



One Home, Many Cultures

Christian City is blessed by being home to all kinds of people: children and elders, adults who are neurodivergent, natives of Atlanta and people who have relocated here because of the neighborly community we offer. Our campus residents also represent many different ancestral countries and cultures. In September we gathered to learn about and celebrate the many cultures that make our community. It was a day of education, fun and great fellowship as you can see from these photos!



Yee Haw!



CHILI COOKOFF

**Friday, October 30
11:30-1:00 at the Rec Center!**

 **CHRISTIAN CITY**
— Rooted in Faith. Open to All. —

Join us for our annual chili cookoff featuring chili & hot dogs and an update on Count Me In (CMI)! This is a CMI Chip event so attendees will receive ONE chip AND those who enter chili in the cookoff will receive TWO!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place chili recipes!

ENTER THE CONTEST! If you would like to attend and/or enter the chili contest, please contact

Lissa (erand@christiancity.org 770-703-2614)

or Tyler (tgarcia@christiancity.org 770-703-2730)



What is Count Me In?

What started as a two-week fundraising campaign for Christian City employees and residents 10 years ago has blossomed into a year-round program!

Throughout the year, Count Me In (CMI) incentivizes residents and employees to participate in monthly community service projects and attend designated events through our Chip-In program.

Each month, the Partyline newsletter publishes ways to earn CMI chips. Everyone is encouraged to earn and save CMI chips throughout the year **to be entered to win prizes** during our annual February campaign that raises funds for campus projects.

Previous projects have included a new minivan for the Children's Village, new benches and garbage



cans across campus, soundproofing at the Recreation Center, improvements to the Children's Village training room and other projects to improve campus life.

Each neighborhood has CMI team captains that assist with determining the special project, communicating information to their neighborhoods and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

Please consider joining us as a Team Captain or campaign volunteer! If you have questions about Count Me In, reach out to Lissa Rand at erand@christiancity.org or 770-703-2614.



GRACELAND
Thrift Store
at Christian City



Shopping Hours:
Wed - Sat 10am-3pm
Donation Hours:
Wed - Sat 10am-2pm

**Fall
FEST**

**Saturday
November 14
10am-3pm**

**DOUBLE
Loyalty
Points**

OOWEE
Fresh Farms



The **Christmas
SHOPPE**



**Wed-Thurs-Sat
Nov 14 - Dec 23
10 AM - 3 PM**



Gift - Decorations
and much more!

**SENIOR
TRUNK or TREAT
& RESOURCE EVENT**



*Festive Halloween attire
is welcome.*



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 | 1-3 PM

Gene Miller Manor Parking Lot

FUN + TREATS + GOODIES

**SENIOR-FOCUSED COMMUNITY
RESOURCES & INFORMATION**

SUNDAYS

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

MONDAYS

10:00 **Line Dancing** (except the 26th)
 10:00 **Bocce**
 11:00 **EBC Bible Study, Mt. Carmel Chapel**
 1:30 **Geri-Fit** (except the 12th)

TUESDAYS

1:00 **Tai Chi** (except the 5th and 13th)
 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 8th and 15th)
 1:00 **Silver Sneakers**
 5:30 **Shuffleboard & Cornhole** (except the 22nd)

FRIDAYS

12:00 **Line Dancing** (except the 23rd and 30th)
 1:30 **Geri-Cardio** (except the 23rd and 30th)
 2:30 **Pool Group** (except the 30th)



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



Are you a veteran? Have you had a photo taken for the Veterans Walk of Honor?

WALK of HONOR
 photos to be taken
OCTOBER 7 between 1-5 PM

Please contact Tyler at **770-703-2730** to schedule your time we can honor you in this year's Veterans Day celebrations!

Save the Dates
VETERANS Week
at Christian City
Nov. 9-13

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS!

October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 12:00 - JSM Bible Study , JSM Craft Rm 3:00 - NEW! October Partyline/Calendar Review!	2	3 10:00-3:00 - Ooowee Fresh Farmer's Market , Graceland Parking Lot
4	5 12:00-1:00 - Covid Vaccine Clinic , RC; call Tyler to RSVP	6 10:00-12:00 - Living A Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions , JSM Comm. Room 3:00 - Medicare Bingo	7	8 Blue Ridge Scenic Railroad Field Trip Day 12:00 - JSM Bible Study , JSM Craft Rm	9 Garden Club Botanical Garden Field Trip ; must RSVP with Tyler	10
11	12 12:00-2:00 - Faith in Blue Lunch ; must RSVP to Tyler by 10/5.	13 9:00-3:00 - AARP Smart Driver Course , see ad on page 6 11:00 - Pain Mgmt. Class , JSM Comm. Rm.	14	15 Apple Orchard Field Trip Day	16	17
18	19 11:00-3:00 - Ooowee Fresh Farmer's Market , WC Parking Lot	20 10:00-12:00 - Living A Healthy Life , JSM Comm. Rm 2:00 - Travel Tuesday: Switzerland 2:00 - Pumpkin Prep : Decorate pumpkins with a movie, Aud.	21	22 Dahlonega Field Trip Day 12:00 - JSM Bible Study , JSM Craft Rm	23 6:00 - Monthly Birthday Party Potluck - feel free to wear a costume!	24
25	26 CFA Chicken Biscuit preorders , \$3.50 by phone 770-703-2730	27 9:00-9:30 - CFA Chicken Biscuit pickups , WC Lobby 10:00-12:00 - Living A Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions , JSM Comm. Rm 1:00 - Resident Council , WC Chapel	28	29 1:00 - 3:00 - Senior Trunk or Treat , GMM Park. Lot; ad on pg. 3 2:00 - Fall Festival , Auditorium	30 11:30 - 1:00 - CMI Chili Cookoff , see ad on page 2	31



Tuesday, October 6 @ 3:00 pm
Come learn about Medicare changes in a fun way with prizes!

FAITH IN BLUE LUNCH



Monday, October 12 @ 12pm
Join Fulton County Sheriff's Office for lunch and a time of resolution and reconciliation.
Must RSVP to Tyler by 10/5.

COVID VACCINE CLINIC

Monday
October 5
12:00 noon
Get your covid vaccine with **Palmetto Pharmacy!**



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

Volunteer of the Month - Beverly Goggins



Beverly Goggins (also known as Bev G.) is our volunteer of the month for October. She moved to Christian City a few years ago and jumped right in serving the community, spending most of her volunteer time at Graceland Thrift Store. Bev also supports our community by attending almost every single event or service day. She serves on committees and attends meetings to better the community. She is an outspoken joy who cares for all with a gracious heart. We thank her for all she does to impact the Christian City community!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SEMINAR

Wednesday, October 14 | 3:30 PM
Mt. Carmel Chapel

- Recognize the Signs
- Understand the Impact
- Explore Resources
- Learn How to Support
- Be Part of the Solution



OVERCOMERS SERIES
Hope • Healing • Faith

DRIVER SAFETY

AARP Real Possibilities

SMART DRIVER CLASS

Tuesday,
October 13
9am-3pm

\$20/MEMBERS
\$25/ NON-MEMBERS

PRE-REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

CALL OR EMAIL:
TYLER

GOOD
FOR
INSURANCE
DISCOUNT

- Defensive driving techniques
- New traffic laws & rules of the road.
- NO TESTS!

PAIN MANAGEMENT

CLASS PRESENTED BY



TUES, OCTOBER 13
11 AM

John Sparks Manor
Community Room

Bird Bash

JOIN THE FLOCK. MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SUPPORT
TWO
SPARROWS
VILLAGE



Join us at Trilith LIVE

Friday, November 13 | 6 PM

This isn't just a party. It's the night that fuels everything Two Sparrows Village does all year: housing, community, and a place to belong for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who deserve exactly that.

For tickets and information reach out to Jacque at 678-519-2040.

PHILANTHROPY corner



The end of September brought many volunteers to campus for the annual Terry Chapman Day of Service. They strung up Christmas lights around campus in anticipation of our Christmas Star Run. The lights will not be turned on until our official Christmas Tree Lighting

on December 5. Thank you to all who donated lights!

In October, employees and residents can earn a CMI chip by donating Halloween candy for our youth in the Children & Family Programs. Drop candy at the Welcome Center Monday-Friday 9am-4pm. You can also earn a CMI chip by participating in our upcoming CMI Chili Cookoff – one CMI chip for attending and two for entering a chili recipe! Contact Tyler or Lissa to sign up!

Participation in our Count Me In program is a vital part of our campus life whether you participate in group activities and community service or make 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/or making a donation.



Save the Date!

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026
Christian City Campus

**Christmas
Star Run**

The Chaplain's Office

Rest, Reflection and Readiness

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

— **Ecclesiastes 3:1**



October brings us deeper into the beauty of fall. The leaves begin to change, the days become shorter, and nature gradually slows its pace. What was once green and vibrant begins to take on the warm colors of autumn. The trees release their leaves, the fields prepare for winter, and creation seems to remind us that slowing down is a natural and necessary part of life. There is wisdom in the changing seasons. Fall teaches us that not every season is meant to look the same. There is a time for growth and a time for rest, a time for activity and a time for stillness. As we move toward winter, nature does not resist the change it responds to. Perhaps we can learn something from that. There are times in our lives when God calls us to slow down, reflect, and prepare for what is ahead. In our younger years, life may have been filled with work, raising families, building careers, serving others and meeting countless responsibilities. As we grow older God may invite us into a different rhythm of life, seasons where reflection, wisdom, prayer and spiritual preparation become even more important. The Lord reminds us through the prophet Isaiah: ***"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength."*** **Isaiah 30:15**

Rest does not mean that our lives have lost their purpose. Sometimes slowing down allows us to see more clearly what God has been doing all along. October can be a time to take inventory of the blessings God has given us. It can be a time to remember answered prayers, treasured relationships, lessons learned, and moments when God's presence carried us through difficult circumstances. The psalmist encourages us: ***"Be still and know that I am God."*** **Psalms 46:10** There is something sacred about stillness. When we become quiet, we create space to listen—to remember, to give thanks and to hear God's voice. As the leaves begin to fall, perhaps God is reminding us that there are things we too can release. We can

release yesterday's regrets. We can release unnecessary worries about tomorrow. We can release the need to control every circumstance and place our trust more deeply in the hands of God.

The changing colors of autumn remind us that change does not mean the end. The tree may look different in winter, but beneath the surface, life continues. In the same way, God continues working in us even during seasons that appear quiet. **Philippians 1:6** assures us, ***"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."*** So, as October unfolds, let us embrace the slower rhythm of the season. Take time to enjoy the beauty around you. Spend time with family and friends. Give thanks for the memories God has allowed you to make. Pray over the days ahead. And trust that whatever season comes next, God will already be there. You do not have to rush into tomorrow. God gives grace one day at a time.

Gracious Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the beauty of autumn and for the reminder that every season has a purpose. Teach us to embrace the quieter moments of life and to find Your presence in the stillness. Help us release the things we need to leave behind and prepare our hearts for whatever You have ahead. Give us wisdom to reflect, courage to embrace change, and faith to trust You in every season. May we rest in Your presence, give thanks for Your blessings and remember that You are with us through every chapter of life.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Grace and Peace, Chaplain Paul

Reflection for the Month

"What is God inviting me to slow down and release, and where is He calling me to place greater trust in Him?"

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