

1ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH *focus*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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NOT. DONE. YET

A New Sermon Series



You're not finished. Not at 16. Not at 56. Not at 86. Beginning Sunday, October 11, we're launching a new message series called NOT. DONE. YET. -- a series about living every season of life with purpose.

If you're young, the choices and habits you're making right now are laying the foundation for the person you're becoming. If you're somewhere in the middle, God is still shaping, calling, and using you. And if you've accumulated a few gray hairs, Scripture has wonderful news: God never intended for you to retire from a life of purpose.

We'll discover how to build a life that lasts, refuse to quit before God does, pass our faith to the next generation, and finish strong. This series is for every generation, so it's a terrific opportunity to invite your children, parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends. You're still here. God's still working. You're NOT. DONE. YET.

Randy Barnhart
Senior Minister



Thank you

Dearest Church Family,

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the overwhelming love, kindness, and support you have shown to our family. Throughout the lengthy journey of my mother's illness, and especially following her passing, your friendship has been a constant source of comfort and strength.

Thank you to everyone who lifted us up in prayer, sent thoughtful cards, made phone calls, and delivered delicious meals. In moments that felt heavy and difficult, your faithful prayers sustained us, and your generosity reminded us of God's grace and care.

Knowing that we are surrounded by such a compassionate, Christ-centered church family means more to us than words can fully convey. You have truly been the hands and feet of Jesus to us during this season.

Randy
Barnhart



UNFORGIVABLE
the short film
**IS READY
TO BE VIEWED!**

**YOU ARE INVITED
To Attend the SCREENING**

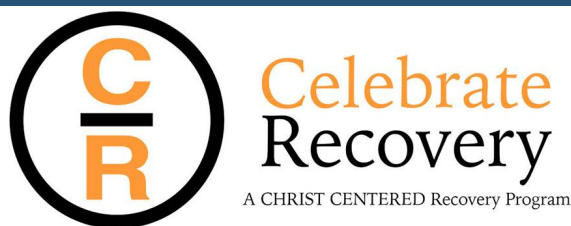
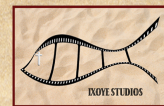
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

3:00 PM

1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH
306 College St., Carrollton GA 30117

RSVP by Text – Greg Solomon – 678-675-5554

Snacks & Drinks
will be served before
& after the screening



1st Christian Church
Every Sunday at 4pm
We can't wait to see you there!!!



Healing
IN
MOTION
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

YOU ARE NOT ALONE.
Support. Understanding. Growth.

A SAFE PLACE TO HEAL.
Share, connect, and find hope.

STRONGER TOGETHER.
Healing happens in community.

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 1PM TO 2PM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**306 COLLEGE STREET
CARROLLTON, GA 30117**

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Take the next step. You deserve it.

Gratitude Is Not Automatic

Our kids are not born grateful. They are born convinced the universe exists to meet their needs—preferably before they have to cry twice.

That is not wickedness; it's infancy. The problem begins when parents keep treating a 6-year-old like a very large infant: anticipating every want, replacing every disappointment, and handing over privileges as though they were constitutional rights.

I can't remember who said this, but I believe it: Gratitude grows in the soil of limits.

A child who receives everything he or she wants learns only that wanting is powerful. The child who occasionally hears, "No, you have enough," begins to understand that possessions are gifts, not entitlements. A child who is "allowed" to wait, to save, to help, and to contribute discovers something modern American life works hard to hide: every good thing costs somebody something.

Try this at home: before meals, vacations, birthdays, or Christmas morning, ask each family member to name one thing someone else did for them that week. Not merely "I'm thankful for pizza," but "I'm thankful Mom made dinner after a long day," or "I'm thankful my brother helped me with homework."

Grateful children do not need more stuff. They need more opportunities to notice the people, work, sacrifice, and love behind every single thing they already

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Please help us collect candy for our David & Goliath Halloween outreach event! Bins are located in the 9 AM & 11 AM foyers. We are expecting hundreds of children to pass through our doors and would love to be able to provide them with both the Word of God and a sweet treat they can eat!

David & Goliath Experience: October 31st

Join us on Saturday, October 31st for a brand-new journey as we take our community back in time to encounter a young shepherd boy named David and a huge giant named Goliath. Similar to Journey through Exodus, the David & Goliath Experience will be interactive.

There will be a meeting & practice on Wednesday, October 28th in lieu of Wonderful Wednesday classes. Dinner will be available at 5:30pm and practice/meeting will begin at 6pm.

This is such a great opportunity to introduce people to the Word of God, show them around the church in the form of the journey, and make a connection with some that may otherwise never set foot inside a church. Please be praying about this outreach and how you might take part in it.

This event is not possible without a LOT of volunteers. We will need people to be actors, treat givers, greeters, set up/clean up and so many other positions. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Beth or Brittany at Beth@1stchristianchurch.com or Brittany@1stchristianchurch.com.

Save the Date: Christmas Performance

Save the date to see the preschool & elementary age children perform in this year's Christmas performance, on Sunday, December 6th! There will be an early morning rehearsal on Saturday, December 5th.



When their triplet grandsons were born in Carrollton, Georgia, this Texas couple, newly retired, relocated to help out the son and daughter-in-law. Actually, service is what David and Diane McFarland do best. Now that the grandsons are in second grade, they find they have more time to be of service to the church and community which they have grown to love. Graciously, they agreed to become the lead volunteers tasked with the revitalization of the ministry of the church to the senior population.

Introduce yourselves to them and ask how you might be of help. They will be organizing activities and making plans for the first meeting which will be January 21, 2027 in the Family Life Center.



Bible Verses About Fall

1. Genesis 8:22

“As long as the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter... will never cease.”

This verse affirms God’s promise that the cycles of nature—including fall—are sustained by His faithfulness.

2. Ecclesiastes 3:1

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

Fall symbolizes transition, reflection, and purposeful change.

3. Psalm 104:19

“He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows when to go down.”

A reminder that God intentionally designed the seasons, including autumn’s rhythms.

4. Jeremiah 5:24

God “gives rain in its season, both the autumn and the spring rain... and keeps for us the appointed weeks of the harvest.”

This verse highlights God’s provision through fall rains and harvest.

5. James 5:7

“See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop... waiting for the autumn and spring rains.”

Autumn becomes a picture of patience, spiritual maturity, and waiting on God’s timing.

CANDY COLLECTION

PLEASE HELP US COLLECT CANDY FOR OUR HALLOWEEN OUTREACH

We will be collecting candy from
September 9th - October 28th
for our David & Goliath outreach event.
Collection bins will be located
in the 9am & 11am foyers.
Thank you for your support!

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH				1	2	3
4 Celebrate Recovery 4 - 6 PM	5	6	7 Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 - 7 PM	8	9	10
11 Celebrate Recovery 4 - 6 PM	12 Omega 6 pm	13	14 Alpha 10AM Fall Break <u>No Wonderful Wednesday</u>	15 Senior Fellowship Suttons 11:30 AM Dutch Treat	16	17
18 Celebrate Recovery 4 - 6 PM	19	20	21 Food Pantry 9 -10 AM Wonderful Wednesday 5:30 - 7 PM	22	23	24
25 Celebrate Recovery 4 - 6 PM	26	27	28 David and Goliath set up in FLC <u>No Wonderful Wednesday</u>	29	30	31 David & Goliath 5:30-8 PM Halloween Event



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WAYS TO GIVE



GIVE VIA TEXT TO GIVE

Text 1stcc to 73256



MAIL

306 College Street Carrollton, GA. 30117



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1stChristianChurch.com



SUNDAY GIVING BOXES

Put your offering in the giving boxes



- The Barnhart Family
- David & Goliath Halloween Outreach Event
- Senior Fellowship Relaunch
- Youth Pastor Search
- Fall Break Travelers

September Numbers

Weekly Offering Needed \$ 17,692.31

	9/6/26	9/13/26	9/20/26	9/27/26
Weekly Offering	\$ 22,572.25	\$ 15,946.48	\$ 15,659.20	\$ 13,304.50
YTD Received	\$694,630.02	\$710,576.50	\$726,235.70	\$739,540.20
YTD Needed	\$636,923.16	\$654,615.47	\$672,307.78	\$690,000.09