

CHRISTIAN CITY

Your partyline connection!

December 2025, Senior Living Newsletter



Let Your Light Shine for our Children & Family Programs

On **Saturday, December 6**, we invite you to join us for our Christmas Star Run to be held in conjunction with our annual tree lighting ceremony on the Rec Center Lawn.

The evening starts at 5 p.m. with our 5K run and 1-mile fun run/walk. Both courses will include views of our beautifully decorated campus all along the way. By registering for the race residents will earn two **Count Me In** chips and also the chance to win **\$200 off their monthly maintenance fee or rent payment!** All registered participants receive a race t-shirt and medallion. The Snacks on the Go Truck will be on site with their unique snacks and beverages. Each resident in attendance will get a voucher for

a free hot cocoa or coffee and a sweet treat. The Academic Pizza truck will also be there for those wishing to purchase a yummy pizza dinner. There will be photo ops with Santa Claus and the Chick-fil-A cow, as well as the Coca-Cola holiday truck. Door prizes for runners and walkers as well as prizes for winners in each age group will be given out. It's truly going to be a family-friendly and fun way to begin the Christmas season!

At 6 p.m., we will begin our tree lighting program as we kick off Christmastime by lighting our Christian City Christmas tree. Dan Garrett, Director of Church Relations, will be our emcee for a time of fellowship and singing. Everyone is encouraged to wear their most festive, light-up Christmas outfits and invite their family and friends to come also!

Registration is \$40 for the 5K and \$30 for the 1-mile with proceeds benefiting Christian City's Children and Family Programs. Our senior residents are encouraged to participate and get their families and friends to join in!

Visit www.christiancity.org/csr to register or call Lissa Rand at 770-703-2614 for more information.



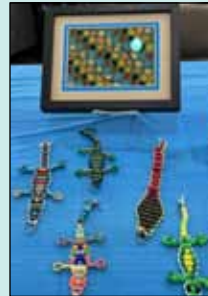


**Two Sparrows
Artist in Residence:
MICHELLE HUFF**

We are proud to spotlight our very own Two Sparrows Village resident, Michelle Huff, as she debuts her beautiful art collection!

Michelle's creativity shines through in everything she makes — from ornate keychains to stunning canvas paintings featuring still life scenes and her favorite character, Yoda!

If you've been itching to learn new crafts or explore your artistic side, join us for our next art class that Michelle will be facilitating. Stay tuned!



THRIVE WITH ENHANCE WELLNESS: A NEW START TO A NEW YEAR

Do You Want to be Motivated to Win? We have just the recipe:

SIGN UP WITH ENHANCE WELLNESS

- Add in (6) Sessions of Encouragement
- Mix in an Achievable Goal
- Drop in a dip of Courage
- Sprinkle on a bit of Self-Management
- Stir in a few minutes of Physical and Social Activity
- Pour in Better Nutrition
- Top with a dash of Positivity
- Finish with a pinch of motivation

Enjoy a new outlook and a new attitude toward better health and well-being.

It's All About You.

Take Charge.

Move Forward!

Call Flora at
470-317-3326 for more details.

You're Invited

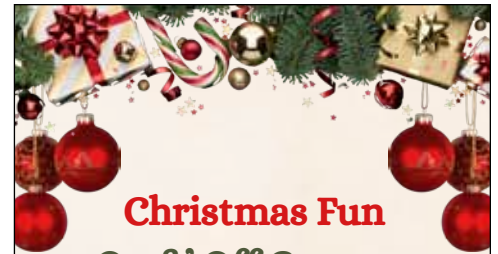
OPEN HOUSE

CROSSING POINTE IS NOW OPEN

TUESDAY | DEC 9 | 2:00 PM

Join us to connect with team members and neighbors as we mark this exciting occasion together! Enjoy a dessert bar and beverages while exploring all Crossing Pointe has to offer.

Transportation begins at 1:30 p.m.



**Christmas Fun
On & Off Campus**

December 2 & 3
Resident Christmas Parties

December 2
It's A Wonderful Life
at Southside Theater

December 6
Holiday Cheer for Seniors

December 6
Tree Lighting
&
Christmas Star Run

December 9 & 10
Christmas Lights
Field Trip

December 17
Christmas Tea

December 21
Christmas Concert



Advent Wreath Lighting

Mondays
December 1, 8, 15 & 22
at 11:15 a.m.

**Join the Spiritual Care Team
in the Library of Sparks Inn
for a brief time of reflection.**





Curlanda Thrives

Sixty years ago, Christian City was founded as a home for children. Over those decades we've grown a lot, but working with children in crisis continues to be at our core. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, it seems appropriate to share Curlanda's story with you because it is a modern-day Christmas story—one of hope, redemption and renewal.

When she arrived at our Thrive program in 2023, Curlanda brought more than a few bags. She carried the deep wounds of childhood trauma: the death of her father at age 11, the instability of being moved from foster home to foster home, and the stress of her mother's addiction.

She had aged out of the system alone, lived on the streets and faced the consequences of decisions made from desperation. But even on that first day, what stood out was not her past—it was her unwavering determination to build a different future, a much brighter one.

Thanks to the life-giving resources she found at Christian City, Curlanda has transformed her life: earning her high school diploma, her driver's license and forklift certification, securing full-time work and two promotions, purchasing her first car, enrolling in college to pursue a business degree, and most recently, moving into her first apartment—with money in her savings account and confidence in her future.



NOBODY CELEBRATES VETERANS WEEK LIKE CHRISTIAN CITY





December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30	1	2	3
	10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:15 Advent Service, <i>SI Library</i>	10:00 Bible Study * 10:30-3:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 11:30 Resident Christmas Party; <i>RSVP only</i> 4:00 LMM Bible Study * 8:00 Southside Theater: <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i>	9:30 Women's Bible Study, <i>AP Clubhouse</i> 11:00 Bible Study * 11:30 Resident Christmas Party, <i>RSVP only</i> 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes *
7	8	9	10
2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i>	10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:15 Bocce 11:15 Advent Service, <i>SI Library</i> 1:30 Geri-Fit	10:00 Bible Study * 10:30-3:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 NCR Crossing Pointe Grand Opening 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study * 5:00 Christmas Lights Field Trip, <i>pls. RSVP</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 5:00 Christmas Lights Field Trip, <i>pls. RSVP</i>
14	15	16	17
2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i>	CFA Ckn Biscuit pre-orders \$3.50; 770-703-2730 or tgarcia@christiancity.org 10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 10:00 Christmas Chorus and Band, <i>JSM</i> 11:15 Bocce 11:15 Advent Service, <i>SI Library</i> 1:30 Geri-Fit	9:00-9:30 CFA Chicken Biscuit Pickup; <i>WC Lobby</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 *	9:30 Women's Bible Study, <i>AP Clubhouse</i> 11:00 Bible Study * 11:00 Christmas Tea: Sip and Savor; <i>RSVP only</i> 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes *
21	22	23	24
3:00 Special Christmas Sunday Service and Concert, <i>Auditorium</i>	10:00 Line Dancing 10:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:15 Advent Service, <i>SI Library</i>	1:00 Tai Chi 2:00 Silver Sneakers 4:00 LMM Bible Study *	CHRISTMAS EVE No Programs
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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	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6
10:00 Tech Thursdays * 12:00 JSM Bible Study, JSM 4:00 Catholic Service, Mt. Carmel Chapel	12:00 Line Dancing 1:30 Geri-Cardio 2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud. 2:30 Pool Group	12:00 - 4:00 Holiday Cheer for Seniors, WC, *Must RSVP 5:00 Christmas Star Run, see ad on page 1 6:00 Tree Lighting Event, see ad on page 1
11	12	13
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25	26	27
CHRISTMAS DAY No Programs	LIMITED OPERATIONS SRMC Clinic Open! Call 678-364-4422 for appt. 2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud. 2:30 Pool Group	
1	2	3

*** 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

Children's Village Fall Festival

The Children and Families Program hosted its Annual Fall Festival in October—and what a fantastic day it was! Our youth and young people showed off their creative Halloween costumes as they enjoyed trunk-or-treating, festive games and a variety of classic fall activities. From sweet treats to delicious food, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Laughter and joy filled the air as youth, parents, and staff came together to celebrate the season. It was truly a memorable day of community, fun and fall spirit! Thank you to all of our residents who donated candy through the **Count Me In** campaign for this event!



DESTINATION: DAHLONEGA

Also this fall, a group of seniors headed to the north Georgia Mountains for a day trip to take in the autumn colors and pick apples! A good time was had by all!



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



**Merry Christmas to all our
volunteers and customers!**

HOLIDAY HOURS:

Closed for Christmas on Dec. 24 and 25.
Reopens Friday, Dec. 26, at noon.

Closed on New Year's Day, Thursday, Jan. 1.
Reopens Friday, Jan. 2, at noon.

Profits support Christian City's
Children & Family Programs

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



Join us for a day of working together
to make Christian City an even better
place to be.

Monday, January 19

Call or email Elizabeth Mansour to
volunteer. The more the merrier!

Emansour@christiancity.org
678-466-1093



PHILANTHROPY corner



So hard to believe that we are in the last month of 2025! What a joy it is to celebrate Christmas at Christian City!

In November, our CMI Chip project focused on the Christmas Star Run happening on December 6. Thanks to everyone who donated Christmas lights for the route and granola bars for the runners! It's the last month to earn CMI chips to be redeemed for a chance to win two-nights hotel accommodations at Callaway Gardens. Residents and employees are eligible to earn chips for attending the Christmas Star Run and Tree Lighting (**2 if you register to participate in the run**) and the ASL Christmas parties.

Residents and employees can redeem their CMI chips at the kick-off for our **Count Me In** fund raising campaign in February. The 2026 campaign 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.

NCR Fall Festival

A Celebration of Community and Connection



When we think back to this year's Fall Festival, we can still feel the excitement that filled the air. Music played, laughter echoed, and neighbors greeted one another with smiles as bright as the autumn sun. On October 31, our Christian City campus came alive as residents and guests gathered for a day of joy, learning and connection with a Western theme.

As Service Coordinators with National Church Residences, it was a true honor to see the campus transform into a space where every senior could come together as one community. From the moment the DJ began to play to the last raffle prize of the afternoon, the sense of unity and belonging could be felt everywhere. We watched as residents danced, played games, made fall crafts, and shared stories over warm apple cider and hearty stew. More than twenty community partners joined us to offer valuable information on health, wellness, insurance, and safety, reminding us that we are surrounded by people and organizations who truly care.



We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported to make this year's festival a success. We are making a lasting impact and building a stronger, more connected community for everyone who calls this campus home.



The Chaplain's Office

Resting in God's Promise and Rejoicing in Christ's Coming



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

As the days grow shorter and winter's chill settles in, creation enters a quiet season of rest. The fields that once bore fruit now lie still, and the trees stand bare against the sky. This early winter season, which flows naturally from the time of Thanksgiving into the sacred season of Advent, invites us into a deeper rhythm of **gratitude, reflection and hope**.

Thanksgiving reminds us to pause and give thanks for God's **faithfulness**—for the harvests gathered, the blessings received, and the love shared among family, friends, and community. Yet as Advent begins, we shift from thanksgiving to **anticipation**. We turn our hearts toward the greatest gift ever given—the coming of **Jesus Christ**, the Light of the world.

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year—a time of **waiting and preparing** for the celebration of Christ's birth and for His promised return. Just as nature rests and prepares for new life beneath the frozen ground, God calls us to a spiritual stillness—to rest in His promises and prepare our hearts for renewal. In what ways can I share Christ's light with others during Advent?

"Be still and know that I am God." — Psalm 46:10

This sacred waiting teaches us to slow down, reflect on our journey, and rekindle our faith in God's unchanging love. The stillness of early winter mirrors the peace that Christ brings to a restless world—a peace that surpasses all understanding. How can I

use this season of rest to draw closer to God?

This season also reminds us of the **importance of togetherness**. Around our tables and within our churches, we find warmth not only in food or firelight but in fellowship. God designed us to live in community—to encourage one another, share our blessings, and carry each other's burdens. As we give thanks for all that God has provided, let us also look for ways to **be a blessing** to others—through kindness, generosity, and love that reflects the heart of Christ. *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." — James 1:17*

Take time each day to quiet your heart, light an Advent candle, and remember that Christ's coming brings hope to every corner of our lives.

As we move through early winter, may we embrace the stillness and trust in God's perfect timing. The same God who set the seasons in motion is preparing something new within each of us. Let us celebrate this Advent season with hearts full of **gratitude and anticipation**, rejoicing in the miracle of Christ's birth—the greatest expression of God's love for the world.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." — Luke 2:11

Grace and Peace,
Chaplain Paul

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

This Christmas

BE AN
ANGEL



The Spiritual Care Office is seeking donations for Christian City employee families who need to help "Santa" put gifts under their tree for their children 12-years old or younger.

For every donation the office receives an angel will be added to the tree in Dedication Hall. Call or stop by the office to make your donation. Let's fill-up the tree!