

CHRISTIAN CITY

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July 2026, Senior Living Newsletter



JUNE 29-JULY 3

## CHRISTIAN CITY CELEBRATES AMERICA'S 250TH!

Our great nation is turning 250 this month and we've planned a whole week of activities to help mark the occasion on campus. Please join us for the festivities!

29 JUNE

MON

### GOLF CART ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Kick off the week with the ice cream truck! ASL staff will be coming through your neighborhood with FREE ice cream!  
HV: 11:30am, DC 12:30pm, AP 2:30pm, HT: 3:30pm  
GT: 11:30am JSM: 12:30pm GMM: 1:30pm LMM: 2:30pm CP: 3:30pm

30 JUNE

TUES

10:30-11:30

### ONE NATION, UNDER GOD PRAYER KEYCHAIN

Join at the Rec Center as we make patriotic keychains. Each bead will be tied to a prayer.

1 JULY

WED

3PM

### STARS, STRIPES, AND STORIES!

Come to the Rec Center and share your memories, life lessons, and stories about American history! Plus, get the chance to contribute to a Christian City Community Time Capsule!

2 JULY

THURS

10:30-1:30

### ANNUAL GOLF CART PARADE AND COOKOUT

Parade begins at 10:30 and will be followed by a hot dog cookout at the rec center at 11:30am! This year we're adding a BANG to the event with a cakewalk, dunk tank, and more fun!

3 JULY

FRI

5PM

### AMERICA'S JUKEBOX

Join us at the Rec Center for some of your favorite hits from the 50s-70s! The popular Second Time Around Band will be appearing! Pizza dinner available for \$3 with RSVP.

MORE DETAILS PROVIDED ON INDIVIDUAL EVENT FLYERS THAT WILL BE SHARED BY EMAIL!  
RSVP TO TYLER 770-703-2730  
TGARCIA@CHRISTIANCITY.ORG  
TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED WITH RSVP

**JOIN THE PARADE!**  
Thursday, July 2

Parade  
10:30am  
Cookout  
11:30am

Be a part by watching along the route or entering your golf cart.

PARADE ROUTE BEGINS at the Welcome Center, goes by the Assisted Living Center, JSM, LMM, down Lester Road past Autumn Place, into Hilltop, Dogwood Drive, Harper Valley and Crossing Pointe.

Contact Tyler to enter or RSVP for lunch.

# FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Father's Day at Christian City was a spectacular celebration this year, packed with high-energy fun, friendly rivalry and incredible food.

Men from every neighborhood gathered around the tables to enjoy a magnificent feast prepared by Ms. Glenda and her talented staff. Laughter and lively conversations filled the room as everyone caught up on campus news, sports and much more.

The highlight of the day was a new twist to the annual program: giant inflatable basketball and ax-throwing games. Though many of them said it was their first time playing, they were making baskets and hitting the bullseye like pros.



# GRACELAND THRIFT STORE

at Christian City

## HOURS

*SHOP WITH US!*

**WED - SAT**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**DONATION HOURS**

**WED - SAT**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**NOTE:** Closed Saturday, July 4,  
Reopening for shopping & donations  
on Wednesday, July 8, at 10 am.

## GRACELAND

welcomes

OooWEE Farms

Friday, July 3

11AM - 3PM

fresh, local produce  
*melons & more!*



*Save the Date!*

**CUSTOMER  
APPRECIATION  
DAY**

**Saturday, August 8**



Profits support Christian City's Children & Family Programs - 7425 Red Oak Rd. • Union City, GA 30291 • 770-629-7718

### ARTISTS WANTED!

We are planning a  
campus-wide art show  
in August.

If you are a painter or  
other type of creative  
artist and would like to  
be featured, OR if you  
are interested in  
helping organize,  
please  
contact Tyler at  
770-703-2730.

**Christian City  
Art Show**

### New session begins Monday, July 21



**Mon & Wed at 1:30 pm**

Geri-Fit is an evidenced-based  
progressive strength class that meets  
you where you are and helps your build  
strength!

*This program is supported by the  
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### Summer Strings

THE ASAPHIAN MUSICIAN PRESENTS

**QUO VADIS, DOMINE?**  
Lord, where are you going?

JULY 19TH at 4 PM

WELCOME CENTER CHAPEL

7345 RED OAK RD, UNION CITY, GA 30291

You're invited for an  
afternoon of  
delightful music  
*and dessert afterwards.*



**Sounds of the  
Season**  
CHRISTIAN CITY

RSVP

to Tyler:

770-703-2730

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

Transportation upon request.

## SUNDAYS

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

## MONDAYS

10:00 **Line Dancing** (except the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>)  
 10:00 **Bocce**  
 11:00 **EBC Bible Study, Mt. Carmel Chapel**  
 1:30 **Geri-Fit**

## TUESDAYS

1:00 **Tai Chi** (except the 7<sup>th</sup>)  
 1:30 **Chaplain Bible Study, MCC**  
 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**  
 2:00 **Swinging Old Dudes, SI Auditorium**  
 2:30 **Bingo**  
 3:30 **Rummikub**

## THURSDAYS – NO PROGRAMS JULY 2

10:00 **Tech Thursdays\***  
 11:00 **Tai Chi** (except the 9<sup>th</sup>)  
 1:00 **Silver Sneakers**  
 5:30 **Shuffleboard and Cornhole**

## FRIDAYS – NO PROGRAMS JULY 3

12:00 **Line Dancing** (except the 31<sup>st</sup>)  
 1:30 **Geri-Cardio**  
 2:00 **Slater Jackson, SI Auditorium**  
 2:30 **Pool Group**



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**



\* **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!

## July 2026


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29 <b>Golf Cart Ice Cream Socials</b> (see ad on page 1)	30 10:30 - <b>One Nation, Under God</b> (see ad on page 1) 3:00 - <b>Bingocize, JSM</b>	1 3:00 - <b>Stars, Stripes, and Stories</b> (see ad on page 1)	2 10:30 - <b>Golf Cart Parade</b> (see pg. 1 ad) 11:30 - <b>Annual Independence Day Cookout</b> (see pg. 1 ad) 12:00 - <b>JSM Bible Study, JSM Craft Rm</b> 2:00-4:00 - <b>July 4th Party at Sparks Inn</b>	3 5:00 - <b>America's Jukebox</b> (see ad on page 1)	4
5	6	7 2:00-3:00 - <b>World Chocolate Day Extravaganza, Sparks Inn Auditorium</b>	8	9 11:00 - <b>Early Learning Center Info. Meeting, WC Chapel</b> 12:00 - <b>JSM Bible Study, JSM Craft Rm</b>	10	11
12	13 <b>CFA Chicken Biscuit preorders, \$3.50 by phone 770-703-2730</b> 2:30 - <b>Beginner Salsa Class</b>	14 9:00-9:30 - <b>CFA Chicken Biscuit pickups, WC Lobby</b> 3:00 - <b>Bingocize, JSM</b>	15	16 1:00-3:00 - <b>Open House at Sparks Inn</b> 3:00 - <b>Bingocize, JSM</b>	17 <b>World Cup Roundup</b>	18
19 4:00 - <b>Summer Strings Concert, WC Chapel</b> (see ad on pg. 3)	20 3:00 - <b>Karaoke with Shannon Private Home Care</b>	21 3:00 - <b>Bingocize, JSM</b> 8:00 - <b>Southside Theater: Little Shop of Horrors</b>	22	23 12:00 - <b>Bible Study, JSM Craft Room</b>	24 6:00 - <b>Monthly Birthday Party Potluck</b>	25
26	27 3:00 - <b>Garden Club Meeting: Fall Gardening</b>	28 1:00 - <b>Resident Council, WC Chapel</b> 3:00 - <b>Bingocize, JSM</b>	29	30	31	1



**JULY 19**  
Sounds of the Season:  
**SUMMER STRINGS**  
4PM

**OPEN SWIM TIME**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2-7pm starting July 2

The pool will be open at the regular time of 8am, but will close on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12-2pm to give the Aquatics Director a break on those days.



**JULY 21**  
Southside Theater  
Invited Audience Night:  
**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

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



## A STORIED BEGINNING

Two Sparrows Village has a published author participating in its *Summer for Success* day program. Nicholas Parker, who has returned for his second summer, is the author of a wonderful children’s book, *Shadowolf*. It is the story of a teenage werewolf from a distant planet who flees to Earth hoping to live a quiet life only to find a home in desperate need of a hero.

Nicholas was honored during a Reel People Care Trilith Foundation gala a few years ago by Leap for Literacy founder Stan Tucker. Leap for Literacy’s programs encourage children and youth to read, be kind and tell their stories. It has nurtured and published more than two hundred kids’ stories, including *Shadowolf*.

Nicholas is still in high school but hopes to one day live in a Two Sparrows Village cottage – as it hopes to expand residential opportunities for young adults who are differently abled.



*Left Photo: Leap for Literacy Founder Stan Tucker, mother Erika Parker, and author Nicholas Parker.*

## Congresswoman’s Visit Focuses on Active Senior Living

*Christian City was honored to welcome U.S. Representative Lucy McBath back to campus this spring to celebrate Older Americans Month!*

*During her visit, McBath took a tour of our Active Senior Living Community, where she stopped by resident Martha Gaddy’s beautiful home and explored all the ways our seniors are getting involved. Afterward, she sat down with a group of our residents for an engaging forum, discussing the national issues that matter most to older Americans, including the future of Medicare and Social Security.*

*This is the second time Rep. McBath has visited our campus this year!*



*Earlier this spring, she spent time with us to learn more about our campus programs for children and youth. In fact, her history with us goes back even further — she first visited years ago with a loved one. We are grateful to have a representative who genuinely shows up to listen to our community.*





# PHILANTHROPY corner



Thank you to everyone who donated plastic flatware and plates to the Rec Center in June. Keeping our Rec Center stocked is a big job because it is an important gathering place and will be especially busy during our Independence Day celebrations.

For the Chip-In service project in July, we are asking residents to donate back-to-school supplies. Seems early, but our youth will be headed back to their classrooms next month. We want them to be well-equipped to be successful. Education remains a cornerstone of Christian City's commitment to helping young people build brighter futures. If a student lags, we get them tutoring. If a student needs a different school environment, we try to meet that need working with public and private schools. A strong education creates opportunities that last a lifetime. The majority of the children who come to live at the Children's Village are behind in their education and our staff works very hard to make sure they catch up. We have a 100% graduation rate for the youth who are with us during these last years of high school. **To put that in perspective: the graduation rate for children in the foster care system is only 37%.**

Your participation in our Count Me In program is a vital part of our campus life whether it be through participating in group activities and community service or by making monetary donations. No contribution goes unnoticed 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.

This May, seven young people from our Thrive and Safe Place programs reached a major milestone: four graduated from high school and another three earned GEDs. Their achievements are a testament to their dedication and we know they have bright futures ahead.

**Amira Basiden • Jamayah Brady • Amari Nicely  
Kendrick Rudd • Markeisha Walker  
Harmanie Williams • Keyonna Francis**



Are you a retired educator?

Are you a musician?

Like being with kids?

**CHRISTIAN CITY IS IN THE  
EARLY STAGES OF OPENING  
AN EARLY LEARNING CENTER  
THAT WILL NEED  
VOLUNTEERS**



Learn more on  
Thursday, July 9  
at 11am  
Welcome  
Center Chapel

*Save  
the Date!*

**Saturday  
December 5, 2026  
Christian City Campus**

**Christmas  
Star Run**

# The Chaplain's Office

## True Freedom in Christ



*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* — **Galatians 5:1**

As July arrives, we are surrounded by reminders of freedom. Flags wave proudly, fireworks light the sky, and we celebrate the liberties we enjoy as a nation. Yet beyond the freedoms of this world, there is a deeper and greater freedom found only in Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:1 that Christ has set us free, not merely for comfort, but for a transformed life. Through His sacrifice, we are freed from the weight of sin, the chains of guilt and the fear of death. What a powerful truth, especially as we journey through the later seasons of life. Many of us carry memories, burdens, regrets and unanswered questions. Sometimes the weight of life can feel heavy. But Christ offers liberty, not just from sin, but from fear, anxiety and despair. The Word of God reminds us: **"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."** - *John 8:36*

This freedom means we do not have to be held captive by yesterday. God's grace is sufficient for today. His mercy is new every morning.

**Lamentations 3:22-23** tells us *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning..."*

Freedom in Christ also gives us peace.

**2 Corinthians 3:17** says: *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."* That freedom allows us to rest in His presence, knowing He walks with us in every season, through strength and weakness, joy and sorrow. For our community, spiritual liberty

means letting go of past hurts, trusting God with today's challenges, living with peace about tomorrow and walking daily in gratitude. No matter your age, God still has purpose for you. Your prayers matter, your wisdom matters and your testimony matters.

This month, as we celebrate Independence Day, I encourage each of you to reflect on the freedom Christ has given you. Stand firm in His grace. Walk boldly in His peace. Release the burdens you were never meant to carry. Even in this season of life, God continues to sustain you with His love, strengthens you with His presence and guides you by His Spirit.

Remember, true freedom is not found in circumstances but found in Christ. May your heart be filled with peace, your mind anchored in hope and your spirit strengthened in His liberty.

### Prayer for the Month:

Lord, thank You for the freedom we have in You. Help us to walk daily in Your peace and grace. Free our hearts from worry, fear and regret, and fill us with Your everlasting joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Monthly Reflection Question:

*What burden can I surrender to Christ this month so I may walk more freely in His peace?*

**Grace and Peace,**  
Chaplain Paul

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