

CHRISTIAN CITY

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August 2026, Senior Living Newsletter



CELEBRATING 250 YEARS!



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AGELESS ARTISTRY

Art Show

Friday, August 14

1-3 PM | Rec Center

Transportation Provided Upon Request

**Come and enjoy viewing
works of art created by your
neighbors.**

*If you would like to have a piece
displayed in the art show,
please contact Tyler
770-703-2730
by Monday, Aug. 10.*



one home many cultures

**SAVE
-THE-
DATE** *a Multicultural Event*
**Friday,
September 18**

**If you would like to have a table
representing your ancestral
country/culture, please contact Tyler
770-703-2730 or
tgarcia@christiancity.org**



Volunteer & honor a legacy!



TERRY CHAPMAN
DAY of SERVICE

 **CHRISTIAN CITY**

TERRY CHAPMAN changed lives with
his hammer and saw, building places on
our campus for vulnerable people to live,
to be cared for and to be in community.
*Join us to build on the foundation he so
passionately laid.*

Individuals and groups are invited to
participate in the Terry Chapman Day of
Service at Christian City!

**Friday, September 25, 2026
9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

*For more information or to volunteer at the
Day of Service, call 678-466-1093 or
email emansour@christiancity.org*

GRACELAND THRIFT STORE
at Christian City

Double Loyalty Points! All Day

Customer Appreciation Day!
Saturday, August 8
10 am to 3 pm

Great Deals!

FREE! Hotdog Lunch!
with purchase

Join the Fun & snap up the deals!
Saturday, August 8, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Info: christiancity.org/graceland

FREE CAR WASH

Fundraiser
Saturday, August 8

Get your car washed,
consider a donation.

SPONSORED BY
THE CHRISTIAN CITY TEEN BOARD

Graceland is teaming up with ReSupply to help get your donations to store. For more information on how it works, go to their website: www.ReSupply.com. There are fees. Call 571-605-6338 to schedule a pickup.



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

Volunteer of the Month:

Sylvia Thompson



Sylvia Thompson has been volunteering at Christian City for a little over a year and she's jumped in to help wherever she can. She regularly helps at Graceland Thrift Store, and supports their major event! Sylvia also fills in at the Welcome Center front desk when she can, making it possible for staff to focus on their work. Not only is Sylvia a great volunteer, she is a great community member - always attending Christian City events and activities, and encouraging others. Christian City appreciates Sylvia and all she does to help our community continue in its neighborly, loving ways!

SUNDAYS

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

MONDAYS

10:00 **Line Dancing** *(except the 17th)*
 10:00 **Bocce**
 11:00 **EBC Bible Study, Mt. Carmel Chapel**
 1:30 **Geri-Fit**

TUESDAYS

1:00 **Tai Chi**
 1:30 **Chaplain Bible Study, MCC**
 4:00 **LMM Bible Study, LMM Comm. Room**

WEDNESDAYS

11:00 **Bible Study, Mt. Carmel Chapel**
 12:00 **Men's Pool Group**
 1:30 **Geri-Fit**
 2:30 **Bingo**
 3:30 **Rummikub**

THURSDAYS

10:00 **Tech Thursdays***
 11:00 **Tai Chi** *(except the 13th and 27th)*
 1:00 **Silver Sneakers** *(except the 27th)*
 5:30 **Shuffleboard and Cornhole**

FRIDAYS

12:00 **Line Dancing** *(except the 14th and 28th)*
 1:30 **Geri-Cardio** *(except the 7th and 14th)*
 2:30 **Pool Group** *(except the 14th)*



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 11am

Tuesdays

Chaplain Bible Study • *MCC at 1:30pm*

Tuesdays

Larry Moore Manor Bible Study
LMM Community Room at 4pm

Wednesdays

Bible Study • *MCC at 11am*

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!

August 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 3:00 - Bingocize , JSM	5	6 12:00 - JSM Bible Study , JSM Craft Rm	7	8 10:00-3:00 - Graceland Customer Appreciation Day/ Car Wash Fund-raiser , see ad on pg 3
9	10	11	12	13 3:00 - Bingocize , JSM	14 1:00-3:00 - Art Show , see ad on pg 2	15
16	17 CFA Chicken Biscuit preorders , \$3.50 by phone 770-703-2730 2:00-3:00 - Retirement Reception for Lisa Tolleson , WC	18 9:00-9:30 - CFA Chicken Biscuit pickups , WC Lobby 3:00 - Bingocize , JSM	19 11:00-1:00 - Pruitt Place Assist. Living Open House , SI Aud.	20 12:00 - Bible Study , JSM Craft Room	21 2:30 - Senior Citizens Awards , Auditorium 6:00 - Monthly Birthday Party Potluck , Rec Center	22
23	24 3:00 - Garden Club Meeting , topic TBD	25 1:00 - Resident Council , WC Chapel 3:00 - Bingocize , JSM	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

AUGUST 8
GRACELAND THRIFT STORE
 at Christian City
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY!
10AM - 3PM
 see ad on page 3

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.

AUGUST 17
Retirement Celebration for Lisa Tolleson
 Drop in for cookies & lemonade and to wish her well after 29 years of service
 2:00 - 3:00pm
 in the Welcome Center

Have Questions? Ask Tyler: 770-703-2730 or tgarcia@christiancity.org

A FLOCK OF SINGERS . . . AND SIGNERS

When Nichelle Young, a gifted music educator, heard that Two Sparrows Village (TSV) was beginning an Adult Day Program for differently-abled individuals, she knew she wanted to help. Young was well-acquainted with Program Director Lora Daniels and Executive Director Jacque Thornton as both their sons had loved her theatre and music classes at the Lighthouse School in Peachtree City, and she began offering music classes as part of the day program. Those classes turned into a wonderful choir that debuted with a Christmas Concert for Christian City residents in the skilled nursing and assisted living centers. Word got out and now our young adults perform 3-4 times a year for the older adults who attend the Southwest Christian Care day program.

The choir performs not only with their voices but also with their hands as TSV resident Alex teams up with Sam, who lives in a National Church Residences (NCR) apartment, to sing in American Sign Language (ASL).

The TSV choir is another example of the vibrant life that abounds at Christian City. Our neurodivergent community members love to spread joy on campus and in community through song and connection via ASL! Join us next time!



STAFF HONORS

Some important staff milestones were celebrated at the July Service Awards. Christian City President & CEO Keith Horton gathers campus staff monthly with words of encouragement and to recognize staff birthdays and anniversaries.

RETIRING: Gail Potts, Property Manager, Larry Moore Manor

"For 30 years, I had the privilege of working alongside someone whose dedication and work ethic set the standard for everyone around her. No matter the time of day or night, Gail was always there, giving her all to ensure her property and residents were taken care of. Taking care of the residents has always been her top priority and no one



has done it better than Gail. It has been my honor to be part of the same team with Gail. She will be missed but she has earned a well-deserved retirement. Wishing her happiness, good health and all the best."

—Jeana Ellison, Executive Director,
Active Senior Living



20 years of service:
Catherine Lewis,
Senior CAN, Skilled
Nursing & Rehab



15 years of service:
Mariam Hannon,
Senior Care Partner
(RN-Nurse Naviga-
tor), Skilled Nursing
& Rehab



10 years of service:
LaVann Landrum,
Chief Advancement
Officer





PHILANTHROPY corner



Our Children's Village kids will be well-prepared as they head back to school this month, thanks to all the school supplies that were donated by Christian City residents in July. Each donation is greatly appreciated! *(It's actually not too late if you still want to make a donation, just drop off school supplies at the Welcome Center Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.)*

In August, there are two ways residents can earn a Count Me In chip. If you like writing, how about penning a note of encouragement - or two - to our Thrive residents. The notes can be dropped off at the Welcome Center Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. You can also earn a chip by becoming a Christian City Legacy Provider.

What is a "Legacy Provider," you may ask? Anyone who provides a gift to Christian City in their estate plans becomes a Legacy Provider. Making a planned gift can include great tax incentives, while benefiting the mission of Christian City. Please let us know if you already have such a plan in place and receive your CMI chip and recognition on our website. If you are interested in including Christian City in your estate plans, we would be honored to meet with you and answer your questions. Simply contact LaVann Landrum at 770-703-2632 or llandrum@christiancity.org.

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 program.

Legacy Providers

Thank you for being a loyal supporter! Have you considered becoming a Legacy Provider by including Christian City in your estate plans? Making a planned gift can include great tax incentives, while benefiting the mission of Christian City. Please let us know if you already have such a plan in place so that we can show our appreciation. Or if you would like additional details, we would be honored to meet with you and answer your questions.

For more information contact LaVann Landrum:
770.703.2632 or llandrum@christiancity.org



Welcome

RAND BURTON



Christian City's new Director of Church Relations, Rand Burton Jr., is no stranger to campus. As a pastor, he volunteered regularly at Sparks Inn with his church leading quarterly Sunday afternoon worship services. "Those visits introduced me to the warmth, faithfulness, and grace of this community," he shared.

Before joining Christian City, Rand served in full-time pastoral ministry in East Point. "I had the privilege of preaching, teaching, and walking alongside people through many different seasons, some marked by joy, others by struggle, and many by quiet perseverance."

Since joining the staff, Rand says he has come to appreciate the "incredible breadth of Christian City's mission and ministry." In this new role, Rand will work with pastors and churches to help them understand the unique ministries that thrive here. He will invite them to visit, build lasting partnerships, and engage with Christian City through service, volunteerism, generosity and meaningful connection.

Rand has been happily married to his wife Toricka for twelve years. They are the proud parents of a wonderful six-year-old daughter.

The Chaplain's Office

Enduring Faith

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him." — **Psalms 28:7 (NIV)**

As the warmth of late summer continues, August reminds us that every season requires endurance. The long days and summer heat can leave us feeling weary, much like the challenges we encounter throughout life's journey. Yet, as followers of Christ, we are reminded that our strength does not come from ourselves, it comes from the Lord, who has faithfully carried us through every season. Many of you have witnessed decades of God's goodness. You have experienced times of joy and seasons of sorrow, celebrations and hardships, answered prayers and moments that required patient waiting. Through it all, God has remained faithful. Looking back over your life, you can truly say that He has been your strength, your shield, and your constant companion.

The psalmist confidently declared, *"The Lord is my strength and my shield."* What a comforting promise! God not only gives us strength for today's needs, but He also protects our hearts with His unfailing love and peace. The prophet Isaiah offers another beautiful promise: *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."* — **Isaiah 40:31** This promise reminds us that spiritual strength is continually renewed when we place our hope in Christ. Regardless of age or physical ability, God renews our hearts, refreshes our spirits and gives us grace for each new day. Your lives are powerful testimonies of enduring faith. The wisdom you have gained, the prayers you continue to offer and the hope you demonstrate encourage younger generations to trust God through every changing season.



Your faithfulness speaks louder than words. The writer of Hebrews encourages believers: *"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful."* — **Hebrews 10:23** Even when circumstances change, God's promises never will. He remains faithful yesterday, today and forever. The Apostle Paul reminds us: *"Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."* **2 Corinthians 4:16** While our bodies may grow older, God's Spirit continues His work within us, strengthening our faith and drawing us closer to Him.

August is an invitation to pause and reflect on God's faithfulness throughout your journey. Every chapter of your life tells the story of a God who has never left your side. He has strengthened you through loss, celebrated with you in moments of joy, comforted you in grief, and faithfully guided every step. As we continue this journey together, I encourage you to remain steadfast in prayer, rich in gratitude and confident in God's unfailing promises. Never underestimate the impact of your life. Your faith, kindness, wisdom, and perseverance are a blessing to our entire Christian City community.

May you continue to find renewed strength each morning as you trust the Lord. He is still your Shepherd, your Shield, and your Source of hope. *"The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace."* — **Psalms 29:11**

Grace and Peace,
Chaplain Paul

Paul Kinney, Chief Spiritual Care Officer, may be reached at 770-703-2670 or pkkinney@christiancity.org