

# CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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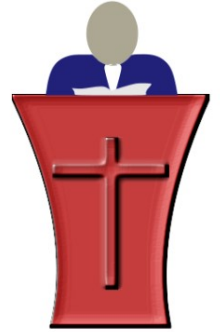
*On the following pages, you will find reports from several council members, committee chairs, and team leaders. Enjoy!*

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## Pastor's Perspective



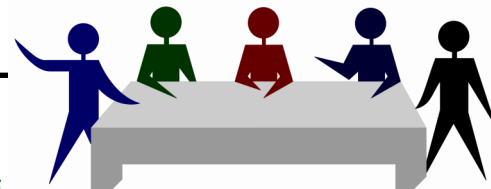
Perhaps you were born for such a time as this. ~ Esther 4:14

Esther saved an entire race of people. The Jews were on the brink of extinction due to the pride and hatred of Jews harbored in Haman's heart. Esther risked her own life for a chance to save the lives of her people. She was hesitant, much like we are hesitant to take risk in doing what is right. Her cousin (some believe uncle), Mordecai, suggested she became Queen "for a time such as this." I will not spoil the chance for you to read the story for yourself. There were many surprising turn of events that strategically positioned Esther and Mordecai to have the opportunity, and authority, to act on behalf of the Jews. One can easily see the sovereignty and purpose of God present in this Old Testament book. Today, Jews celebrate Purim in commemoration of this Biblical account.

We are living in perilous times. Riots. Looting. Violence. Earthquakes. Covid-19. Financial uncertainty. These things have shown us how vulnerable and fragile life is. The uncertainty present today stirs both fear and excitement within me. Fear due to the possibility of succumbing to any of the aforementioned atrocities. Excitement for being born "for such a time as this." I have no doubt you and I have been born at this particular time, and in this particular context, for a purpose. Will we allow God to use us for His purposes? Will we be willing to take a risk and suffer potential loss for the sake of the Kingdom? Are we willing to risk everything (up to and including our very own lives), much like Esther did, to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ? We live in a Christian culture that, in large part, believes God exists for us. However, could it be quite the opposite? Could it be that we exist for God?

**You may reach Pastor Derek at 540.420.6836**

## Governing Council - Bruce Gilbert, Chair



Drive-In Church Sunday worship services continue with great attendance. We now have the option of staying in our vehicles and listening on AM1630 or sitting in our lawn chairs under the shade trees while trying to maintain social distancing. Of course, no one knows when we can safely move worship services back inside, but your Governing Council is meeting bi-weekly to assess this fluid quarantine situation as it applies specifically to Churches, group meetings and of course, everyone's safety. Many thanks to our Pastor, Governing Council members, Property Committee, Security Team, Communications Committee and Worship Committee for making Drive-In Church a reality. Thank you for attending, and hope you will invite or bring a friend or neighbor. Thanks be to God.

Your helpful suggestions and comments given to Pastor Derek or any Governing Council member as always will be much appreciated. Furthermore, we urge you to weekly visit our Church website ([christfamily.org](http://christfamily.org)) to keep informed on Church news, announcements, newsletters, view/listen to sermons and much, much more.

I leave you with a quote by Mark Batterson who authored the book used in our recently completed small group study.

"Some day we may be as grateful for the bad things as the good things because the bad things helped prepare us for the good things."

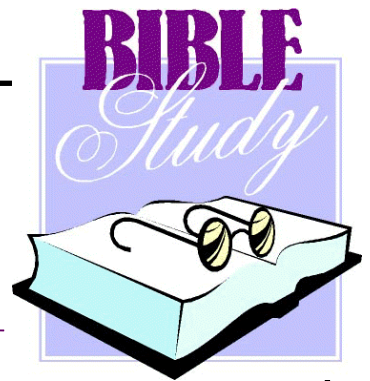
Things will get better!

***In remembrance of founding member Mr. Carl Simpson***

For The Governing Council

Bruce Gilbert, Chairman

## Christian Education Committee - Norma Gilbert, Chair



Even with the challenges of social distancing and face masks, we completed in June a Monday evening Small Group Study titled In A Pit With A Lion On A Snowy Day by Mark Batterson. Thanks to Pastor Derek for moderating this inspiring and eye opening study and to all attending.

Topics for future studies are being considered but plans are on hold dependent on the changing circumstances of the pandemic. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

## Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chair

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I hope this finds everyone safe and well.

Due to the Covid-19 Crisis, the Caring Crafters are working from their homes and the Youth Enrichment Program activities have been limited or delayed.

The Penhook Food Pantry dates are July 9th and August 13th. To keep everyone safe the Pantry will be a drive through with limited volunteers. If you would like to help a neighbor in need please bring toilet paper and/or liquid dish detergent to Church and we will get them to the Pantry. We continue to collect Coke product bottle caps, can tabs, and box tops for education. Donations may be left in the box on the Lake Christian Ministries table in the narthex.

Our Glade Hill School Ministry will continue this fall with weekend backpack food, school supplies, Back to School clothing and family food.

We continue to support the Franklin County Resource Center/Shelter, Franklin County Humane Society, Faith Network, Helping Hands, Lake Christian Ministries and other local organizations with financial resources.

You can be specific with your donations to CCC Outreach Ministries. Donations to the General Outreach will go to local organizations and Caring Crafters. Specify your gift for the Family Outreach or the Y.E.P. and the funds will be used to help local families and youth enrichment in our community. Please let me know if you have any questions about CCC Outreach ([randyagee360@gmail.com](mailto:randyagee360@gmail.com)). Thanks to all that help make the CCC Outreach Ministry possible. Be safe!

Blessings to all,  
Randy Agee

Please visit the Outreach page of the church website [www.christfamily.org](http://www.christfamily.org) to read the latest edition of the Lake Christian Ministries Newsletter.

## Membership Committee - Jim Wilson, Chair



The membership committee continues to update the Church Directory via the App and asks for your input.

To date, the committee has heard overwhelmingly positive reviews for the Instant Church Directory Products; we therefore intend to renew our contract with them for the foreseeable future.

In Service,

Jim Wilson

CCC Membership Committee Chairman

## Security Team - Glenn Ulman, Leader



Hello congregants,

It's been great seeing everyone during the Car Church services. I would like to thank everyone on the security team for their help and also a thank you to the congregation for your cooperation and following parking instructions. During this pandemic, we will try to keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

We have seen the reports of riots and vandalism. I am unaware of any incidents concerning civil unrest in the immediate area. If you see something, say something. In the coming months, the church will be opened for services inside.

As we enter to worship, depending on the requirements of the phase, it will be different. We the security team ask for your cooperation in this matter we want all to remain safe.

Have a great summer, and it's awesome seeing everyone at Car Church.

Glenn