

CHRISTIAN CITY

# Your partyline connection!

May 2025, Senior Living Newsletter

## Volunteers Are Groovy!

We say it all the time Volunteers fuel Christian City – we say it because it is 100% true. Last month, Christian City said thank you with a 60s-themed celebration of the people who give their time to make our campus hum. We shared a lot of fun, good food and recognized volunteers who logged a lot of time.

Here are some fun facts: in 2024, 1,316 individuals volunteered. That includes residents, corporate volunteers and volunteers from the community. Together they clocked more than 17,400 hours!

### 200 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Thersa Blackwell  
Andrew Higl  
Debbie O'Neal  
Glenna Ross

### 400 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Thersa McDonald  
Ron Ross

### 300 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Danny O'Neal  
Jackie Turner

### 7000 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Betty Workman

### 5000 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Pat Mealer

### 4000 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Kay Phillips

### 500 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Glenda Portwood

### 600 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Pat Asby

### 1500 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Carrie Bradley  
Flo Mac Fall

### 1000 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Lindsay Carpenter  
Sande Sledd

### 2000 HOURS OF SERVICE:

Rachel Lane  
Carolyn Wood

More photos on page 7.

## DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

Join us for appetizers, music, and dancing from the 50s, 60s, and 70s with your favorite band, Second Time Around!

Thursday, May 8  
5pm  
Rec Center



RSVP to Tyler by May 5  
770-703-2730

# National Day of Prayer **May 1**

*You are invited to join us in your neighborhood*

**DOGWOOD CIRCLE** - Noon in the Gathering Place.

**HARPER VALLEY** - 1pm in the circle

**GENE MILLER MANOR** - 1:30pm in activity area

**HILLTOP ACRES** - 2pm in the Clubhouse

**JOHN SPARKS MANOR** - 2:30pm in the Lobby

**AUTUMN PLACE** - 3pm in the Clubhouse

**LARRY MOORE MANOR** - 3:30pm in the courtyard.



Wear your Sunday best  
and join us for a light  
brunch.

Enjoy the beautiful table  
decorations and the  
wisdom of our guest  
speaker.



## *Mother's Day* **TEA PARTY**

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**Friday, May 16 at 11am**  
**Sparks Inn Auditorium**

**RSVP Required**  
**by 5pm | May 12**

By phone or email

770-703-2730

[tgarcia@christiancity.org](mailto:tgarcia@christiancity.org)



**Transportation with a request while RSVP'ing.**



# 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 May 6th - May 9th to prepare for Spring Fling.

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

*May 10th 2025*  
*9:30 am - 2:30 pm*

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

**NOTE: GRACELAND WILL BE CLOSED MAY 27 FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.**

## Life Lease Clean Up Day

*Saturday, May 17*  
*All items must be out by 7am*

*Please place all items on the curb.*  
*GFL will pick up large trash items.*  
*No oil, gas, paint, or tires allowed.*

*Please note, we are not doing*  
*a Graceland item pickup*  
*on this day like usual.*

## FUN ON CAMPUS

Don't miss it!

Each month, our calendar pages (see pages 4-5) list lots of activities for fun, exercise and community. Take advantage of all Christian City has to offer!

**May 6:** Pace Performers- enjoy a performance from this award winning elementary school performing arts group!

**May 6 & 20:** Epik Nacho Tent- come buy lunch from your favorite nacho guy!

**May 23:** Late night at the Rec - enjoy snacks and dancing with your neighbors

For time and location, see the calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
27	28	29	30
4 2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i>	5 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 10:00 Bocce	6 10:00 Tech Tuesdays * 10:00 Bible Study * 10:30 Pace Performing Art Group, <i>SI Aud.</i> 10:30-2:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Mobile Chiro., <i>JSM</i> 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study *	7 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
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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 or tgarcia@christiancity.org with your suggestions and requests.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3
National Day of Prayer; See ad on page 2 10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 Catholic Service, Mt. Carmel Chapel	12:00 Line Dancing 2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud. 2:30 Pool Group	
8	9	10
10:00 Chair Yoga 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers 3:30 Remembrance Service, SI Aud. 5:00 Sounds of the Seasons: Dancing through the Decades; Must RSVP to Tyler, see ad pg. 1	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	9:30-2:30 Spring Fling at Graceland Thrift Store
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**\* TUESDAYS:**

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

**\* 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:

## Betty Workman



*This month's honoree is the longest-serving volunteer at Christian City! Betty Workman has been volunteering for 30 years. She began volunteering at Graceland Thrift Store when Mama Grace was still running the store. Miss Betty sorts household appliances and knickknacks, she tests each item to make sure it works and then polishes it to go out of the floor for purchase. Miss Betty has watched Graceland grow and expand over the years. We are honored to have her continue to watch Christian City and Graceland become better every year. One thing that has never changed is the mission behind her service, to help the children of Christian City. Thank you, Miss Betty, for all you have done and your unwavering belief in Christian City.*

## From Dream to Reality: A Heartwarming Achievement at the Georgia Aquarium

Almost two years ago, our friend from Two Sparrows Village set an ambitious goal — to work at the Georgia Aquarium. When CEO Keith Horton heard about her dream, he was determined to help make it a reality, with the incredible support of LaVann Landrum.

Today, if you visit Atlanta's iconic Georgia Aquarium in Centennial Olympic Park, you might just be greeted by Alex, flashing her signature smile and offering directions to the best attractions. What started as a bold dream has now come to life, thanks to the collaboration and dedication of so many along the way, to include service coordinator Lora Daniels, life enrichment coordinator Jay Womble, concierge Jana Realbuto, other TSV Staff and board members.



Opportunities like this give purpose, in particularly to people

with differences whose days are often filled with boredom and low expectations. But at Two Sparrows Village we know God wants everyone to have an engaging full life. We work hard to provide rich opportunities for the adults we serve so they can live their best lives.



TWO SPARROWS VILLAGE

*You belong here*



# More Volunteer Celebration Photos



Top Chaplain  
Volunteers



Top Graceland  
Volunteers



Top Life Enrich-  
ment Volunteers



Top Rec  
Volunteers



Top WC  
Volunteers



## *The Remembrance Service*

**THURSDAY  
MAY 8 AT 3:30 PM  
Sparks Inn Auditorium**

### *Celebrating the lives of:*

Phil Anderson • Frankie Arnold  
Nancy Arp • Sara Baker  
Carol Barber • Louise Brown  
Gloria Buchanan • Robert Espie  
Ann Hansard • Adrian Harmon  
Earl Hicks • Mary Kendrick  
James Jones • Mary Lining  
Carroll Lipscomb • Juanita  
Maxey • Alice Morrison  
Frances Nichols • Sammy Nichols  
Martha Patterson • Jean Pelsue  
Nancy Petrie • Bennie Pierce  
Janie Scott • Patsy Stephens  
Laura Stokes • Geraldine Stone  
Fae W. Suttles • Leroy Trammell  
Luther Turner • Barbara West  
Rita Wood • Rebecca Woodard  
Judy Wyatt • James Yarbrough  
Jean Zicoello



# The Chaplain's Office

The month of May is a time of transition, as spring fully takes hold and flowers bloom in vibrant colors. For many, May also brings to mind a particularly special occasion: Mother's Day. Celebrated annually on the second Sunday in May, Mother's Day is an opportunity to honor the women who have nurtured, guided, and loved us throughout our lives. It was established by Anna Jarvis, with the first Mother's Day celebrated through a service of worship at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia on May 10, 1908.

This month, often associated with renewal and growth, offers a beautiful backdrop to recognize the vital roles mothers play in families, communities, and societies at large. Personally, I think we should celebrate them every month! It is quite obvious we wouldn't be here if it were not for our mothers! It does not matter if a woman gives birth to children or not...every woman definitely mothers someone.

Mothers are some of the most cherished people in our lives. If your mother is deceased, we pray you can recall precious

memories of her. I encourage you to think about some humorous moments about her and take the time to laugh out loud. It is also okay to shed some tears as you remember.

If your mother is still living, give her a call, or better yet, take her out to eat if possible. Many of us would love to make that call one more time just to hear her voice and hear her laugh. You could always reach out to a mother figure in your life and buy her a meal or show another kind gesture of appreciation.

Make the most of every opportunity and let your light shine!

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

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Randy Worrell, Chaplain and Spiritual Care Officer, may be reached at 770-703-2670 or [rworrell@christiancity.org](mailto:rworrell@christiancity.org)



## Welcome, Esther

You may have noticed a new face around campus. Esther Suzanne Thomas is an intern at Southwest Christian and is spending some time "shadowing" Active Living staff. Esther was raised in a missionary family in India and is here to learn about senior communities – her dream is to open one in India. She has a masters degree in social work and a huge heart, please be sure to welcome her if you see her around campus.