

MONTHLY

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MAD CAMP MADE A DIFFERENCE

We recently wrapped up what many of us consider the best week of the year—MAD Camp! It was a joy to welcome 304 campers and 95 registered volunteers for an unforgettable week centered on this year's theme, Live Bright, inspired by Matthew 5:16.

While campers enjoyed crafts, games, snacks, music, and time with friends, the week was designed to be much more than summer fun. Holly LeMaster, our CCKids Director, and an incredible team of leaders intentionally plan classes that help kids discover practical ways they can love and serve others.

Throughout the week, campers created items that will bless people both locally and around the world, including:

- 72 bears for the Bears Ministry
- 25 blankets for Family Promise in Lebanon, supporting families experiencing homelessness
- 31 pillowcase dresses for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
- 106 dog toys and 22 pet blankets for Meals on Wheels recipients and local animal shelters

The Art Through Service class also focused on a different outreach throughout the week. On Monday, campers decorated birthday cards, gift bags, and paper fans for Meals on Wheels seniors. On Wednesday, they assembled first aid kits, craft paper rolls, and ribbon dancers to include in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

It's exciting to see kids learning that following Jesus means serving others with kindness and generosity. The projects they completed this week will continue making a difference long after MAD Camp has ended. To read an incredible story about former MAD campers serving now, [check it out here](#).

CIY MOMENTS

Recently, a group of nine CCTweens and three leaders headed to CIY MIX for a few days of worship, teaching, games, and community. One of the volunteers, Eileen Leek, shared this reflection from her time there:

"I was so excited to walk beside these students as they explored what their walk with the Lord looks like. We praised, danced, sang, played amazing games (thanks to the Morgan family!), and listened to incredible teaching centered on Ephesians 2:10—that we are God's masterpieces, created to do the good works He prepared in advance for us.

As I watched the students process everything they were learning, what I didn't expect was for the Lord to speak directly to me. As a new empty nester, I've spent the last year figuring out what this new season of life looks like. I kept praying for God to show me what good works He had planned for this next chapter. Finally, on the third day, He answered: it's still time to rest.

When Alan Baumlein asked me to go to CIY, I couldn't wait to see how God would move in the lives of these students. What I didn't expect was how He would move in mine. We celebrated one student becoming a new believer and four students recommitting their lives to the Lord. We follow a mighty God who loves us deeply and encourages us in ways we never expect."



FAMILY FUNFEST

We hope you and your family had a wonderful time at our 4th of July Family FunFest! Looking around this year, it was easy to see people making new connections, strengthening friendships, and building community. We're so thankful for the opportunity to love on our church family and our neighbors through this special event.

SERVING BEYOND OUR BORDERS

This summer, several teams from Christ's Church will be traveling to Poland and Austria to partner with our global mission partners and serve in a variety of ministries. Whether leading camps, building relationships, or encouraging local churches, each team has the opportunity to share the love of Christ in meaningful ways. As they prepare to go, we invite you to join us in praying for safe travels, open hearts, and lasting impact—for both those serving and those they will meet.

We spoke with longtime Christ's Church member Missy Kowitz about her upcoming trip to Poland, and she shared:

"We are praying that the spiritual gifts that each of us have been equipped with can be used to their fullest potential. The people of Poland/Proem are really friendly - so I'm looking forward to getting to know them better! Many of the children that attend the camp are familiar with Jesus, but probably have not experienced individuals with deep personal commitments to Christ. So living out the example of Christ with joy and hope to children who may live in difficult circumstances is a real opportunity to provide blessings and open the door for them to explore the true love of Christ."

Please keep these teams in your prayers as they prepare to serve:

July 10–19

Poland – Proem Ministries – Basketball Camp

- Brad and Ryan Wilson
- Mark and Taylor McDaniel
- Curtis Crimmins
- Noah Ruminski

July 17–26

Poland – Proem Ministries – FishArt Camp

- Alan and Tina Baumlein
- Ben and Bekah Starling
- Mickey and Missy Kowitz
- Gary and Susan Brower
- David and Maggie Buckley

August 16–18

Austria – TCM Ministries

- Richard and Becky Heap
- Sarah Ferris
- Pat Smith
- Debbie Miranda
- Karen Gambill

As these teams serve, pray that God would work through their gifts, create meaningful relationships, and continue opening doors for the hope of Jesus to be shared.



CC Group from 2016 who went to Poland!

JUNE BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Richean Sobers and Austin Hocker, who took the next step in their faith through baptism this month! 🙌



Richean



Austin

SUNDAYS IN JULY

After 12 weeks studying the book of Ephesians, we're wrapping up our Built Different series! Throughout July, we'll hear three stand-alone messages before launching a brand-new series in August.

As we continue through the summer, don't forget to invite your One More, pray for them, and look for opportunities to have Good, God, Gospel conversations.

Coming up:

- **July 5:** *Stand Firm* (Final week of Built Different)
- **July 12:** Guest speaker, Mark Graham
- **July 19:** Guest speaker, Mark Mueller
- **July 26:** *For Competitors Only 2.0*



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ATTENDANCE & GIVING

JUNE 7	546	\$61,306
JUNE 14	559	\$49,483
JUNE 21	590	\$46,324
JUNE 28	541	\$29,745



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