

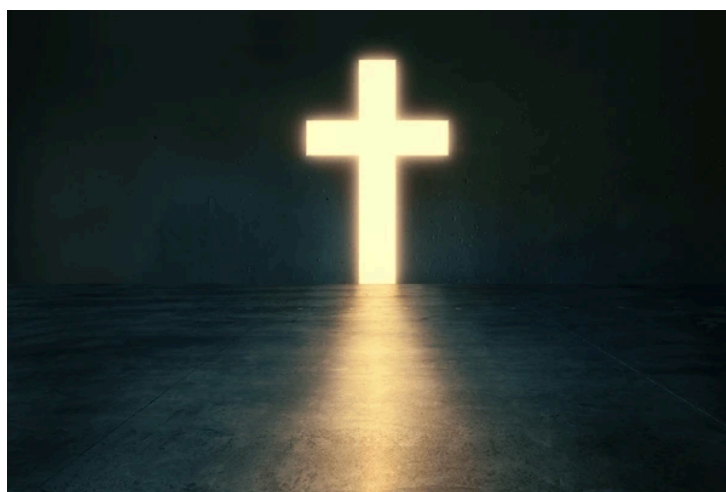


Christ Community Church Newsletter

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Be The Light

Welcome to our Newsletter where we can keep you up to date on all the exciting happenings at our church.



Holy Thoughts with Pastor Jacob Sandholm

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

When the Christians started to meet regularly to worship Christ and teach others about Jesus, they were persecuted greatly. These worship services had to be done in secret, otherwise all who were involved would be threatened to not only persecution, but even execution. Over the last few years, we have seen a great persecution of the church happen overseas in countries like Nigeria, Turkey, North Korea, and China. At this moment, I believe we are starting to see some of that reality here in the United States of America, that Christians in those other countries must face every day. September was filled with attacks on churches, children within those churches, and prominent church leaders.

I believe that we have been taking our freedom to worship for granted for far too long here in America. Spiritual Warfare has been all around us for our entire lives, but now it seems as if the demons are doing their work right in front of us, in public. How will the Church respond? Unfortunately, many people will be taking part in watching horror movies, glorifying the dead, and taking part in some forms of witchcraft as Halloween approaches this year. I was told recently by a friend that there are “quite a few” people who practice witchcraft in our community. My friends, please read this carefully and take heed to these words: Witchcraft is real and can produce evil spirits.

We saw it with the Israelites and are continuing to see it now in our nation, that is, lukewarm belief. You cannot be practicing witchcraft or glorifying death while also praising Christ from your lips. Jesus says in *Matthew 6:24*, “*No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*”

I understand that this is not like my normal newsletter articles, but I believe we must have our eyes opened to the things that we are allowing to happen in our nation and communities. Now, I am not saying that I believe dressing up as Mario or a princess as a child is sinful. What I am saying though, is to recognize what is becoming a stumbling block to your relationship with Christ and what doors you are opening without even realizing it. The time has come for the Church to walk in light, and show the darkness that there is no room for it in our homes, our churches, our communities, and our hearts. “*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*”–*John 8:12*

–Pastor Jacob Sandholm

***If you would like to connect with Pastor Jacob, please know that his office hours are Monday-Thursday: 8:30 Am-3:30 Pm. You can also contact the church email to connect with him: christcommunitydc@gmail.com**

October's Ministries



Motherhood Ministry

This month, we had the opportunity to support a mom with her baby in the NICU by providing books and activities to help keep her days a little brighter. We were also able to provide meals for a new mom as her family adjusts to life as a family of seven. We're looking forward to continuing to serve moms in the month of October.

At the core of our mission is a desire to remind moms that they're not alone. Whether it's through a warm meal or a listening ear, we want to offer encouragement, support, and a sense of community.

If you'd like to learn more about this ministry or explore ways to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! Please don't hesitate to reach out at **christcommunitydc@gmail.com**.



Outreach Committee

Our latest Adult Fun Night at Lake Wapello was a great success. It's always a joy to give adults the chance to come together for fellowship and games. We'll start planning the next one for November soon. We're also excited to create a float for the Homecoming parade this month. If you'd like to help decorate or ride along, please reach out to Kaitlyn at christcommunitydc@gmail.com.

If you're interested in helping organize these activities, we'd love to have you on the Outreach Committee. To get involved, email us at christcommunitydc@gmail.com or text 641-242-2826.

Elevate Youth Ministry



God is moving in our youth ministry program, and the name of Christ is absolutely being elevated. September was an exciting month as we saw the kick-off of our Fall programming and met many new faces to the program. Not only did we have a fun bowling night, but we also had a couple of lessons that encouraged the youth to rise to Christ and to allow Christ to revive them in this new season. As October approaches, our programming will focus on the essentials of believing in Jesus and what it looks like, as a teenager, to follow Jesus in the world that we're living in. We are also looking forward to October 12, as we will be traveling to Apple Blossom Farms to help pick some apples and do some other service work. We will be there at 2:00 PM and we need at least 10-15 youth and adults to help. So please let Pastor Jacob or Kaitlyn know if you are interested in helping. Finally, the youth council team is being put together and will have their first meeting in the month

of October. We are preparing to serve Christ and help teach the youth the truth and the benefits of believing in it. May God continue to be glorified!

Thank you for reading and praying for our youth,

Blessings,

Pastor Jacob Sandholm



Missions

We're excited to share our missions giving goal for the rest of the year. In October we'll be giving to Rainbows and Friends and in December, funds will support the mission trips we're taking in January. We're still looking for a U.S.-based organization to support in November, so if you have any suggestions, please let us know. We're really excited to have started the conversation with those of you interested in traveling to Honduras in January. We still have lots of information to share, so if this is on your heart please join us in learning more!

If you're interested in joining an upcoming mission trip or becoming part of our missions team, we'd love to connect with you. Reach out to us at **christcommunitydc@gmail.com**—we'd be honored to have you involved in this important work!



Children's Ministry

Rally Day was a big success with 22 kids participating. We're so excited to have our kids back and to get them engaged in learning about Jesus. We're also incredibly grateful for the support we've received from volunteers for children's church—this year, we're able to schedule everyone just once a month. Here's to another year of investing in our youth in Jesus' name.

A heartfelt *thank you* to those who are already serving and to those prayerfully considering it. If you'd like to learn more or be added to the team, please email Kaitlyn at christcommunitydc@gmail.com.



Choir

We've had a great start to choir in the month of September. As a congregation, we're so thankful for the talented volunteers who bless us with their music. If you're interested in joining, you're always welcome to attend a rehearsal at the high school on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Call Karen Spurgeon at 641-208-3202 for more information.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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