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June 2025, Senior Living Newsletter



Brewing Love for Everyone!

Our Mother's Day Tea was our largest gathering yet! Sparks Inn Auditorium was filled with happy women, lovely china and spectacular hats last month. There was also good food served by staff volunteers, piping hot tea and a terrific guest speaker.



DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

*The look on Chaplain
Randy Worrell's face
(above in masthead)
says it all!*

*More photos from this
fun Sounds of the Season
night of dancing and
community on page 6.*



FUN EVENTS!

In addition to our regular programming, check out these fun events happening on campus this month!

JUNE 16

Coke Float Day at 2:30pm in the Auditorium, sponsored by Pruitt Health Hospice. Come on by and cool off with this favorite treat!

**TUES-
DAYS**

Epik Nacho Food Tent will be set up in the WC Parking Lot from 10:30-2! Come grab lunch!

JUNE 19

Field Trip to the High Museum of Art in Atlanta for its Juneteenth celebration! Admission is free. **MUST RSVP.**

Check the transportation calendar for more fun off campus!

FAMILY FUN DAY WITH TWO SPARROWS VILLAGE

Tuesday, June 17 • 10am-4pm

On the lawn outside of the Rec Center
All senior residents and families are invited

PETTING ZOO!

LAWN GAMES!

FOOD TRUCK-TACOS, NACHOS AND MORE!

SNACKS ON THE GO TRUCK FOR ICEES AND MORE!



Father's Day Cookout, June 13 • 12-2pm Sparks Inn Auditorium

You should have received a flyer and RSVP'd in May.

If you missed, please call Flora by June 2 at 470-317-3326.

Save the Date!

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION!

Thursday, July 3 at 10:30am – Golf Cart Parade

NEW ROUTE! Route will start at the Welcome Center, go by the Assisted Living Center, JSM, LMM, down Lester Road past Autumn Place, into Hilltop, Dogwood Drive, and Harper Valley. Those not on the route are invited to come sit together in the Recreation Center parking lot to enjoy the parade and celebration. The bus will make stops in front of all the apartments to transport residents.

11:30-12:30 -Cookout at the Recreation Center

Join your neighbors for complimentary hot dogs, chips, drinks and fellowship!

To RSVP for the cookout or register your golf cart for the parade, reach out to Tyler Garcia: 770-703-2730 tgarcia@christiancity.org

**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



*Thank you for making our Spring Fling so successful.
Despite rainy weather, Graceland sold over \$6,000!*

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



George Martin Retires as Christian City's COO



Christian City COO George Martin is taking another shot at retirement, ending his years of stellar service this month. He arrived on campus 15 years ago as a “special assistant” to then-president Bob Crutchfield. His timing was just right as Christian City began

expanding and growing – and George shepherded the organization through many changes and three CEO transitions.

As chief operating officer, George has been responsible for overseeing the maintenance, improvements and usage of all campus facilities. He has been a most effective advocate for Christian City, particularly in Fayette County and with the Union City mayor's office.

“Throughout his tenure, George has been a pillar of leadership, driving operational excellence, fostering innovation, and strengthening our organizations’ culture,” said CEO Keith Horton. “Under his guidance, we have achieved remarkable milestones, expanded our reach, and enhanced our efficiency, setting new standards for success.”

George points to the expansion of Hill Top Acres neighborhood as perhaps his favorite project: “it

not only provides much-needed senior housing but also is a self-sustaining business model. It serves a

very important purpose, in a Christian environment and will be self-supporting financially for decades to come.”

When asked what he has learned from the people he has served, George said, “there are so many nice people here that are from my generation or older who are teaching me how to “age gracefully.” That is not necessarily true in the “outside world.” Christian City is a unique place and attracts very nice people. That is true of both residents and staff.”

George came to Christian City, he likes to say, because he'd “flunked” retirement. Having retired from a long, successful career with the US Postal Service, he'd gotten bored and returned to working life. His “boredom” has been Christian City's blessing. In turn we wish him a successful retirement this go-round.

George has a clear view of a “successful” retirement: “Staying busy with a wide variety of community programs providing service to others. My Mother lived to be 90 and my Dad to 94. They both stayed active and busy till the end so I'm going to try to do the same.”

You are invited to wish George well at a drop-in reception on Tuesday, June 24, from 2:00-3:00 pm in the Welcome Center.



Meet the New COO

Always keeping Christian City's successful operation at the forefront, George announced his retirement months ahead so that he could help transition to a new COO. In April, after a national search, CEO Keith Horton announced that Mark Sexton had been chosen to succeed George. Mark began work on April 27 and has been shadowing George since.

Mark is a retired US Army Officer with over 25 years of service, primarily as an army aviator. During his military career, he gained invaluable leadership experience through multiple combat deployments, formal training, and hands-on leadership development. He was most recently the Deputy Director at the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), where he has worked for eight years.

Mark has deep personal ties to Christian City, as his father was a Southern Baptist Minister and Director of Missions for the area, and Mark grew up attending services and worshipping with the residents. With a career dedicated to service, Mark has spent his professional life helping people recover after challenging events. He sees this opportunity with Christian City as a chance to use his skills in a new way, applying his leadership and organizational abilities in a ministry role.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>1</p> <p>2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 10:00 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study * 10:30-2:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent * 1:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Mobile Chiro., <i>JSM</i> 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study *</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 Women's Bible Study, <i>Rec. Center</i> 11:00 Bible Study * 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 10:00 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:30 Coke Floats with Pruitt Health Hospice, <i>SI Aud.</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 Tech Tuesdays * 10:00 Bible Study * 10:00-4:00 TSV Family Fun Day; <i>see ad on page 2</i> 10:30-2:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent * 3:00 Bingocize, <i>JSM</i> 4:00 LMM Bible Study *</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Women's Bible Study, <i>Rec. Center</i> 11:00 Bible Study * 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub</p>
<p>22</p> <p>2:30 Father's Day Church Service with Elizabeth Baptist Church, <i>SI Auditorium</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>CFA Ckn Biscuit pre- orders \$3.50; 770-703-2730 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 10:00 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit 3:00 Beekeeping Prog: <i>Hives</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00-9:30 CFA Ckn Biscuit Pickup; <i>WC Lobby</i> 10:00 Tech Tuesdays * 10:00 Bible Study * 10:30-2:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent * 1:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Resident Council 2:00-3:00 Reception for George Martin, <i>Welcome Ctr.</i> 2:00 Silver Sneakers 3:00 Bingocize, <i>JSM</i> 4:00 LMM Bible Study *</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 Bible Study * 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub</p>
<p>29</p> <p>2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 10:00 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>

- 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
5	6	7
1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 Catholic Service, Mt. Carmel Chapel	SRMC Clinic Open! Call 678-364-4422 for appt. 12:00 Line Dancing 12:00 JSM Bible Study, JSM 1:30 Geri-Cardio 2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud. 2:30 Pool Group	
12	13	14
10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers	12:00 Line Dancing 12:00 JSM Bible Study, JSM 12:00-2:00 Father's Day Cookout, SI Aud. 1:30 Geri-Cardio 2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud. 2:30 Pool Group	
19	20	21
10:00 Chair Yoga Field Trip to High Museum of Art in Atlanta. Free Admission. Must RSVP.	SRMC Clinic Open! Call 678-364-4422 for appt. 12:00 Line Dancing 1:30 Geri-Cardio 2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud. 2:30 Pool Group 6:00-7:30 Birthday Party Potluck	
26	27	28
1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers	12:00 Line Dancing 1:30 Geri-Cardio 2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud. 2:30 Pool Group	
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*** TUESDAYS:**

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

*** TUESDAYS:**

The Epik Nacho Food Tent will be in the Welcome Center Parking Lot from 10:30-2:00.

*** TUESDAYS:**

LMM Bible Study is in the LMM Community Room.

*** TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY-**

Bible Study is in the Mt. Carmel Chapel

*** WEDNESDAYS:**

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

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

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

Volunteer of the Month: Danny O'Neal



Danny O'Neal is a constant helper. Whatever the task may be, whether it's handing out flyers, getting ready for an event, reinforcing garden beds, organizing various items, washing dishes, or hanging hundreds of Christmas lights, Danny is ready and willing with a smile to lend a hand! Danny volunteers all over the Christian City campus. He works with staff doing administrative tasks, helping ALS pull off great events, and is always ready to help his neighbors. Christian City is a better place because of Danny and we are truly thankful for him and all he helps to make happen on campus. His energy and desire to serve never waivers! Danny is the man with the plan behind the scene of everything that takes place at Christian City. Thank you for all you do, Danny!

If you'd like to volunteer on campus, email Elizabeth Mansour, our volunteer coordinator. She can help you find the perfect place to serve using your special gifts and talents. There is a particular need right now for volunteers at Graceland Thrift Shop. You can reach Elizabeth at emansour@christiancity.org.

Dancing Through the Decades





PHILANTHROPY corner

Look What Your Gifts Can Do!



Thanks to all of you who donated toiletries to the Thrive Program in May. These gifts as well as your monetary donations to the **Count Me In** campaign are making a difference.

Pictured with Monica Pearson at our recent Community Champion Awards Gala is a young lady from our Thrive Program named Rue.



Rue came into the Thrive program two years ago, with no clear path to a successful future. Happily, we can report that through Christian City's Thrive Program, she now has a job, is two years away from getting her college degree from Georgia State, and has moved into an apartment of her own! Look at what your gifts can do!

Our **Count Me In** service opportunity for June is to donate BINGO prizes to our recreation program. Tyler requests practical household items like dish soap, a box of trash bags, cleaning products, gift cards, or anything that you would want to win. She says there are lots of options on the \$1 aisle at Dollar General! If you haven't joined Tyler at the Rec Center on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m., please give BINGO a try. It's a great time of fun and fellowship.

Bring your BINGO prize donations to the Welcome Center to collect your **Count Me In** chip. You can also attend the Father's Day event and Sounds of the Season in June to earn a CMI chip.

We are always accepting cash donations and no amount is too small. Make a one-time gift to earn a CMI chip or become a GEM (Gives Every Month) and earn two CMI chips! Contact Lissa Rand at 770-703-2614 for more information about the **Count Me In/Chip In** program and making a donation.

Remember, donations like yours are helping youth like Rue prepare for a hopeful life!

2025 Community Champion Awards

Christian City honored Mayor Andre Dickens, Goodwill of North Georgia and Georgia Power at the 2025 Community Champion Awards last month at Georgia Aquarium. Guests enjoyed an inspiring evening which included a social hour, dinner and program, along with an exciting "Give From the Heart" live auction and a silent auction. Thanks to generous sponsors and donors, over \$558,000 was raised (after expenses) to benefit Christian City's five Children & Family programs!



(Left): ARSHAAD NORWOOD and his house parent LENA HARKINS received a standing ovation. Arshaad grew up in the Children's Village and visits his mom regularly with his own kids. Our annual CCA film focused on Arshaad's journey - you can watch it at www.christiancity.org/cca.

(Right): Accepting Community Champion Awards: KEITH PARKER, President & CEO of Goodwill of North Georgia, AUDREY KING, Senior Vice President of Region External Affairs and President & CEO of the Georgia Power Foundation, and Atlanta Mayor ANDRE DICKENS.



Several former house parents attended the event and were celebrated as well!!

CHRISTIAN CITY ★ Car Show!

**Saturday
Sept. 6
at the
Christian City
Campus!**

FREE!

CHRISTIAN CITY
60 Years
of CHANGING LIVES

The Chaplain's Office

Father's Day, the third Sunday in June, is a special occasion set aside to honor and celebrate fathers and father figures for their guidance, strength, and love. It is also a time to give thanks to God for the gift of fatherhood and to encourage fathers and mentors in their calling.

The first known Father's Day celebration occurred in Spokane, Washington, in 1910. It was spearheaded by Sonora Smart Dodd, who wanted to honor her father, William Jackson Smart - a Civil War veteran and single parent who raised six children after the death of his wife. Inspired by a Mother's Day sermon, Dodd proposed the idea of a day to honor fathers, and she chose June 19, 1910, her father's birthday month.

The Bible speaks extensively about the role of a father, offering both instructions and examples. From the Old Testament to the New, fatherhood is portrayed as a divine responsibility—marked by love, discipline, guidance, and reflection of God's own character.

Throughout Scripture, God is portrayed as a provider, protector, and guide—the ultimate model of fatherhood. Psalm 103:13 says: "As

a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."

This divine fatherhood forms the ideal toward which all earthly fathers are called. Though no human father is perfect, the example of God's character sets the standard.

For those who have lost their fathers, or whose relationships are strained, this day can also be one of healing. Remembering God's unfailing fatherhood can bring comfort and perspective. As Psalm 68:5 says: "Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation."

Be Blessed and be a Blessing!

*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.*

Numbers 6:24-26

God Bless you all,
Chaplain Randy



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

Welcome Chaplain Paul Kinney



By now most have met Chaplain Paul, our assistant chaplain, as he is no stranger to Christian City. Since 2013, he has served on our campus with the PruittHealth Hospice team.

Growing up in Dayton, Ohio, Paul was convinced by the end of high school that a life in ministry was what God intended for him. In addition to his work with ministries and churches on the south side of Atlanta, Paul taught school for several years.

While studying at Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Center and after graduating, Paul was on the pastoral

staff at a church in East Point. He also worked for nearly a decade as a chaplain at a Trauma 1 hospital before joining PruittHealth. Paul met his wife, Kofi, when they were teaching at the same elementary school. Married for 18 years, they have a daughter and a son. Paul says his family's motto is: Love God and love people.

We are so grateful for his presence on campus and the addition of his gifts as the Chaplain's office tends to the most important matters – the spiritual health of Christian City residents.