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Together, Let's Change the World

The mission of Christ Community Church is to join God in what He is doing to see His Kingdom come fully to Lake Charles and beyond. To this end, 1) we share God's love, proclaim His message of forgiveness, and work with Him to transform people who are disconnected from Him into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ; 2) we glorify God through our life together as a worshiping, praying, ministering community; and 3) we work with God to reestablish His reign in the human structures of our city and nation.

The church is called to be “the bride of Christ.” Together, we form a body. Each of us has a function. There are no extra “parts.” And our task is nothing less than helping to extend the rule of God, the Kingdom of God, in our world. We really are called to change the world.

This booklet contains our strategy for doing so. It contains a ministry structure. This structure is a way to create, launch, and organize new and existing ministries. And it also contains a catalog of the current ministries, both within the congregation, and those with which we are involved.

Someone has said that the church is often well-symbolized in an NFL football game — One-hundred-thousand people badly in need of exercise watching 22 people badly in need of rest.

In any church, there are many ideas for creative world-changing ministry. The problem is that these ideas are often presented to people who are already overworked. The result is that well-meaning, over-worked people become the choke-point for these ideas, and everyone ends up frustrated.

This strategy is a way to eliminate choke-points and to get people that God is calling to ministry out of the bleachers and into the game.

Types of Ministries

- Personal
- Core
- Affiliated
- Endorsed

Personal Ministries

God calls each of us to serve him. Sometimes we are called to these acts of service – not as a part of a team – but to us alone. While these may be simple, one-time acts of service, they may also be longer-term “missions” that occupy a great deal of our time, energy, and resources.

Because this type of ministry is to an individual alone, they are not covered in this booklet. But we do want to acknowledge that personal ministries are in fact ministry, and they could represent a major way in which we serve the Lord.

Core Ministries

Core ministries are essential to the life of the church. They are frequently led or supervised by a staff member of the church. Many take place during the church’s traditional ministry time-slots of Sunday or Wednesday. These ministries are funded, for the most part, through the church’s ministry budget. These ministries include:

- Worship,
- Growth Groups,
- Children’s Ministry,
- Student Ministry,

- Community Care, and
- Various Support Ministries

This catalog and its online equivalent contain contact persons and how one may become a part of these ministries.

Affiliated Ministries

Affiliated Ministries are those ministries that have been started by the church's members or regular attenders. In the beginning, they will work with our Ministry Seed Center to develop their ministry plan, to get organized, to work through funding issues, and to get launched.

While leaders of this ministry will work with the Ministry Seed Center to get launched, affiliated ministries may include team members who are not members or regular attenders of Christ Community Church. Funding may be supplemented by the church's designated giving and through grants. However, such ministries will not usually be funded through the church's ministry budget. The church's communication avenues will be open to an affiliated ministry.

Once an affiliated ministry is launched, it will be listed in the church's ministry catalog as an affiliated ministry. It will go through an annual monitoring process in conjunction with the church's Church Council or Ministry Seed Center to ensure that the ministry is healthy and that it remains compatible with the church's mission.

Affiliated ministries are semi-autonomous. They may be formed and disbanded as needed.

Since this is a new idea for our ministry structure, we do not currently have any affiliated ministries. However, one recent idea has been to have a time once a quarter or once a month for senior adults and single women to have the oil in their cars changed by the men of our congregation. This idea is ripe to become an affiliated ministry.

Please see the section on the "Ministry Seed Center" below which relates to our vision for this type of ministry (p. 6).

Endorsed Ministries

Endorsed Ministries are more external to Christ Community Church. They may be led by non-members, and have few church members involved on their ministry team. They may be incorporated as independent, non-profit corporations. They will be compatible with the church's mission, and they will normally have some members and regular attenders of Christ Community Church as members of their ministry team.

Our Church Council endorse ministries of this type, and the Council will monitor Endorsed Ministries on at least an annual basis to ensure that their mission remains compatible with the church's mission, and that their management and financial integrity remain sound.

The church will not normally try to influence the ministry direction of Endorsed Ministries. Rather, involvement is likely to be restricted to our members doing ministry and perhaps special offerings or other designated giving. Some church communication avenues will be open to Endorsed Ministries, subject to the discretion of the church's leadership.

Although we have not used the term "Endorsed Ministries" in the past, nor have we consistently worked through the process envisioned, we have worked with many ministries of this type across the years. Among them are:

- The Oak Park Food Pantry,
- The Women's Shelter,
- Abraham's Tent,
- Hamilton Christian Academy,
- Friendships,
- Glean, and
- The Lambert's, our Missionaries in Ecuador.

The Ministry Seed Center

Various government entities have joined together to form the SEED Center, which is housed at McNeese State University. The purpose of the SEED Center is to assist entrepreneurs in launching new businesses in Southwest Louisiana.

We are purposely borrowing from the SEED Center's name and purpose. We desire our Ministry Seed Center to be an "incubator" for forming and launching new ministries that can help to change our world. We like the symbolism of a seed since it goes with our church logo and the key verse behind that logo.

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches" (Matthew 13:31-32).

We envision our Ministry Seed Center to include veteran ministry leaders who are able to coach others with great ministry ideas. Their mission will be to help entrepreneurial ministry leaders to develop a ministry plan and to coach them in the launch of their ministry.

Ministries that are developed through our Ministry Seed Center will often begin as Affiliated Ministries. Some may remain so for decades. Others might become Core Ministries or Endorsed Ministries that are independent of the church. We would like to pair coaching talent and expertise with people who have great ministry ideas so as to eliminate any bottleneck that might limit what God desires to do through our members to change our world.

Core Ministries

See definition in previous section.

Children's Ministries

Child Care

This ministry is led by our Early Childhood Director, Mandi LeJeune. The age group we minister to is Nursery – Pre-K. When the children reach toddler age, we begin reading Bible stories to them, teaching them songs and helping them make crafts they can bring home. We also begin teaching age appropriate lesson material. It's here that we begin teaching them that Jesus is a loving friend.

While all of our church ministries are important, this one is especially vital for our young families and visitors. In order for young mothers and fathers to be able to participate fully in the life of our church and the classes we offer, they need to feel assured that their children are receiving competent loving care.

This ministry takes place from 9:00-10:15 and from 11:00-12:15 on Sunday mornings and 6:30-8:00 on Wednesday evenings.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Greet parents as they drop their children off. Help parents sign their children in at the Sign-In desk. Help parents find the appropriate classroom for their children. Introduce parents to the child care staff.
- ▶ Help us nurture our children and let them know they are loved and in a safe place. This can be done by participating in the activities listed above, reading playing, singing, etc. Lesson material is provided.

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Children's Church

KCNN (Kid Community News Network) is a Sunday morning worship service, Kid Style. We use a team of leaders to produce a Children's Church. Each service consists of a Bible lesson, singing, offering, prayer time, and games and activities in which the kids can participate.

During our time together the kids can participate at whatever level in which they feel comfortable; if they want to watch they can watch, if they want to sing with microphones they can sing with microphones. We also let them participate in activities and games. Each week, we teach a meaningful lesson, something that the kids can really hold on to and remember, and something that can be life changing. They will experience the truths of scripture and biblical principles such as tithing, prayer and worship.

KCNN is for children from K-6th grade.

Scheduled time is at 9:00 and 11:00 during adult worship times on Sunday mornings.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Visit for a couple of weeks to get the feel for how we are trying to accomplish our stated objective and the dynamics of our time together.
- ▶ Help us get good information on all of our visitors so we can do proper follow-up; Full name, address, birthday, school and grade, interests/activities, family structure, etc.
- ▶ Working the computer graphics and soundboard.

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Wednesday Groups for Children

After a long day at school, we want our kids to look forward to coming to church.

Typically when we meet we will read a little bit of the Bible and then talk about what it means; Why it was written, to whom it was written, what normal life was like in those days, what it means for the us today and how we should live, ...at school, at home and in our neighborhoods. We also use drama as we allow the kids to practice and perform short skits for each other. We'll also use this time for the kids to participate in various crafts and active games. Each and every time we meet, our goal is to be good examples for the kids we teach, to model the Christian life to give them a pattern to follow.

The kids are divided into two classes: 1st-3rd and 4th-6th.

The meeting time is 6:30-8:30 on Wednesday evenings.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Begin by attending the class, spending time building relationships with the kids and helping them in their activities.

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Children's Musicals

The Children's Ministry performs a Christmas musical in early December each year. Generally, it involves between fifty and sixty people. We start practicing on Wednesday evenings in September when the Fall Growth Groups begin. The musicals include songs, choreography, and acting. It is performed on a Sunday morning for both the 9:00 and the 11:00 services.

The meeting time is 6:30-8:30 on Wednesday evenings.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ There are a wide range of first service opportunities here from helping kids practice dialog and choreography, building sets, gathering props, costuming, operating "The Store" so kids can shop with the money they've earned and more.

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Vacation Bible School

VBS is presented each year for kids entering K-6th grade. It is generally held in early June shortly after school has ended for the summer. It lasts for five days, Monday-Friday, from 9:00-12:00. Then on Sunday, the children will have a thirty minute presentation at both the 9:00 and the 11:00 services.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Here again, there are a wide range of first service opportunities. They include working with a team at a particular rotation (i.e. Crafts, Snacks, Recreation, Bible Study, or Music);
- ▶ Being a co-leader of a group leading your kids from one rotation to another;
- ▶ Props & decorations;
- ▶ Working in registration; and
- ▶ Being part of an opening session ensemble, and more.

Contact for Further Information

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Student Ministries

Transformed Student Ministries

The Student Ministry here at Christ Community Church is a ministry for middle and high school-aged students. Our mission is to develop teenagers into fully-devoted followers of Jesus that are active and effective in the kingdom of God. The name “Transformed Student Ministries” comes from the scripture in Romans 12:1-2. We desire to live outside what is considered normal in today’s society and to live the “transformed” life God has for us. To this end, we strive to teach the Bible accurately and often, presenting a high view of God; we strive to be unified, loving, faith-based community; and we strive to provide opportunities for students to worship God, serve others and serve Him faithfully.

- ▶ Transformation (Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM): Transformation is an interactive experience for teenagers to grow together in community and develop themselves by apply the teachings of the scriptures from the Bible.
- ▶ Yearly special events include: LCGYF State Youth Convention, Hot Hearts, BigStuf, College Charge, MACU Mash, Summer Church Camps, Spring Youth Retreat, various missions opportunities (both local and international), a variety of Christian concerts/worship experiences, fun activities, and gatherings.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Adult Group Leaders for Transformation: Students crave interaction with adults who will take them seriously during these important years. Adult Leaders are always needed because students need a godly influence that will pour into their lives and build a relationships with them.

Come and form those vital relationships with the Transformed Students.

- ▶ Chaperone for trips and special events: These events take place on an irregular schedule. Let us know of your interest and availability for future events.
- ▶ Driver/Transportation: We can always use more safe drivers, either your own vehicle or vans. Driving a van requires a chauffeur's license, minimum of 25 years of age, and a clean driving record for 3 years.
- ▶ Prayer Partners: Prayer is the foundation for all we do! Pray for the Transformed Student Ministry, leaders, and our students!

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Worship Ministries

Worship Team

Our worship team helps to lead our congregation in worship each week. Musicians and vocalists all serve with the goal of seeing people connect with God on a regular basis. We have weekly rehearsals as well as a Sunday morning tune-up to make sure everything is all set. This is one of the most visible ministries in the life of the church and also one that has a consistent impact on lives week by week.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ **Begin by auditioning:** While this may sound intimidating it's really the chance to determine both the level of skill and the level of commitment needed to make sure this is a good fit.
- ▶ **Rehearsal Observation:** If an audition sounds like too much to tackle right away, it may be good to simply sit in and observe a rehearsal to see how things all come together and get a feel for how the team interacts and gets the job done.

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Communion Preparation

Communion preparation is one of the unseen—yet highly important ministries—in congregational worship. Because Christ Community Church makes communion available each week we need people who have a desire to do something that may not be complicated but is extremely valuable. Communion preparation happens on Sunday mornings before the worship service. It takes a fairly short amount of time to prepare. Volunteers need to be reliable and consistent.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Contact Pastor Cameron to start right away!

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The Tech Team

One of the most unheralded, yet absolutely necessary ministries is the tech team. This team is made up of at least 3 team members for each service: sound, visual graphics (projected on the screens), and lighting.

The sound team makes sure that all live sound is mixed for the congregation, the band and vocalists have good monitor mixes and that all recordings are made. People who serve in this ministry have a love for music and an appreciation for a balanced sound, as well as the desire to serve without a lot of credit. Skills involve a “good ear” for sound and the ability to learn to run a soundboard.

All lighting in the sanctuary is controlled by a computer. The lighting operator normally makes “color mixes” to match visuals that will appear on the screen, beginning at about 8 AM on Sundays. Then the lighting operator coordinates changes in color mixes, timing color changes to match changes on the screen, throughout both services.

We use an app called ProPresenter to control what happens visually on the screens. The main screen is the large 16’x9’ screen at the front of the sanctuary. A second feed is projected on the back wall for those on the stage. Finally, a third feed of video of what is happening in the sanctuary is feed throughout the building, especially the lobby, coffee shop, green room, and nurseries. This technician also controls the video camera.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ **Begin by Apprenticing:** There is a learning curve for all three positions in the booth. Interested persons can jump in immediately to see what this ministry is all about.

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Ministry Graphics & Publications

This team prepares graphics that are intended both for projection on our screens and for publication. The preparation of worship graphics is a key function that must take place each week.

Cameron Kreager prepares the order of worship, and once that task is completed, the worship service graphics can take place at any time afterward, which makes room for flexibility in scheduling. Pastor Rick McClain normally teaches in series. In this case, preparing graphics consists of preparing templates which will be used throughout the series, giving each series its own “look and feel.”

At other times, we prepare mailers and catalogs, such as this one. A person volunteering in graphic design would prepare the entire mailer, or for a catalog, a volunteer might prepare the cover, color palate, and fonts.

The needed skills include a good sense of layout and design and the knowledge to use computers to create graphics. In the case of print, a PC or Mac can be used. In the case of graphics intended for use in a service, we use Macs only.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ **Begin by Apprenticing:** Since this ministry is very much a “hands on” ministry it’s best to learn it alongside of someone who already knows the system. Observing and helping is the best way to work into it.

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Growth Groups

Growth Groups

Growth Groups are our most important ministry structure for adults. They are many, and they meet various needs.

Growth Groups are groups of 12-15 persons who get together for 10-13 weeks to study Scripture and to grow in their walk with God. In this environment, new friendships are formed, and “community” begins to take place. During the semester, each growth group does at least one service project and at least one fun social event together. We do 3 semesters of Growth Groups each year.

Key leadership ministries in Growth Group leader(s), an apprentice (a leader in training), a person or persons who can plan the service project and the social event. We would like to have more groups in the future that meet in homes. For this, we need persons who would host a group.

There is more information about forming Growth Groups and how they function in each semester’s Growth Group Catalog.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Apprentice: For this, contact Eric Pharis or Pastor Rick.
- ▶ Host: Contact Eric Pharis.
- ▶ Plan a service project or social event: Work with the leader of your Growth Group. Most group leaders are anxious for others to assist with this important function.

Contact for Further Information

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Support Ministries

Van Ministry

Each week there are a number of people who love to be part of the life of Christ Community Church but don't have a way to get here or back home once they do get here. The van ministry is one way we can reach out to express our love for those who couldn't otherwise be part of the church family. The van runs on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings and for special occasions. But it never runs alone. It needs caring drivers with the following qualifications: a chauffeur's license (license fee paid by the church), 25 years of age, and a clean driving record for 3 years.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Joining the team to be a van driver.
- ▶ Being a shuttle driver to pick up another driver. We have one driver who does not have transportation to church to pick up the church van. This person would pick up the driver to bring him to church, or this person would take the driver home from the church after the route has been run.

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Prayer Ministry

One of our church's core values is that "Prayer is at the center of everything. Prayer is both what connects us to God and what applies God's power." Thus, prayer is important to the church's mission.

At present, we have three "organized" prayer ministries. During Growth Group semesters, we have one group which simply meets for prayer in the prayer room on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. We also have some "prayer partners" who pray on their own about the needs of our church family and community. And third, we have a "prayer event" for the entire church at the beginning of Growth Group semesters.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Wednesday Prayer Group: Simply register to be a part as your Growth Group option for next semester.
- ▶ Prayer Partner: Let us know that you would like to join the team! We will share requests with you as they come in.
- ▶ Preparation for Church-Wide Events: A "prayer agenda" and the logistics of the event must be planned. During the actual event, we need "prayer warriors" to help lead. Let us know that you would like to be a part of this team.

Contact for Further Information

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Benevolence Ministry

Our ministry goal is to organize our church's compassionate response to people going through difficult times as well as planning receptions. Often we respond in practical ways such as providing meals during an illness and in times of bereavement we assist with a funeral dinner. This team sees that a plant or flowers are sent to the funeral home. Meals are provided for new mothers and on any occasion when they would minister to a family or individual. The Benevolence Ministry also plans for a number of receptions for various other events throughout the year.

Benevolence is a ministry that responds to needs. Thus, the schedule is irregular. The Benevolence Team is a team of people that the ministry leader can call upon to coordinate a good response. Additional team members lightens the load for all and ensures that we will always be able to respond.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Help to prepare meals: Benevolence often responds with meals for members of our church family who are in crisis. Be one of those who helps to prepare meals. Email Bev VanDyke below. Let her know what you enjoy doing. When the need arises, she will call. Since this is a team response, no one person must respond to every need, meaning that there is flexibility to work with your personal schedule and availability.
- ▶ Help to coordinate receptions and special events: The Benevolence Team is sometimes called upon to host special receptions (receptions for persons who have been baptized, "pastors' appreciation," etc.). We can use persons who can help in any phase of planning and hosting receptions. These projects are normally single events.

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Food Service

Community Cafe is our ministry that feeds people on Wednesday nights when Growth Groups are meeting. The goal of this ministry is to provide an environment for community to be developed between participants, and by taking the pressure of providing a meal, many families are able to participate who might not otherwise be able to do so. We also provide meals for a few special occasions at other times.

This has been a vital ministry in the past that did not function this past semester.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Assisting with food preparation and serving on Wednesdays: We are flexible depending upon your availability, interest, and skills. We can use cooks, helpers to the cooks, and persons who can serve the food from 5:30-6:15 PM.
- ▶ Clean-up after the meal: Those who have prepared the meal are often tired by the time the meal is served. We can use persons who can clean the kitchen and take the trash to the dumpster after the meal is over.
- ▶ Sunday morning coffee preparation: Each Sunday, we prepare 8-10 “air pots” of coffee. This ministry can be done anytime before 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings.

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Facilities

Our task is to create a clean, friendly environment at our church campus. This ministry is one that is often “behind the scenes,” and it requires a servant’s heart.

In this area, a majority of the actual tasks are “first serve” opportunities.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ **Lawn mowing:** The lawn is normally mowed on Saturday mornings (flexible with the weather forecast). We have some machines, and we can use those who also can bring their own.
- ▶ **Landscaping:** You can often work at your own pace and schedule to trim shrubs, trees, and plants and to keep plantings looking great. The lawn is fertilized twice a year, and weeds on the parking lot are sprayed as needed.
- ▶ **Remove trash from the grounds:** Here’s a ministry for a servant’s heart. The lawn is normally cut on Saturday mornings, and some trash is thrown out on Saturday afternoons and night. We need people who can walk over the front lawn on Sunday morning so that our grounds will look great when people arrive. This often takes 15 minutes or so, but it makes a big difference.
- ▶ **Handy men/women:** We need persons who can help us in the following areas.
 - Change light bulbs as needed;
 - Assist with minor plumbing as needed;
 - Change air conditioning filters every month;
 - Assistance in keeping coffee shop and pantry organized; and
 - Assistance with cleaning windows and blinds in building as needed.

- ▶ Use the battery-powered blower to clean off the front entry way on Sunday mornings before 8:30 AM. Pollen and other dust collects. Blowing it off gives our entry a fresh appearance. The blower is located behind the Welcome Center.

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Office Assistance

The purpose of this ministry is to prepare mailings, answer the phone, serve as receptionist, and to otherwise assist the staff to better serve our congregation. This ministry often takes place during weekday mornings, 8:00 AM to noon. Days and hours are flexible so as to meet your schedule.

First Serve Opportunities

- ▶ Receptionist: Greet and assist those who come into the church building and answer the phone.
- ▶ Prepare mailings and publications: Publications and mailings are often prepared on an irregular schedule. This can include such diverse activities as “stuffing bulletins” for the weekend, putting together the church’s annual report, or preparing post card reminders for the mail.
- ▶ Data entry into the church computer database: We maintain a variety of data such as attendance at services and ministries so as to better serve our church body. We need someone with basic computer data entry skills to help us input data every Monday morning.

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Affiliated Ministries

See definition on page 5.

Affiliated Ministries

See the section on page 5 for more information. Currently, this is a new area of ministry for us, so we have no Affiliated Ministries that are functioning currently.

Growth Group or Affiliated Ministry

One of the key methods of this approach is to remove choke-points that limit ministry and to unlock our entrepreneurial spirit for the Kingdom of God. However, many of our ministries, such as ministries to men, women, marriage enrichment, parenting, Financial Peace University, and etc. exist as Growth Groups.

So, what is the difference? When is it appropriate to launch a ministry as a Growth Group, and when should it be launched as an Affiliated Ministry? Here are some of the earmarks of each.

Growth Groups

- ▶ In Growth Groups, building community within the group is a key function. The purpose is support for spiritual growth. The group is likely to also spend time in study and prayer. Some members of a Growth Group may not be members of Christ Community Church. However, incorporation into the church body is also a key objective for most groups.
- ▶ Growth Groups normally meet weekly in a home or meeting room at the church.
- ▶ Growth Groups are supported through our Growth Group ministry system. Each Growth Group leader has a “coach” who remains in touch throughout the semester.
- ▶ Much of the funding for Growth Groups takes place through the normal church budgeting process.

Affiliated Ministries

- ▶ An Affiliated Ministry will tend to be task-centered, rather than meeting-centered. There will be a mission to be accomplished. Often, this mission will involve expressing God's love to meet an identified need felt by members of our city.
- ▶ Often, those persons that are being served by the ministry will be outside the membership of Christ Community Church. The ministry will often take place away from the church campus. Over time, a portion of those engaged in carrying out the ministry may be members of other congregations. The schedule may be irregular (not weekly) and not subject to the rhythm of semesters and their breaks.
- ▶ The support system is very different. Our Ministry Seed Center will help persons forming an Affiliated Ministry to put together a ministry plan, and they may help to work out challenges faced by the ministry. Church staff will remain in touch with an Affiliated Ministry to provide assistance and to maintain the link with the ministry. Publication of a ministry catalog, at least 3 times a year, will also help to ensure that communication with the ministry continues. However, Affiliated Ministries will be launched at the initiative of those who feel called to be in them, and they will retain their entrepreneurial character. As such, they will be at least semi-autonomous from the church.
- ▶ Funding for an Affiliated Ministry will largely take place outside the church budget, although it may receive designated giving from the church. We are hoping that, in the future, a special offering received at Candles & Carols will be used to help fund grants for Affiliated Ministries.

Another example of a former ministry that would have been a good Affiliated Ministry was our tutoring program. In the past, members of Christ Community Church provided tutoring for students at Pearl Watson Elementary School and Prien Lake Elementary School.

Endorsed Ministries

See definition on page 6.

Abraham's Tent

Ministry Description

Abraham's Tent is open Monday through Saturday for free hot lunches for anyone who shows up, no questions asked. As such, it is one of the few places that men and the homeless can receive assistance.

It's been operating in the same location for 27 years. It was originally started by the Lake Charles Ministerial Association.

How is Christ Community Church involved?

Christ Community Church has a long history of assisting Abraham's Tent financially. Our members also serve food there from time to time. This is ministry that is sometimes assisted by our Growth Groups.

Contact for Further Information

Pearl Cole, Director, Abraham's Tent • 2300 Fruge St, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601 • (O) 439-9330

Boy's Village



Ministry Description

Boy's Village has a 40-acre campus on the east side of Lake Charles (east of Home Depot). They are a residential ministry with more than 100 children in residence. These boys tend to be

there because they have been abused, neglected, or have gotten in trouble.

The village describes their ministry this way: "Our mission is to restore and preserve children and families socially, emotionally and spiritually by providing services and programs including supervision and guidance of such quality that youth with whom we work will share our vision and become a credit to themselves and society."

How is Christ Community Church involved?

Members have served as members of the staff and Board of Directors. In addition, some of the young men attend our services from time to time.

Contact for Further Information

Boy's Village • (O) 436-7553 • www.boysvillages.org

You can also call our church office, and we can put you in touch with a member of our congregation who has served on their staff.

Calcasieu Women's Shelter

Ministry Description

The Women's Shelter is dedicated to the elimination of personal and societal violence in Southwest Louisiana. It is their mission to create social change through empowerment and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, safe shelter for women and children, and community education.

They are most famous for providing shelter for abused women and their children.

How is Christ Community Church involved?

Christ Community Church has assisted the Women's Shelter financially. Our members have also served as members of the Board of Directors in the past. Some of our members and attenders have also received shelter and assistance.

Contact for Further Information

See the "Services" tab on their webpage for the long list of services provided. Given the emergency nature of the Shelter, it is usually best to make first contact by phone (436-4552). This is a ministry that is carried out primarily by women (with the exception of the Board of Directors).

Sexual Assault Hotline: (337) 494-7273 or 1-866-570-7273

Domestic Violence Hotline: (337) 436-4552 or 1-800-223-8066

Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-888-411-1333

Friend Ships

Ministry Description

Friend Ships, based here in Lake Charles, operates 4 “mercy ships” that take aid all over the planet. Often, they go to an area following a disaster. Assistance includes providing food and supplies, a medical clinic/hospital, and communication through an on-board radio station. They have a helicopter aboard one ship with heat-sensing equipment, making it possible to spot survivors in a time of disaster. Friend Ships has the ability to provide a “city’s worth” of assistance to remote, stricken areas.

This is truly a remarkable ministry. They have many opportunities for service including: maritime worker, volunteer guest worker, volunteer staff member, medical missions, and maintaining the 13-acre port here in Lake Charles.

How is Christ Community Church involved?

In the past, we have had members who were employed by Friend Ships (all have since transferred out of town). We have had members of our church to serve internships. Besides donating money, we also assisted them a few years ago in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike in Galveston. And, at times, our Growth Groups, have volunteered time at the port to meet various needs.

Contact for Further Information

Port Mercy, 1019 North First Avenue • Lake Charles, LA 70601 • (O) 337- 433-5022 • personnel@friendships.org • www.friendships.org (Their website is excellent.)



Glean



Ministry Description

Glean is based upon a simple idea. Every month, a different Lake-area non-profit is chosen. They are asked what they need, and then friends of Glean donate the needed items. In doing so, the non-profit receives items that they need, and their ministry is highlighted in our community.

For example, this month, Glean is collecting items for Head Start (wet wipes, trash bags, pull-ups, and facial tissue).

Their mission statement is as follows: To unite our community through intentional, organized giving with established non-profit organizations.

How is Christ Community Church involved?

Glean was formed by a former member, Noelle Mills. We receive an article each month, listing the organization and items needed. This is printed in our worship folder, and then we donate items, which are collected in the silver trash can in the lobby. We are listed as one of Glean's Lake Charles "drop off sites."

Contact for Further Information

Make contact with Glean and Noelle Mills through the Glean page on Facebook (www.Facebook.com/gleanlc).

Hamilton Christian Academy



Ministry Description

HCA is our local K-12 Christian school. The mission is to provide the young people of our community with a Christ-centered, college preparatory education.

How is Christ Community Church involved?

Many of our students attend HCA. In addition, members of our church have served as members of the faculty and board. Currently, Cameron Kreager leads the High School chapel each week, and he serves as a Bible instructor. Bev Van Dyke is a regular substitute. Pastor Rick McClain is currently President of the school board.

Contact for Further Information

Hamilton Christian Academy • 1416 8th Street • Lake Charles, LA 70601
(O) 439-1178 • www.HCAwarriors.org

Interested persons can also talk to the three persons mentioned above.

Jon & Karen Lambert: Missionaries to Ecuador

Ministry Description

Jon and Karen Lambert are based in Quito, Ecuador. They work with an association of xxx churches spread throughout Ecuador, primarily, to develop leadership for those churches. In this capacity, Jon directs “Seminario S.E.T.E.” to train pastors. Karen also coordinates the Ecuadorian branch of Children of Promise.



How is Christ Community Church involved?

Our involvement in Ecuador goes back to 1995. We currently pay a portion of Jon & Karen’s salaries. We have also done multiple workcamps in Ecuador to build a church and repair the seminary. We have also funded various projects.

Contact for Further Information

Perhaps the best way to stay in touch with Jon & Karen Lambert is through their Facebook pages: “Jon Michael Lambert” and “Karen Lambert.” Jon & Karen visit us every couple of years.

Oak Park Food Pantry

Ministry Description

The Oak Park Food Pantry is a cooperative ministry, originally, of 7 churches in the Oak Park area of Lake Charles. Groceries are provided to families in Lake Charles. These families are eligible to receive assistance one time per month.

The ministry is housed in a house located adjacent to First Christian Church (2525 2nd Avenue).

The ministry is staffed solely by volunteers and funded through contributions. Volunteers buy food and pick up food donated by stores. The food is organized and placed in sacks ready for quick distribution. Twice a week, the pantry is open to distribute the food. About 60 families are served per week; between 200-250 families are served each month.

How is Christ Community Church involved?

Christ Community Church is considered to be one of the founding churches, and we were very involved when we were located in the Oak Park section of Lake Charles. Some of our members receive assistance from the food pantry. We donate food and money to the pantry.

Contact for Further Information

Don Klein, Food Pantry Director (C) 526-3449

Jessica Pohl, member of CCC who is in touch with the food pantry •
jsettle0515@yahoo.com

