with Christmas lights installed by a crew of volunteers and Christian City staff. There were over 130 participants registered including serious runners, entire families and 1-mile walkers. Guests took advantage of photo opportunities with Santa Claus, the Owens Corning Pink Panther and the Coca-Cola holiday truck. The Mooving Café food truck served up delicious grilled cheeses and soups. The Dunkin’ Cruiser truck served up hot coffee to the delight of the chilly participants. Winners of the 5K run were awarded prizes in each age group and one lucky winner won a \$25 Chick-fil-A gift card for her festive lighted Christmas jacket.

Everyone attending gushed over how much fun the event was, but most importantly, the Christmas Star Run raised over \$51,000 (after expenses) for the Christian City’s Children and Family Programs. These funds are vital to the mission of Christian City and will make a difference in the lives of the children in Christian City’s care.



Share the joy of living at Christian City with your family by telling them where to find our photo galleries –and be sure to check them out yourselves. Just go to www.christiancity.pixieset.com. Be sure to bookmark it – new galleries are added all the time!

The Chaplain's Office

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Why do we wish everyone a Happy New Year? Because we want them to have one. That is why we don't say, "Sad New Year or Bad New Year!" It should always be "Happy New Year!"

It is a new year with new beginnings. We pray your New Year's celebration was meaningful and safe. We are asking God to bless Christian City and all those who live, work, support, and volunteer here. May Christian City continue to be a safe place where God's presence is felt and desired.

A new year is a great time to start over and make good decisions for the future. Most of the gyms are full in the month of January and better eating habits are established. Many of us have good intentions and hopefully this year will turn out better.

The new year has always had a special meaning to me. January 4th is my spiritual birthday. It is the day that I became a new creation in Christ and started on my spiritual journey. I was only seventeen years old and trying to complete my senior year of high school. I was wild and crazy with no true direction in life. However, when I made Jesus Lord of my life, I felt like I finally had a reason to live and God truly gave me a purpose in life. That was many years ago and I am

grateful for every person God has placed in my life to help me grow in my walk with Him.

Who remembers Y2K? That was a quarter of century ago, wow, that is so hard to believe! Many people at that time were saying all the computers were going to crash, airplanes would be falling out of the skies, and it would be total chaos. However, God brought us through that time and all of the other difficulties of life since then. I want to remind us all what the Bible says in several books of both the Old and New Testaments, "Do not be afraid...I will never leave you nor forsake you!" We can have confidence that God is for us and not against us. We should all wake up every morning and thank the Lord for this day and this new year; and ask Him to direct our steps and help us to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

I want to close this article with a blessing from Numbers 6:24-26.

"The Lord bless you, and keep you;
The Lord cause His face to shine on you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His face to you,
And give you peace." Amen.

God Bless you all,
Chaplain Randy



Randy Worrell, Chaplain and Spiritual Care Officer, may be reached at 770-703-2670 or rworrell@christiancity.org

The logo for GriefShare, featuring the word "Grief" in a serif font, a stylized heart symbol, and the word "Share" in a serif font, all enclosed in a rectangular box. The background of the entire section is a soft-focus image of yellow and orange tulips.

GriefShare®

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

February 27 – May 15, 2025

If you want to sign up or need more information, please contact the Spiritual Care Office at 770-703-2670 or email at spiritualcare@christiancity.org.