

### A NIGHT TO SHINE: A CELEBRATION OF JOY AND COMMUNITY

It's truly incredible to see how our community comes together for Night to Shine! This year, we welcomed 410 registered guests and 540 dedicated volunteers—a remarkable testament to the love and support poured into this event. We can't thank everyone enough for their hard work, from planning, organizing, and fundraising to those who showed up on the big night to make it all possible. Your efforts made an unforgettable impact!

One of our honored guests, Sam Travinsky, shared his excitement after the event and is already looking forward to next year. He reflected on his favorite moments of the evening:

"My favorite part of Night to Shine was getting to enjoy a Chick-fil-A dinner with my escort, Ava! We took two pictures while eating and another one in the photo booth after dinner. Then, I got to play the Nerf gun game while she watched, and we both won a medal! We also got to pet Jade, the black lab, take a picture in the selfie circle, and dance the night away. Ava and her friends—Hope, Hannah, Lauren, Sydney, and Maleela—were there to cheer for me as I was crowned Prom King."

Stories like Sam's remind us why we serve—so that every individual feels the love of Christ and experiences the joy of being treated like royalty for a night. Thank you to everyone who made this event so special!

#### **BAPTISM SUNDAY & ONE SERVICE: 3/30**

Baptism is a beautiful expression of your faith and a public declaration that you have decided to follow Jesus. If you're ready to take this next step in your spiritual journey, we would love to celebrate with you during **Baptism Sunday on March 30 at 10:30 AM,** the only service that day. Click here if you're ready for the next steps!

# **CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF DEDICATION**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Susan Hursong, who recently celebrated an incredible 30 years at Christ's Church! Susan shared that her favorite part of her career is helping her teammates succeed in their ministry events—a role she fulfills with dedication and excellence.

It's no secret that Susan plays a pivotal role behind the scenes, ensuring every event is prepared with care. When asked what keeps her motivated, she shared that she loves tackling difficult tasks and finding solutions to last-minute challenges.

Reflecting on her most memorable experience, Susan recalled the funeral of Officer Brian S. Dulle in 2011. She remembered how the staff and numerous Difference Makers worked tirelessly to coordinate both the visitation and service, which welcomed thousands of friends, relatives, and law enforcement personnel. She shared, "There were 1,500 people in our building for the service. I often wonder how we pulled that off. What an amazing God we serve!"

Susan, your lifelong dedication to Christ's Church is truly inspiring. You do so much for us, and we are beyond grateful for your servant heart. You are a light to those around you, and we are honored to have you as part of the team!





# DIFFERENCE Maker MOMENTS!



A heartwarming moment in the nursery with Mr. Jeremy was beautifully captured as he shared Jesus' love with the little ones over a snack. It's never too early to introduce children to Jesus, and their attentiveness and engagement made the moment even more special. Moments like these remind us of the impact of our incredible Difference Makers, whose dedication touches so many lives each Sunday morning and beyond. We are truly grateful for you all!



Our CC Tweens recently explored Acts 16:16-40, diving into the story of Paul and Silas—portrayed by Gabe and Jackson—who were beaten, imprisoned, and then miraculously freed by God. Through discussion and an engaging reenactment, they brought the scripture to life in a meaningful way. A huge thank you to our incredible Tween Difference Makers for their creativity and dedication in making Bible lessons both fun and impactful!

#### CONGRATULATIONS GRADY!

A heartfelt congratulations to Grady Davis, who, at just eight years old, made the life-changing decision to follow Jesus on February 16! We celebrate with you, Grady, and are praying for your journey ahead as you grow in faith.



#### SIGNS OF SPRING!

Our tulips are beginning emerge! Last fall, several dedicated Difference Makers planted 3,000 tulips throughout our church grounds. As they start to break through the soil, we ask everyone to be mindful when walking near or through the mulch. Many of the sprouts are still small and blending in, so please tread carefully as we watch these beautiful blooms come to life!



#### JOIN OUR MOWING TEAM!

We are looking for more volunteers to help keep our church grounds looking their best this season! No equipment is needed—we provide the mower and all necessary tools. Commitment is only once a month. This is a great way to serve, enjoy the outdoors, and take pride in maintaining the beauty of our church home. If you're interested in joining the mowing team, contact Gary Riffle (info below), we'd love to have you!





## **MARCH SERMON SERIES:** "DISCONNECTED" FOLLOWED BY "WHO IS JESUS?"

Don't miss the second half of our Disconnected series—each week has resonated deeply, helping many recognize ways to live more connected and intentional lives.

Week 4: Simplifying Your Life (Mar 2) Week 5: Unplug to Plug In (Mar 9)

Week 6: Invitation to a New Life (Mar 16)

Up next, we're excited to begin Who is Jesus?—a powerful series designed to help us see Jesus for who He truly is: our closest friend, our healer, our teacher, our King, and ultimately, God Himself. He isn't distant or unreachable; He walks with us through every struggle, offering friendship, healing, and purpose. This series isn't just about learning more—it's about experiencing Jesus in a way that transforms our lives.

The series kicks off March 23—we hope to see you there!

Week 1: Friend (Mar 23)

Week 2: Healer (Mar 30) ONE SERVICE ONLY at 10:30am



ATTENDANCE & GIVING		
FEB 2	525	\$57,368
FEB 9	557	\$37,443
FEB 16	244	\$42,629
FEB 23	613	\$47,634

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