

#### KINDNESS CARTS IN THE HALLWAYS OF MASON

CCStaff and Michelle Weiss visited Mason Elementary and Intermediate Schools with the Kindness Cart, delivering treats and personal invitations to our Easter services. We were met with love and gratitude from the teachers and staff—a beautiful reminder of the impact simple generosity can have. The true honor was getting to serve just a few of these incredible educators.

During Easter week, we also stopped by Warren County Educational Service Center (our "Night to Shine" partner school) and Liberty Bible Academy to share treats and Easter invitations.

In a touching surprise, a thoughtful church family blessed our staff with a gift basket to enjoy. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve, and thankful to each of you for trusting us with the kingdom work we are called to do.

# **EASTER 2025**

Easter Sunday brought the highest attendance we've seen at Christ's Church since before COVID—what a blessing! It's incredible to see God's

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to him. We pray that every guest felt welcomed and will continue their journey with us. This year, 1,052 people celebrated Easter together, a big jump from 978 in 2024. Our Good Friday service reached 298 in attendance.

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### THE IMPACT OF THE GREAT HUNT

We had an incredible turnout for the Great Hunt, with an estimated 620 people in attendance—but even more incredible was a story we couldn't wait to share with you. It's easy to underestimate the power of an invitation, especially when we don't immediately

see how God is working behind the scenes. David and Maggie Buckley made it a point to invite their new neighbors to several of our events—Family Fun Fest in July, Glow with God, and now the Great Hunt. During the hunt, one of their neighbor's children found an egg with a sticker inside that shared Matthew 5:13-16 and the words "Salt and Light." Curious, they went home, looked up the Bible verses, and learned what it means to be the salt and light of the world. Touched by the experience, they even wrote a thank-you note to the Buckleys for inviting them and for being such wonderful neighbors!

What a beautiful reminder of God's intentional work — from the volunteer who placed that specific sticker in the egg, to the exact moment it was found by the right child who would look up its meaning. Nothing is by accident with Him. We serve an amazing, intentional God!



# DIFFERENCE Maker MOMENTS!



Clara Sievers was celebrated on her birthday during the latest Crafters for Christ meeting! Clara has faithfully led the group for 17 years, and we're so grateful for all she does. Happy Birthday, Clara!



Evelyn Peak, who recently celebrated her 10th birthday, has a big heart for the special needs community—and chose to make a meaningful impact. In her family, "big" birthdays are an opportunity to give back to God. So instead of receiving gifts, Evelyn donated much-needed items to Warren County Educational Services. Jill Buffenbarger, nursing supervisor at WCES, gratefully accepted the donations on behalf of the school. Thank you, Evelyn, for being a Difference Maker!

#### MOMS' GROUP SERVICE PROJECT FOR MOTHER'S DAY!

Our Moms Group packed 20 Mother's Day baskets for single moms—eleven of them went to one of our partner nonprofit groups, Joshua's Place, and the rest were shared with moms in our church and community. This is their second year doing this, and each basket was filled with donated items like hair products, Bible studies, lip gloss, face masks, and handwritten cards!



#### **APRIL BAPTISMS**



Congratulations to Alex Wood, Aaron Stevens, and Graylin Waites (10), for making a public confession of faith through baptism. We are already praying for your journey!



#### MAY SERMON SERIES CONTINUES: "ONE MORE"

Week 2: You Belong (May 4)

Week 3: Who's at Your Table? (May 11)
Week 4: One More Conversation (May 18)

Coming Up Next: "Unseen Battles: The War You Didn't Know You Were In"

Spiritual warfare is an often-overlooked reality in the Christian life. The Bible makes it clear that believers are engaged in an unseen battle, not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of darkness (Ephesians 6:12). Yet many Christians live unaware and are ill-equipped to fight back.

This series is designed to expose the enemy's tactics, reveal biblical truths that help us stand firm, and provide practical strategies for victory.

Week 1: Knowing Your Enemy (May 25)



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APR 13	556	\$30,543
APR 20	1,052	\$54,431
APR 27	597	\$46,378

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