# Christ Church





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#### Thursday, May 29, 2025

05.25.25 Pastor Joseph

Notes by Pastor Ashley Dodson

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

First, Christ is our focus! We are disciples of Christ! There are things in the Christian life that are supernatural in nature.

There can be a ditch on both sides of the road. Hyper focused on spiritual gifts or they are not talked about at all. But if you keep Jesus your center focus.

Spiritual gifts are given to the body for the edification of the body. These are different ways the Holy Spirit manifest through the body.

The gift of tongues is unique to the New Testament. It is all over the books of Acts. <u>And</u> it never says that the gifts with not continue in the church.

All gifts are empowered to the body proportioned to the body as He wills! Our responsibility is to learn to yield to the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts. Acts 2:1–11 tongues were heard and understood in their own languages.

But, Paul is addressing something different than that in 1 Corinthians 14:1–15

The flow of the gift of tongues in our personal life and the body life in the church.

The people of the Corinthian church were so zealous for Spiritual gifts that it was becoming a problem.

Tongues are a gift to pray from your spirit the mysteries of God, God is allowing you to pray His secrets.

Prayer is overcoming <u>God's</u> reluctance, it is laying ahold of His willingness.

If you're going to pray, swing for the fence!





vs. 4 speaking in tongues in your private life strengthens yourself, personal edification.

vs. 5 Tongues spoken and interpretted s a message to a corporate setting builds up the whole body

Pray that you interpret! People sometimes have the biggest problem with God doing something in your life that you can't control. He already is anyway.

Don't lose focus on Jesus, and don't lose focus on what's happening in the corporate body.

Paul is not giving these guidelines to limit the move of the Holy Spirit, but he is talking about things being done decently and order, so there is understanding. We must me knowledgeable about what the Bible says is for us.

Christ Church wants to be accountable to the Bible.

God has so much in store for us, knowing what His word says and yielding to His Spirit, and letting Him know whatever you have for us, we're open.

Create in us a hunger and a desire for what the Spirit has for us!







A May 2025 update from Jim and Marlene Koslowsky



I moved to Kenya in 1984, single at the time, and eager to serve in a new ministry area. The first three years there I worked with the Jesus Film ministry, overseeing recordings in eight local languages for six different African countries. Local people were recorded for the various speaking

parts and technicians matched the voices, thus the film was available in the local language for all to hear and see!

One of those translations took me to Zambia to record in the Bemba language. Well, in September of last year I met a man visiting our church by the name of **Benson Chembe** who just happens to work in Zambia with Worldwide Discipleship Association. We chatted a bit and I asked if he was familiar with the Jesus Film. His reply? "Of course! I use it all the time to introduce people to Jesus." I shared with him my experience in the film in the Bemba language and found out that this is his mother tongue. He thanked me enthusiastically and told me he had just shown the film before he left and that 70 villagers had received Jesus at that showing and were currently being followed-up.

Over 40 years later it struck me how God can make small efforts run down the road to bear fruit again at any time. Those brief moments back in Zambia even made a difference four decades later. God used those moments and gave me a glimpse of how He did on a *chance* encounter with Benson. I was remarkably encouraged, as you may imagine. And some of you reading this were part of my team back then, and may you be encouraged at this moment as well!

In April I attended our Affiliate Advance in St. Louis, MO. There were 13 cities represented at our annual meeting, this year done in the style of TED-type talks. The presentations covered: Whole-person Discipleship, Prayer-walking, Coaching, Participatory Defense, S.A.Y. Yes! Youth Development, Grief Share Bible Studies, as well as how to network with other churches. Our host church, Faith Community Bible Church, represented by Pastor Michael and Tracy Byrd, shared about the inner city of St. Louis and the amazing work they are leading to reach families struggling in the web of poverty. It was a great time with our Affiliates!

Oh! And St. Louis has some amazing food!

#### **Prayer Updates:**

Carole with pancreatic cancer. The tumors have shrunk, and the radiation will continue to work for several months. No treatment is needed if things stay stable as they are now. She will have scans every three months for the next year. A serious PTL!

I went to a neurologist May 15th about my dizziness. He ordered several more tests to try to identify the cause of the dizziness. Pray for something conclusive. I also have a fog in my right eye from my December cataract surgery/lens replacement. The doctor has no answers for that as yet.

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Jim







## **UPDATE**

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Love is our Legacy, Love is our Destiny, Love is our Strategy!

## **IT'S HERE!**

Thanks Jen Millar & Kim Wells.

Spring 2025 Latzer Art Award Winner



Spring 2025 Latzer Art Award Recipient







Garrett is Jen Millar's son and used to attend CC. Congrats to Garrett and Jen for this award!



Best in 3D Design "Sword in the Stone" by Garrett Davis



Midwest Pregnancy Care Center

We are so excited that you have partnered with us for our Baby Bottle Campaign this year! Our Baby Bottle Campaign is our #1 fundraiser for the year. The money collected from these baby bottles goes straight into helping the needlest families in and around our community. And we couldn't do it without your support.

The way the Baby Bottle Campaign works is you take home a baby bottle today, Mother's Day. You place it in your home and fill it with spare change.

We also ask that whenever you see it, take a moment and pray for the work that we do at the Pregnancy Centers, for the lives that we impact. Then bring it back to your Church on Father's Day.

Thank you again for your support!

#### **Christ Churcher Shoutouts!**



Daysen Broderick (with Shaiden Allen) have been given the opportunity to play with the mid-continent band this summer! This band is made up of mostly adults who have years of experience. They gather each week to practice a new set of music to perform the next day. {Thanks, Lauren Allen, for the FB post.}





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# HOME John 12:12-16 The Triumphal Entry

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Lord	Meet	Multitude
Name	Palm	Trees
Understand	Young	Zion

#### PRAISE REPORTS & Continued Prayers!

\*Harold Robertson

#### **THIS WEEK PRAYERS & UPDATES:**

- \*Ryan Millar's family -loss of his grandmother
- \*Lisa Dunham's family loss of her dad
- \*Pray for those traveling! Julie Larkey, Beck Rhone
- \*Dennis Wright's cardiologist appointment Wed., May 21
- \*Shirley Drawdy's cardiologist appointment Wed., May 21
- \*Christine Blevins kidneys
- \*Melissa's friend, Addi PET scan Thurs., May 22- pray for clear no signs of cancer
- \*Rebekah's cousin, Myrhonda starts radiation tomorrow for cancer in her brain
- \*Jennie (Stacy Koehn's mom) fell has small fracture in spine
- \*update Kris Van Nice
- \*update Ann & Leonards 8 yr.old great nephew Gideon
- \*update Chanda Shelton: 1st major eye surgery-healing well
- \*update Jen Millar's grandbaby Harlie
- \*update on Malachi's Grammy Kay
- \*update Lil James
- \*Barb Davis: tests came back terminal liver cancer
- \*Rick Allison- blood clot (Ashley)
- \*Tara Buster
- \*Lynda Kentch

#### **ANY MORE UPDATES or REQUESTS**

\*Continued prayers for SoHome







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Derrinda Springer is with Darlena Springer and 5 others. May 22 at 3:47 PM · GoFundMe · 🚱

Most of you know my Dad, truly my sister's and my Hero and Stud Pa to the grandkids. I can think of noone else who has been such an example to our family and others of Christ's love. His commitment to pastoring churches, and now being a hospice chaplain, has been his greatest achievement to reaching others for the Kingdom of God. Now Dad has an opportunity to share the word of God in Kenya, traveling to both Nairobi and Tanzania. Dad and his missionary friend are leading a conference for pastors in Kenya and they are self-funding the mission. Please lift them both up in prayer throughout the mission and if you feel led to help sponsor their trip, I created a gofundme to help with their journey. All funds will go directly to dad and the mission team. Please feel free to share on your Facebook feed to help spread the word as they prepare to bring revival to Kenya 🤎



GoFundMe: Keith's Mission Trip To Kenya







Ann Swink

May 22, 2025 7:14 AM



GOD

just checking on a date. Father's Day is Sunday, June 15th. The announcement for the cookout and community church service says Sunday, June 17th. Just checking.

I love to read the newsletter and look forward to it every week! You're doing an awesome job. 83 Ann Swink









She's here! 5/23/25 11:29pm 5lbs 13oz 19 inches Daisy Joleigh



We have received word from our friends, Bevi & Ronald (from the Saiko truck in Indy) that they are moving to Texas and will no longer be able to attend Christ Church. 😔 Please join us in wishing them godspeed and all of God's richest blessings in their future. We were so blessed to have them in our fellowship!





Congratulations Tiffany Adee. She graduated from K State yesterday. We are so proud of you.





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During our Thursday morning prayer time we have corporately been reading through the book of Acts in preparation for the season of Pentecost and the coming ministry of Scott & Louada Coon June 5-8, 2025!

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2025 JUNE								
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We ask you as the body of Christ Church to join us in the journey through Acts, if you are not physically able to join us on Thursdays using the reading guide below. The column at the left will denote the chapters that we have read together in our Thursday morning sessions, the column next to that is for you to mark off your personal reading progress and the 3<sup>rd</sup> column is the list of 28 chapters of Acts.

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https://www.hiddenhaven.org/

## Kitchen Help June 2025 HIDDEN HAVEN CHRISTIAN CAMP

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HS1	2 open	3 open	4 open	5 open	6	7
8 MS1	9 open	10 open	11 open	12 open	13	14
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22 3rd-4th 1	23 open	24 3rd-4th 2	25 open	26	27 1st -2nd	28

#### July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday 1	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13 MS2	14 open	15 open	16 open	17 open	18	19
20 HS2	21 open	22 open	23 open	24 open	25	26

To schedule your church, contact Dawn Lewis at (918) 397-2619 or dawnlewishome@yahoo.com

These are the dates that volunteers are needed to help at Camp. Thank you in advance for helping camp run smoothly.

Arrive at camp around 8 am (8:30 to 9:00 if not eating breakfast) and finish after supper dishes are done, which is around 6:30 pm.





### Hidden Haven Christian Camp Stock the Pantry Sign-Up Sheet

100 ct. Plastic Spoons  1. Kathy Evert  2. Kuthy Gwent	1. Broky Rhone 2. Loven Grane
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50 ct. 12 oz. Styrofoam Bowls  1. Anne Swink  2. Circly Anuth	1. Mel Foy Coca 2. Stevre Coca 3. Ala Osla
1. Rebelah Lampe 2. Kathy Robertson 3. Mr. Gillelan 4. Risk wills	Oreo Cookies  1. Jane Sum K  2. Julie Quandrem
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Lg. Box of 13 Gallon Trash Bags	(amp Scholarships!!!









**NOTE the date!** Thanks Ann Swink, for catching that I had the date wrong in the past newsletter.





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CaveTime and Women's **Bible Study Wednesday** Nights at 6:00 pm. See you there!



TUESDAYS 4:30-5:30PM

CHRIST CHURCH

Intercessory



Thursdays 6:30pm Lord's Chapel



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