

CHRISTIAN CITY

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May 2026, Senior Living Newsletter



## Expedition Appreciation

Everyone knows Christian City is wild about its volunteers! And that was the theme last month when we gathered for a banquet of thanksgiving for them. Nearly 160 faithful volunteers help keep the campus running. The banquet was a happy, joyful occasion. Our top three volunteers of the year: Charlotte Gilpin (648.24 hours), Sally Ford (620.5 hours) and Carrie Bradley (477 hours). If you want to be a part of the volunteer corps, contact Elizabeth Mansour to sign up!



Rejoice evermore.  
Pray without ceasing. In  
everything give thanks: for  
this is the will of God in  
Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 7 | 12 Noon  
Mt. Carmel Chapel



GRACELAND  
THRIFT STORE  
at Christian City



*It's not spring until  
Graceland's  
Spring Fling!*

Join us on May 2  
from 10am until 3pm  
for great bargains,  
good food,  
door prizes  
and Loyalty Program  
double points.

## Volunteer of the Month:

# Carolyn Boone



*With a smile always on her face, volunteer Carolyn Boone lends a helping hand at our Children's Village front desk several days a week. She is soft-spoken but is attentive and caring with her time.*



*When Miss Carolyn moved to Christian City, she jumped right in to help, becoming an active member of the community. Giving her time at the Children's Village, she helps support the staff, allowing them to focus on their work.*

*Thanks, Miss Boone, for all you do!*

## Volunteer Chaplains Honored

Our first annual Kingdom Awards Dinner highlighted the commitment of volunteers who served in the Spiritual Care department throughout 2025. More than 65 individuals and half a dozen churches were honored. Dr. Keith Horton, president and CEO of Christian City, was the speaker and our delicious meal was provided by the dining services at PruittHeath.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
*Mother's Day*  
TEA PARTY  
MAY  
FRI 8 11 AM  
REC CENTER

Wear your Sunday best and enjoy a light brunch, beautiful table settings & a guest speaker.

RSVP TO TYLER  
BY MAY 4  
770-703-2730  
TGARCIA@CHRISTIANCITY.ORG

Transportation provided upon request.



**WORSHIP SERVICE**

EVERY SUNDAY  
AT 2:30 PM  
All are welcome!




NETFLIX  
**Love on the Spectrum**

# Watch Party

The "Love on the Spectrum" Watch Party was a huge success with residents of Two Sparrows Village (TSV) at Christian City welcoming campus residents and staff.

The party included two stars of the show - our very own TSV resident Georgie Harris and her dear friend from the show, Callie Truelove. April was Autism Awareness month which made for a particularly meaningful event.







## SUNDAYS

2:30 **Campus-wide Worship Service, SI Aud.**

## MONDAYS

10:00 **Line Dancing** (except the 25<sup>th</sup>)  
 10:00 **Bocce** (except the 25<sup>th</sup>)  
 11:00 **EBC Bible Study, Mt. Carmel Chapel**  
 1:30 **Geri-Fit** (except the 25<sup>th</sup>)

## TUESDAYS

1:00 **Tai Chi** (except the 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>)  
 1:30 **Chaplain Bible Study, MCC**  
 3:00 **Bingocize**, Crossing Pointe (except the 26<sup>th</sup>)  
 4:00 **LMM Bible Study, LMM Comm. Room**

## WEDNESDAYS

10:00 **Women's Bible Study** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. only)  
 11:00 **Bible Study, Mt. Carmel Chapel**  
 12:00 **Men's Pool Group**  
 1:30 **Geri-Fit** (except the 27<sup>th</sup>)  
 2:00 **Swinging Old Dudes, SI Auditorium**  
 2:30 **Bingo** (except the 27<sup>th</sup>)  
 3:30 **Rummikub** (except the 27<sup>th</sup>)

## THURSDAYS

10:00 **Tech Thursdays\*** (except the 28<sup>th</sup>)  
 11:00 **Tai Chi** (except the 28<sup>th</sup>)  
 1:00 **Silver Sneakers** (except the 28<sup>th</sup>)  
 5:30 **Shuffleboard and Cornhole**

## FRIDAYS

12:00 **Line Dancing** (except the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 1:30 **Geri-Cardio** (except the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)  
 2:00 **Slater Jackson, SI Auditorium**  
 2:30 **Pool Group** (except the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>)



All programs are at the Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.



If you have questions about these programs or want to suggest others, contact Tyler at **770-703-2730** or [tgarcia@christiancity.org](mailto:tgarcia@christiancity.org)



\* **Tech Thursdays:** You must sign up ahead of time by calling 770-703-2730 for one-on-one help with any technology product.

### LEGEND:

JSM - John Sparks Manor  
 LMM - Larry Moore Manor  
 MCC - Mt. Carmel Chapel  
 SI - Sparks Inn Assisted Living  
 WC - Welcome Center

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

### Mondays

Elizabeth Baptist Church Bible Study  
 MCC at 11 am

### Tuesdays

Chaplain Bible Study • MCC at 1:30pm

### Tuesdays

Larry Moore Manor Bible Study  
 LMM Community Room at 4pm

### Wednesdays

Bible Study • MCC at 11 am

### 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study • Rec Ctr. at 10am

# JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!

## May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 <b>Graceland Spring Fling and Patio Homes Open House</b> <i>(see ad on page 2)</i>
3	4 <b>Mother's Day Tea reservations due</b> to Tyler	5 <b>Rec Center closed for private event</b> 2:00-4:00 - <b>Cinco de Mayo Street Party</b> , SI	6	7 12:00 - <b>JSM Bible Study</b> , JSM Craft Rm 12:00 - <b>National Day of Prayer</b> , MCC 2:00 - <b>Chat with the Chaplains</b>	8 11:00 - <b>Mother's Day Tea</b> ** must RSVP to Tyler by 5/4	9 2:00 - <b>Women's Bible Study</b> , MCC
10	11 2:30 - <b>Group Salsa Dance Lessons</b> , Rec Center	12 11:00 - <b>Lunch and Learn: Heartify In-Home Health</b> ; must rsvp to Tyler by 5/8	13	14 12:00 - <b>JSM Bible Study</b> , JSM Craft Room	15	16 <b>Patio Homes Large Item Pick-Up Day</b> <i>(See ad on page 6)</i>
17	18 <b>CFA Chicken Biscuit preorders</b> , \$3.50 by phone 770-703-2730	19 9:00-9:30 - <b>CFA Chicken Biscuit pickups</b> , WC Lobby	20	21 2:00 - <b>Chat with the Chaplains</b>	22	23
24	25 <b>Welcome Center Offices Closed for Memorial Day</b>	26 1:00 - <b>Resident Council</b> , WC Chapel	27	28 12:00 - <b>JSM Bible Study</b> , JSM Craft Room	29 6:00 - <b>Monthly Birthday Party Potluck</b> , Rec Center	30
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### NEW PROGRAM - EVENING SHUFFLEBOARD & CORNHOLE



Join your neighbors every Thursday evening at 5:30 on the lawn outside the Rec Center. Stay active and social at our evening open play featuring shuffleboard and cornhole! Taught by your neighbors, you'll be sure to enjoy light physical activity along with plenty of laughs, friendly games, and community connection. Please bring water.

**LUNCH & LEARN**  
MAY 12, 2026  
**Heartify Home Health**  
*In-home services for veterans and more!*  
Must RSVP to Tyler by 5/8  
770-703-2730 for lunch.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

- June 26** Father's Day Luncheon
- July 2** Annual Golf Cart Parade & Cookout
- July 3** Stars, Stripes, and Soundwaves: America's Jukebox with the Second Time Around Band

Have Questions? Ask Tyler: 770-703-2730 or [tgarcia@christiancity.org](mailto:tgarcia@christiancity.org)

# LIFE-LEASE CLEAN-UP DAY MAY 16

Please place all items on the curb by 7 AM.

GFL will be picking up large trash items - no oil, gas, paint, or tires allowed.



PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS NO GRACELAND PICKUP ON THIS DAY.

## NEED HELP AROUND THE HOUSE?

Volunteers will be on campus May 31 to help.

Contact Elizabeth to get on the schedule.

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

678-466-1093

## April was very busy across campus

*Congresswoman Lucy McBath visited to learn about our programs.*



*Candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and several local races filled the Welcome Center making the case for their candidacies at our Candidate Forum moderated by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's chief political reporter, Greg Bluestein.*



*Crossroads Foster Care & Adoption Program hosted an Easter celebration for its families and the children at the Children's Village complete with baskets of goodies and a visit from the bunny herself! These are just the tip of the iceberg – so many wonderful things are happening in our community, all the time!*





# PHILANTHROPY corner



May brings graduation all across the Atlanta area. At Christian City, we have ten youth graduating high school and/or technical school. Thank you to each of you who donated gift cards for our graduates. These young people have had to overcome so much adversity in their young lives, but they persevered and are getting their diplomas and certifications. Because of your generosity, they'll also get graduation gifts!

The Chip-In service project for May is providing toiletry items for our Thrive residents. Full size bottles of shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, and deodorant go a long way to helping our Thrive young ladies and men manage their monthly finances. Each Thrive

resident is working a job, working on their education, and paying rent as they learn to navigate the adult world. Help from our Christian City community is greatly appreciated!

You may also earn CMI chips this month by attending the Grace and Spring Fling on May 2nd and the Mother's Day Tea hosted by campus recreation.

Please remember, cash donations are always appreciated, 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.

## A SAFE PLACE FOR SONIYA

Soniya entered Christian City's Safe Place program with determination and a clear desire to build a better future for herself. During her time with us, she demonstrated resilience, focus, and a strong commitment to personal growth.

Showing exceptional dedication to her education, Soniya went above and beyond by graduating high school early. She also secured employment at Chipotle, where she has maintained steady work while developing valuable life and job skills. Through her hard work and discipline, she was able to save money, take steps toward independence, and plan for her future.

Continuing to build on her progress, Soniya obtained her learner's permit, further increasing her independence and mobility. She also successfully applied for and secured her own apartment - a significant accomplishment that reflects her growth, responsibility, and readiness for independent living.

Soniya's journey is a true reflection of perseverance, accountability, and the power of support combined with self-motivation. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishments and excited to see her continue to thrive as she builds a stable and successful future.



Kendra Fletcher, Safe Place Coordinator

# The Chaplain's Office

## A Season of Growth and Maturity

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."  
— 2 Peter 3:18*



As we enter the beautiful month of May, spring is in full bloom. The trees are full, gardens are flourishing, and the earth displays vibrant color and life. What began as small buds weeks ago has now grown into something strong and visible. Spring reminds us that God has woven growth and maturity into the rhythm of creation. Just as nature moves from budding to blooming, we too move through seasons of development in our faith. God uses every stage of life to shape us, strengthen us, and prepare us for what lies ahead. *"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."* — **Philippians 1:6**

Growth does not happen overnight. Beneath every blossom is a season of preparation. In the same way, God prepares our hearts long before we step into new opportunities or challenges. Mid-spring encourages us to trust that the Lord is leading us forward. Each experience whether joyful or difficult has strengthened our faith and resilience. We can look ahead with anticipation, knowing that God is faithful to guide us into what He has prepared. *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* — **Ephesians 2:10**

Spring is a beautiful time to recommit ourselves to spiritual growth—starting fresh, trusting deeply, and walking confidently with the Lord. In May, we pause to celebrate **Mother's Day**,

giving thanks for the women who have nurtured, prayed, guided, and loved faithfully. Scripture reminds us of the beauty of a godly woman's influence: *"Her children rise up and call her blessed."* — **Proverbs 31:28**

Whether remembering a mother, honoring one, or reflecting on spiritual mothers who shaped our faith, this is a time to celebrate love, sacrifice, and legacy. May also brings **Memorial Day**, a solemn time to remember those who gave their lives in service to our nation. As believers, we reflect with gratitude for their sacrifice and pray for peace and comfort for families who carry their memory. *"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."* — **John 15:13**  
We honor their courage and thank God for the freedoms we enjoy.

Mid-spring reminds us that growth is happening—even when we do not see every step. God is nurturing our faith, strengthening our character, and guiding us into new seasons of purpose. May this month encourage you to grow deeper in grace, celebrate each stage of life, stay rooted in scripture and step confidently into what God has prepared. The same God who brings flowers into full bloom is faithfully bringing His plans to maturity in your life.

**Grace and Peace,**  
Chaplain Paul

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