

 CHRISTIAN CITY

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connection!

November 2025, Senior Living Newsletter

**Thrift Store
Re-Opens!**

Grand Reopening and Fall Festival Saturday, November 1, 10am-3pm

You could argue that Graceland Thrift Store is the heart of Christian City. Many residents gather there to volunteer, creating community and friendships, with the goal of helping out to raise support for our work with children, families and young adults in crisis. These last few months have been a whirlwind in and around the store, which has been closed for months, as its makeover reached the final stages.

Among the improvements are new front doors - moved to the other side of the building, opening up to a new parking lot and set in the middle of an amazing mural.

The mural was designed by Arshaad Norwood, a talented local artist and former resident of our Children's Village. Arshaad lived on our campus through his teenage years and has returned to pour his heart into this work — a beautiful reflection of hope, love, and the power of community.

So come on down and enjoy the festivities: pick out items at a great price, find new decor at our Christmas shop, and enjoy hot dogs, fries and drinks.

**GRACELAND
THRIFT STORE**
at Christian City

Grand Reopening & Annual Fall Festival!

**Saturday, November 1, 2025
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

- Amazing Christmas Shop will be open!
- Hotdogs, homemade coleslaw, French fries & drinks for sale (10:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m.)

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

**The Wait
IS OVER!**
Our Remodel
is Complete!

**new
HOURS**

WED, THURS, SAT

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FRI

12:00 - 6:00 PM

NEW DONATION HOURS

WED - SAT

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Holiday closing:
Nov 27 - Dec 2

Open: Wed, Dec 3 at 10:00 AM



Visit Our Christmas Shop!
Ribbons, Santas, stockings,
bulbs, wreaths, ornaments, bows,
antlers, candy canes...

Historic CHILI COOKOFF

Draws Big Crowd



More than 100 attended the **Christian City Chili Cookoff** in October. Guests at one of our most popular campus events were treated to samples of eight different chilis, along with hot dogs, chips and cookies.

Thank you to everyone who attended and especially those residents and employees that entered their chili into the contest: Diane Cantrell, Dottie Canning, Linda Morrison, Joyce Grangent, Theresa McDonald, Kim Williams, Mark Sexton and Elizabeth Mansour.

The competition was fierce, and for the first time in the history of the Christian City Chili Cookoff, there was a **three-way tie** for first. Diane Cantrell, Kim Williams and Theresa McDonald each received the same number of votes. Each winner was presented with a beautiful mum, and Kim Williams walked away with a Kroger gift card after the organizers resorted to randomly drawing her name from the three.



VETERANS WEEK

at Christian City



SALUTE TO VETERANS KICKOFF

Monday, November 10 at 2pm

Everyone is invited to Sparks Inn Auditorium for a musical presentation and kickoff to our week-long celebration honoring our veterans!

WALK OF HONOR

Wednesday, November 12 at 11am

Join us for light refreshments and a viewing of the Walk of Honor featuring photos of campus veterans, along with some fun facts. Golf carts are welcome and transportation along the walk is available.

VETERANS LUNCHEON

Friday, November 14 at 11:30am

All veterans on campus are invited, along with a guest, to a catered lunch in the Rec Center. Guest speaker is Georgia State Representative Josh Bonner.

RSVP required to Tyler at 770-703-2730
or by email at tgarcia@christiancity.org



*Christian City offices will be closed
on November 11 in observance of
Veterans Day.*

5K & 1-mile Fun Run!

Let Your Light Shine!


**CHRISTIAN
CITY**
— 60 Years —
of CHANGING LIVES

Christmas Star Run & Tree Lighting

**Saturday
December 6, 2025
Christian City**

**Race: 5 p.m.
Tree Lighting: 6 p.m.**

Proceeds benefit
Christian City
Children & Family
Programs

- Flat race course for your personal best!
- An evening of family-friendly fun!
- T-shirts for all participants!
- Carolers, Christmas tree, Santa Claus & Coca-Cola holiday truck!
- Food Trucks!



Learn More & Sponsor:

Call Lissa Rand at 770-703-2614
or visit christiancity.org/csr

See insert for more info.



Christmas Tea



**You're Invited
Sip & Savor the
Holiday Season**

**Wed, December 17
11am | Rec Center**

Space is limited.
\$10/per person

**MUST RSVP
to Tyler at 770-703-2730**

Wear your Christmas colors and join us
for a cozy, cheerful holiday gathering.
Brunch will be served & feast your eyes
on the beautiful tablescapes.

Transportation provided upon request



WHOLESOME WAVE TOWN HALL

Thursday, Nov 20 GMM Community Rm, 2PM

Scan the QR Code to learn
more about WWG's mission to
make fresh, healthy, local food
affordable for all Georgians.



Let's Talk Benefits, Renewal Support & Fresh Opportunities!

We're thrilled to announce a brand-new partnership with Wholesome Wave Georgia, an organization dedicated to helping families and seniors make the most of their SNAP/EBT and other benefits while making fresh, healthy food more affordable and accessible! Join us for an exciting Town Hall Info Session designed especially for our residents.

What You'll Learn

- How Wholesome Wave Georgia helps stretch your SNAP dollars and connects you to healthy local food options.
- How to review and renew your benefits with one-on-one help starting January 2026 (by appointment only).
- How our new triage system will help ensure every resident gets the right support, exactly when they need it.
- How to prepare for your personalized renewal sessions and what documents to bring.

Why You Should Come

- It's a new opportunity to get direct, personalized support.
- You'll meet the Wholesome Wave Georgia team and learn how they're helping communities all across Georgia.
- You'll get a head start on your benefit renewals (no more confusion or missed deadlines)!

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26	27	28	29
2 2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i>	3 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:15 Bocce/Cornhole 1:30 Geri-Fit	4 10:00 Living a Healthy Life Class, <i>LMM</i> 10:00 Bible Study * 10:30-3:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study *	5 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@chirstiancity.org with your suggestions and requests.

Thursday

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Saturday

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10:00 Tech Thursdays *
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
1:30 Geri-Cardio
2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud.
2:30 Pool Group

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10:00 Tech Thursdays *
11:00 Taste the World:
Greece
12:00 JSM Bible Study, JSM
1:00 Tai Chi
2:00 Silver Sneakers

11:30 Veterans Luncheon:
Must RSVP to Tyler Garcia -
All vets + guest invited
12:00 Line Dancing
2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud.
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Offices Closed

6:00 Monthly Birthday
Party - Pizza Night!
\$3/person

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

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*** TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY-**
Bible Study is in the
Mt. Carmel Chapel

*** TUESDAYS:**
LMM Bible Study
is in the LMM
Community Room.

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

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

**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



PHILANTHROPY corner

*Thankful,
thankful,
thankful!*



We are so thankful to live in the caring community that is Christian City. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, we take a moment to reflect on all our blessings and how we can continue to be a blessing to others.

In November, our CMI Chip project focuses on the upcoming Christmas Star Run on December 6. We are letting our light shine and decorating the campus and race route with Christmas lights. Please bring your donations of Christmas string lights or granola/energy bars for our runners to the Welcome Center and receive a CMI chip. Thank you to those that donated Halloween candy in October; it was greatly appreciated by our Children & Family Programs.

Our Count Me In fundraising campaign in February will benefit a project for our senior residents and we need your suggestions. If you have an idea for our 2026 Count Me In project, please let Lissa or Tyler hear from you. You can also place your suggestions in the Count Me In donation box located in the Welcome Center lobby. Some past projects we have completed are outdoor benches and tables around campus, noise reduction panels in the Rec Center and supplementing Tyler's senior programming budget. We really want it to be a meaningful project so please provide your input!

Remember, cash donations are always appreciated at any time, 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.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

CB GLOVER



Always willing to give back to the community he calls home, Clarence Buren Glover is November's volunteer of the month. It is fitting that CB is our November volunteer honoree because he is also a veteran!

CB works in the Welcome Center at the front desk greeting and helping visitors and residents. He is always willing to come in for a last-minute fill in. But the WC is not the only place he helps out. CB regularly lends a helping hand setting up for recreation and campus events.

You can find CB at most Christian City events, smiling and welcoming others! Community is clearly important to him.

If you see CB around, please join us in thanking him - for his service to the Christian City community as well as his military service. Thank you, CB, for your hard work and constant involvement with Christian City!



Talent Show Extravaganza

**Tuesday, November 18
at 2pm at Sparks Auditorium**

Get ready to be amazed at our upcoming Talent Show Extravaganza!
Save the date for unforgettable performances
by our talented community members.
Whether you love music, dance, comedy, or something entirely unique,
there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Want to showcase your talent?

We're looking for performers to take the stage!
If you have a special talent you'd like to share,
whether it's singing, dancing, comedy, or any other performance art,
we want to hear from you. Contact Tyler Garcia at 770-703-2730
or tgarcia@christiancity.org to sign up and showcase your skills!

Mark your calendars and prepare to be entertained on **November 18**.
Don't miss this chance to witness local talent shine!



**CHRISTIAN
CITY**

Shout Outs:



**Christian City's Children
& Families programs**
has been recognized recently
for innovative leadership by
Together Georgia. One of our
Thrive graduates, Curlanda, was
also named Youth of the Year for
her remarkable resilience and
determination in overcoming
challenges. The Together Georgia
conference is the largest event
uniting nonprofit organizations
in social services across the state.



**President and CEO Keith
Horton** has been named
one of Atlanta's Most Admired
CEOs by the Atlanta Business
Chronicle.

International Conference on Missions November 20-22

Join 10,000 believers learning about outreach across the globe in
the non-denominational **International Conference on Missions**
being held this year in Georgia! For three days just minutes from
Christian City at the Georgia International Convention Center,
Christians will come together to hear speakers and music, attend
dozens of workshops and browse hundreds of exhibit booths
representing ministries from all over the world.

Christian City is running a shuttle to the conference. More infor-
mation is coming as we confirm the times for the shuttle. Visit the
conference website for more information: theicom.org.



The Chaplain's Office

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."
— Ecclesiastes 3:1



Autumn—also known as fall—is a time of **transformation, reflection, and harvest**. Each falling leaf reminds us of the gentle truth that **life is ever-changing**, yet God's **faithfulness remains constant**.

Just as trees release their leaves in preparation for rest and renewal, we too are called to let go of the things that no longer serve God's purpose and be **transformed** by the renewing of our minds. This season encourages us to **pause, reflect, and give thanks** for the blessings and lessons that have shaped us. In the rhythm of creation, we are reminded that every ending makes way for a **new beginning**—a divine cycle of renewal that **reflects** God's grace in our lives.

Autumn is also the season of **harvest**, a time to reap what has been sown. Farmers gather their crops with joy, and in the same way, God calls us to reflect on the spiritual fruit in our own lives.

"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
— Galatians 6:9

When we walk faithfully, serve diligently, and love unconditionally, we see the rewards of a heart rooted in Christ. The harvest reminds us that perseverance in faith always yields blessings in God's time.

As days grow shorter and evenings cooler, autumn draws us closer together. It's a time for gathering around tables, sharing meals, laughter, and stories. God designed us for **relationship**—to grow stronger together through encouragement, prayer, and shared moments of gratitude.

Let us make time for family, friends, and our church community. Whether through a simple dinner, a walk among the falling leaves, or worshiping side by side, these moments remind us that **God's love is best experienced together**.

- What might God be asking you to release this season?
- How have you seen His faithfulness through times of change?
- What blessings are you thankful for in your family and community?

May this autumn fill your heart with **peace, gratitude, and renewed hope**.

As creation prepares for rest, may we find rest in God's promises—trusting that He is always doing something new within us.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" — Isaiah 43:19

Grace and Peace,
Chaplain Paul

Paul Kinney, Chaplain, may be reached at 770-703-2670 or pkkinney@christiancity.org

Help put a holiday meal on the table of partners/employees who have a need this Thanksgiving. The Spiritual Care office is collecting monetary donations this year.

If you'd like to make a donation, you can drop it by the Spiritual Care office or you can donate online.

Just go to the Christian City website at **www.ChristianCity.org**.

Look for the red donate button on the top right and click it. That will take you to the donation page.

Be sure to write **"Thanksgiving basket"** in the area titled "designate."



Thanksgiving DONATIONS