

CHRISTIAN CITY

Your  
**partyline**  
connection!  
February 2026, Senior Living Newsletter



## MLK DAY of SERVICE

Christian City welcomed more than 200 volunteers on our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service last month. They spent the holiday serving our community in meaningful and hands-on ways.

Volunteer groups spread across campus tackling projects that directly supported our residents and programs — moving furniture, painting spaces, shoveling and clearing pathways, washing cars, helping seniors organize donations at Graceland Thrift Store and much more.

Their dedication truly reflects the heart of Dr. King's message: to love, to serve, and to lift up others through action.



## Valentine's Day Dinner

YOU'RE INVITED  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
AT 5PM

Dinner & entertainment  
provided in the Rec Center  
\$7/per person

RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 10 to  
Tyler Garcia:  
770-703-2730



# Leadership Affirmed in Chaplain's Office

Chaplain Paul Kinney has been named Chief Spiritual Care Officer for Christian City. Paul has been a fixture on our campus since 2013 when he joined the Pruitt Health Hospice team. Last year he joined Randy Worrell as chaplain – a team that just might have been the most loving chaplain duo on Earth!



Paul has a Master of Divinity from Morehouse School of Religion at The Interdenominational Center, is ordained and serves on the pastoral staff of a church in East Point. Among Paul's many God-given gifts is his beautiful tenor voice. As an undergraduate at Central State University in his native Ohio, Paul was a member of the Grammy-nominated CSU Chorus and had the opportunity to travel coast to coast and across Europe performing.

The Atlanta area has been Paul's home since 2001. He met Kofi, his wife of 18 years, here. They have two children: Anayah and Paul Jr. Their family motto is "love God and love people."



## GRACELAND Thrift Store *Updated hours* **HOURS**

BEGIN FEB 6

**SHOP WITH US!**

**WED - SAT**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**DONATION HOURS**

**WED - SAT**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Come hear updates from  
Christian City leadership.  
Q&A session follows.



Tuesday  
**February 24**



**2:30 PM**



Chapel  
**Welcome Center**



## COMMUNITY GARDEN 2026

Christian City has a community garden with 59 spots:  
in-ground beds and raised beds that are ADA accessible!  
Come dig in the dirt with your neighbors!

If you are a current garden member or are interested in applying for a spot, please call Tyler Garcia at **770-703-2730 by February 20.**

Current members **need to confirm** they want to retain their spot. If you are NOT a current member but would like a plot for the 2026 season contact Tyler Garcia to apply - even if you've spoken to her previously.

CHRISTIAN CITY CELEBRATES

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### DINNER THEATER FEBRUARY 16 | 4:30 PM



Join us for a screening of  
*The Forge*  
and a  
soul food  
dinner

\$5 per person

RSVP Required by February 11 to  
Tyler or your service coordinator.

### FORGING FORWARD FEBRUARY 26 | 3 PM

Join us for a storytelling program  
focusing on pushing forward  
throughout history and now.

**Both programs will take  
place in the Auditorium**

Transportation provided to  
Christian City Residents

### Coloring Workshop with Michelle

Tuesday  
February 17  
from  
10-Noon  
at the  
Rec Center

Michelle is a remarkable young woman who lives with autism and brings creativity, patience, and joy into the Christian City community in a meaningful way. With a natural gift for art and a heart for connection, she coordinates and hosts coloring workshops designed especially for seniors. These gatherings offer more than just art—they create a welcoming space for relaxation, conversation, and self-expression, where participants can unwind and enjoy the simple pleasure of coloring together.

Her next workshop will take place on February 17 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Rec Center. Through her dedication and thoughtful leadership, Michelle continues to show how creativity can bridge generations and how inclusion enriches everyone involved. Her workshops are a beautiful reminder that when talents are nurtured and shared we all benefit.



# February 2026

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 11:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:15 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit 3:00 <i>Count Me In</i> Kickoff; <i>see ad on pg 6</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30-3:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 1:00 Tai Chi 1:30 Chaplain Bible Study * 4:00 LMM Bible Study *</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Visits from Catholic Priest; <i>contact Spiritual Care</i> 10:00 Women's Bible Study, <i>RC</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>8</p> <p>2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:15 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30-3:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 1:00 Tai Chi 1:30 Chaplain Bible Study * 4:00 LMM Bible Study *</p>	<p>11</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>15</p> <p>2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>CFA Ckn Biscuit Preorders: \$3.50 - 770-703-2730 10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:15 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit 4:30 BHM: Dinner Theater, 5pm, <i>RSVP required; see ad on pg 3</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 CFA Ckn Biscuit pickups, <i>WC Lobby</i> 10:30-3:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 1:00 Tai Chi 1:30 Chaplain Bible Study * 4:00 LMM Bible Study *</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 Women's Bible Study, <i>RC</i> 11:00 Bible Study * 12:00 Men's Pool Group 1:30 Geri-Fit 2:00 Swinging Old Dudes * 2:00 Ash Wednesday Service, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 2:30 Bingo 3:30 Rummikub</p>
<p>22</p> <p>2:30 Campus-Wide Worship Service, <i>SI Auditorium</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 Line Dancing 11:00 Bible Study, <i>Mt. Carmel Chapel</i> 11:15 Bocce 1:30 Geri-Fit</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30-3:00 Epik Nacho Food Tent, <i>WC Parking Lot</i> 1:00 Tai Chi 1:00 Resident Council 1:30 Chaplain Bible Study * 2:30 ASL Town Hall Mtg., <i>WC Chapel</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>
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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](mailto:tgarcia@chirstiancity.org) with your suggestions and requests.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7
10:00 Tech Thursdays *	12:00 Line Dancing	
12:00 JSM Bible Study, JSM	1:30 Geri-Cardio	
1:00 Silver Sneakers	2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud.	
2:00 Chat with the Chaplain, Mt. Carmel Chapel	2:30 Pool Group	
12	13	14
10:00 Tech Thursdays *	12:00 Line Dancing	
11:30 Count Me In Wrap Up	1:30 Geri-Cardio	
Pizza Party; see ad on pg 6	2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud.	
12:00 JSM Bible Study, JSM	2:30 Pool Group	
1:00 Silver Sneakers	5:00 Valentines Day	
	Dinner; see ad on pg 1	
19	20	21
10:00 Tech Thursdays *	12:00 Line Dancing	
1:00 Silver Sneakers	1:30 Geri-Cardio	
2:00 Chat with the Chaplain, Mt. Carmel Chapel	2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud.	
	2:30 Pool Group	
26	27	28
10:00 Tech Thursdays *	12:00 Line Dancing	
1:00 Silver Sneakers	1:30 Geri-Cardio	
3:00 BHM: Forging Forward, Auditorium	2:00 Slater Jackson, SI Aud.	
	2:30 Pool Group	
	5:00 Monthly Blrthday	
	Party Potluck	
5	6	7

**\* TUESDAYS:**

Chaplain Bible Study is in the LMM Community Room.

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LMM Bible Study is in the LMM Community Room.

**\* WEDNESDAYS-**

Bible Study is in the Mt. Carmel Chapel

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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



Our annual Count Me In resident and employee fundraising campaign is underway with a big goal. This year's campaign, which runs from February 2-12, will raise funds to build a pavilion and gathering spot in the field adjacent to Fellowship Bridge. We envision a wonderful picnic area where residents can gather with their neighbors, friends and family members.

Each year the Count Me In campaign brings residents and employees together to raise money for a special project on campus. We have set an ambitious goal of \$10,000, over the two-week period.

Volunteer neighborhood captains will be visiting residents with more information about the special project and pledge forms. Please take this opportunity to give back to your community with a gift. You may give your pledges to your neighborhood captain, drop them by the Welcome Center, or bring them to the campaign celebration event. Every donation is needed and appreciated regardless of the amount.

### **The important thing is that we Count You In!**

The CMI campaign will culminate with a pizza party celebration on Thursday, February 12 at 11:30 in the Rec Center. Please join us to hear about the success of our campaign, more details about our special project, and special recognition of our residents who are GEMs (**G**ives **E**very **M**onth).

Residents and staff redeemed their 2025 CMI chips at the Kick-off gathering on Monday, Feb. 2, and lucky winners walked away with a two-night stay at Callaway Gardens; a one day Rec Center rental; five free meals for the winner and a friend at PruittHealth dining services; one night's rental of the Delta cottage; and a Graceland gift card. Stay tuned to the March Partyline for a list of our winners!

If you have any questions about the Count Me In campaign, contact Lissa Rand at 770-703-2614 or [erand@christiancity.org](mailto:erand@christiancity.org) for more information.

## Volunteer of the Month: **DIANE YOUNG**

Christian City resident Diane Young is always willing to lend a helping hand and always with a smile on her face. Not only does she volunteer to help with campus activities and events, making sure each is special, Diane volunteers every Wednesday in the Welcome Center. She assists visitors needing directions or getting more information about Christian City. Diane helps the administrative staff by stuffing and addressing letters, putting together information files, along with various other organizational tasks. And, after her six hour shift, she often takes work home to complete! Diane also volunteered this past November at the International Conference on Missions representing Christian City. She is kind and gracious and a great help!



Join us to  
honor the 2026  
**Community Champions!**  
Wednesday, April 29, GA Aquarium



Michael Russell



To sponsor or buy tickets: [christiancity.org/ccs](http://christiancity.org/ccs)



# Janice Turber



Many residents come to Christian City with the simple goal of enjoying retirement. Janice

Turber came for that and much more.

While looking to downsize, Janice and her husband Bob found Christian City and fell in love with its inter-generational community. For Janice, the decision to move here felt deeper than convenience or timing.

"It felt like we were being led here so I could work at the Children's Village," she said.

After spending four decades walking alongside individuals, couples, and families through life's hardest moments, many connected to the foster care system, Janice, an LPC (licensed professional counselor), felt ready for a change of pace, but not a cessation of her work.

That sense of purpose would come full circle during a chance conversation with former Chief Operating Officer George Martin. When Janice shared her background as a therapist, his response was simple. "We need you now."

At 75, Janice spends three days a week counseling children and young adults across Christian City programs. Her office, stocked with snacks and encouragement cards, has become a haven for clients navigating some of the most difficult seasons of their young lives.

Janice's care often extends beyond her office walls. She loves to cook meals for the youth she serves, explaining simply, "If you care about people, you feed them."

That same spirit of consistency and care shapes the way Janice approaches her work as a therapist. In addition to practicing trauma-informed care, she teaches life lessons rooted in respect, decision-making and emotional regulation.

Over time, she has witnessed remarkable transformations. Youth who arrived angry and guarded often leave softened, no longer carrying the full weight of their past alone. Others who were initially resistant to talking about their mental health, have graduated from the program finally feeling heard for the first time in their lives.

While her professional credentials, trainings, and experience are extensive, Janice says what she values most in this chapter of her career is something far simpler. "I feel like the Christian City grandma," she said.

With the need as great as ever, Janice has no plans to cut back on her hours spent with her youngest clients.

"Christian City is where I am supposed to be, and this work is what I am supposed to be doing. I will be doing it as long as I can."

*Among Us is a new feature of Partyline with the goal of getting to know the people we are living among. If you know someone who has an interesting life story to share, let us know.*

## Growing with Purpose

Christian City has launched our largest fundraising campaign in two decades — an effort to expand our impact for youth and families in south metro Atlanta.

This campaign will:

- Build the Canakar's Early Learning Center for up to 100 children, operated by the YMCA of Metro Atlanta
- Expand our Thrive Program to serve 49 youth aging out of foster care
- Renovate and sustain campus facilities to ensure long-term impact

Thanks to generous supporters, we are nearing our goal! Every gift helps us provide safe spaces, education and opportunity for children, young adults and senior residents to thrive. Have questions about this campaign? Reach out to Chief Advancement Officer LaVann Landrum at [llandrum@christiancity.org](mailto:llandrum@christiancity.org)



# The Chaplain's Office

## ***"Resting, Renewing, and Walking in God's Love"***

*"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."* - Lamentations 3:22-23



Mid-winter brings with it a special kind of calm. The busy holiday season has passed, and nature has settled into a time of rest. Trees stand bare, fields lie quiet, and the world seems to pause. Though everything appears still, life is being renewed beneath the surface. This season reminds us that God designed moments of rest and reflection. Just as nature must reset during winter, we too benefit from slowing down. These quieter moments give us space to reflect on God's faithfulness, rest in His presence, and prepare our hearts for what lies ahead. *"Be still, and know that I am God."* - **Psalms 46:10**

Each of us has lived through many seasons and times of growth, times of challenge, times of joy, and times of waiting. Mid-winter reflects those quieter seasons of life, reminding us that every stage has value and purpose. Even when life feels slower, God is still at work. He uses these moments to strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and gently shape our hearts. *"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength."* - **Isaiah 40:31**

Winter is a wonderful time to draw closer to God through Scripture and prayer. Reading God's Word reminds us of His promises and His constant presence throughout our lives. A few quiet moments with the Bible, whether alone or shared with others, can bring peace, encouragement, and renewed hope. *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* - **Psalms 119:105** As we move through February, we

are reminded that this month often highlights love. While the world focuses on cards and flowers, Scripture points us to the greatest love of all, **God's love for us**. God's love is faithful, sacrificial, and unconditional. He showed this love most clearly through Jesus Christ. *"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son."* - **1 John 4:10** God calls us not only to receive His love, but to share it. Through kindness, patience, forgiveness, and compassion, we reflect His love to our families, friends, neighbors, and community. In every season of life, love remains one of the greatest gifts we can give.

A new year always brings the promise of new beginnings. While we may not know what lies ahead, we can trust that God walks with us every step of the way. He continues to work in our lives, shaping us with care and purpose. *"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."* - **Philippians 1:6** God is not finished with us yet. Each new day is another opportunity to experience His grace and share His love. As we journey through mid-winter, may you find comfort in God's steady presence and peace in His unfailing love.

May this season bring rest to your body, encouragement to your heart, and joy through meaningful moments with others. Let us continue to walk in faith, strengthened by God's Word and guided by His love.

**Grace and Peace,**  
Chaplain Paul

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*Paul Kinney, Chief Spiritual Care Officer, may be reached at 770-703-2670 or [pkkinney@christiancity.org](mailto:pkkinney@christiancity.org)*

## *Service of Remembrance*

**Thursday, March 19 at 3:30pm • Christian City Sparks Inn Auditorium**

***Join us to remember residents who have recently passed.***