



# Happening

@ Geist Christian Church

September - November 2021

**Looking for something different?  
Don't have all the answers?  
At Geist Christian Church, we meet everyone  
where they are, as we discover a variety  
of tools to help us grow in faith.  
We are all on a journey, and this publication  
contains a list of opportunities that challenge  
and encourage us as we work to become the  
people God has created us to be.**

## Opportunities to



For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact [connect@geistchristian.org](mailto:connect@geistchristian.org).

### Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts

- Monday at 9 am (Begins September 27)
- Mud Creek Campus

This is a Bible study for women. Are you willing to risk everything? That is what the early Christians agreed to by saying "YES" to following Jesus. After the Ascension of Jesus, they were thrown forward by the Holy Spirit with so much power, grace and authority that they spread His words and love to all they met. This Bible study will begin the last Monday in September and will last for eight two-hour sessions. The cost for each workbook is \$12. Register using the QR code.



### Ladies Bible Study

- Tuesday at 11:30 – 1:30 pm (Begins September)
- Promise Road Campus

Open to women of all ages and stages, this is a group ready to do several book studies throughout the year. Led by Jodi Burtner, the group is very casual with open book discussions that are always a treat! Look forward to lots of love and laughter, with plenty of support through prayer and friendship while learning more about Christ. This fall, the group will study *It's All Under Control* by Jennifer Dukes Lee. Books are available to be purchased for \$10 each.

### More to the Message Promise Road

- Tuesday at 6:30 pm (Begins September 14)
- [Zoom Meeting ID 86499870554](#)

A good sermon begins a conversation. On Tuesday nights, let's have that conversation on Zoom with Danny Gulden, Lead Pastor. September 14, we begin a 4-week discussion on the previous Sunday's sermon.

### More to the Message Mud Creek

- Thursday at 10:30 am (Begins September 16)
- Mud Creek Campus

A good sermon begins a conversation. On Thursday mornings at the Mud Creek Campus during the Kerygma study, Kyle Brown, Associate Pastor begins a 4-week discussion on the previous Sunday's sermon.

### Kerygma Study

- Thursdays at 10:30 am (Begins October 14)
- Mud Creek Campus

Kerygma is a mid-week study that uses a variety of resources to encourage lively discussion, and to help deepen one's faith. There is free expression of ideas and opinions and lots of laughter. The class meets on Thursday at 10:30 am at the Mud Creek Campus. On October 14, we begin a book study on *Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice*. Join us as we discover how to hear and respond to the unique call God is placing on our lives.

### Bible Basics

- Thursday at 6:30 pm (Begins October 12)
- [Zoom Meeting ID 85724281066](#)

Do you think you don't know enough to go to a Bible study? Then this is the Bible study you'll want to

attend. Beginning on October 12 at 6:30 pm, Deb Strock-Kuss, Associate Pastor, will lead a 6-week class on the ten commandments with the help of Adam Hamilton's book, Words of Life. This terrific introductory look at the ten guiding principles of our lives can be purchased through Cokesbury.com for \$14.99.

### **Exploration Bible Study**

- Fridays at 6:30 pm (Begins in September)
- Mud Creek Campus and [Zoom Meeting ID 81551908893](#)

Friday nights are for exploring. Join Ryan Hazen, Lead Pastor, on selected Friday evenings beginning in September at 6:30 pm. The study focuses on the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke and how they are the same yet different. Come join this bi-weekly study and discover what makes these stories come alive. Contact [connect@geistchristian.org](mailto:connect@geistchristian.org).

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### **The Bridge**

- Wednesdays at 6 pm
- Promise Road Campus or Off-site

Looking for a chance to connect with others and explore issues of faith? The Bridge is a men's group that meets with no need to prepare anything or feel you need some level of bible understanding to join. All are on a journey and all are welcome. For eleven years the Bridge has held fast and it is ready to support whatever is ahead. Be sure and reach out before you stop by on Wednesday as the group occasionally has fellowship at other locations.

### **Page Turners**

- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (every other month - the 4th Wednesday beginning in September)
- Mud Creek Campus

Page Turners Book Club is an eclectic book club that is mostly women who meet once every other month at the Mud Creek Campus at 6:30 pm. Books are selected by the group itself and they are both spiritual or secular, fiction or nonfiction.

### **Soul Sisters**

- Thursdays at 7 pm
- Promise Road Campus

Soul Sisters is a small group for women aged 18 and up. The women support one another in both physical and spiritual journeys. Each week begins with a devotional, followed by a 30-minute workout which usually includes both some whining and laughing, and closes with sharing prayer requests. Childcare is provided if requested. For childcare, contact Sarah Parks Reese, [sarah23173@gmail.com](mailto:sarah23173@gmail.com), by noon on Thursday.

### **Wonder Years**

- Sundays at 9:15 - 10:00 am
- Mud Creek Campus

Bible study, fellowship and discussions centered around contemporary issues geared for women of all ages. Different books surrounding the Christian faith are studied throughout the course of a year. Studies can range from 6 weeks to 3 months depending on the material.



## Jubilate

- Sundays at 10:15 am
- Mud Creek Campus

Jubilate is an adult Sunday school class. Come join us for fellowship and reflection through informative studies of Biblical understanding and contemporary issues relating to faith and religion. For nearly twenty-five years, we have shared study, prayers, joys, losses and fellowship supporting one another and the work of Geist Christian Church.

## Seekers

- Sundays at 10:15 am
- Mud Creek Campus

The Seekers Class is an adult Sunday School. The class provides opportunities for informal discussion centered on either a book of the Bible or a Bible theme. Prayer support for class members is an integral part of the fellowship as well as social gatherings throughout the year which provide opportunities for deeper fellowship. No advanced study is required and class members receive weekly communications containing information regarding the upcoming study, prayer requests and general information about events at Geist Christian Church. The purpose of the class is to provide a deeper understanding of God's word with an emphasis on personal application.

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Serve

**For more information on the latest service opportunities  
please contact [serve@geistchristian.org](mailto:serve@geistchristian.org).**

## Season of Giving

The holiday season can be a stressful time of year. For those families with food insecurity it is an especially trying time. Geist Christian Church offers the Season of Giving: an opportunity to ease the budgets of families in the community with food for Thanksgiving meals. This year, we assist 120 families in Hamilton and Marion Counties. Thanksgiving Meals will be collected October 24 - November 14 and delivered to families on Saturday, November 21.

## Long John Sunday

- Sunday, November 21
- Promise Road Campus and Mud Creek Campus

What is Long John Sunday? On Sunday, November 21, we ask members of Geist Christian Church to bring a new set of long underwear to church for the Fishers/Indianapolis at-risk population. A thermal set of tops and bottoms are gifts to the folks most in need during these cold winter months. We recommend that the sets be sizes Large or X-Large (better too big than too small). We need men's, women's and children's thermal sets.

## Heifer International Quarter Collection

An ongoing project for even the youngest of children, the quarters collected every week are adding up to continued donations of money for the purchase of animals that help feed families around the world; bees for honey, chickens for eggs and meat, goats for milk and meat, rabbits and cows and ... well, you get the idea. Quarter collection tubes are in the welcome area at both campuses.

## Afghan Refugee Assistance

Through the next several months, Geist Christian Church is gathering things needed by the many refugee families coming through Camp Atterbury in Indiana. Each week we are collecting different items. Check the weekly e-news or the worship page, [geistchristian.org/worship/](http://geistchristian.org/worship/) for the latest information. Monetary donations always welcome. Please specify For Afghan Refugee Assistance on monetary gifts.

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### **Pet Blessing**

- Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 pm
- Promise Road Campus

Pastors are available to bless your beloved pets of all varieties and sizes! A representative from the Humane Society of Hamilton County will be present to answer questions and they will bring with them an adoptable dog or two! Donations of cash and/or pet food to the HSHC would be greatly appreciated.

### **Trick or Treat Trail**

- Friday, October 29 from 6:30-8:00 pm
- Promise Road Campus

Calling all ghouls, goblins, princesses and superheroes to the Geist Christian Church's Trick or Treat Trail filled with spooky and silly stations where kids collect treats! Adopt a spot to decorate and pass out treats or walk along the trail to collect the goodies. There is a bonfire, popcorn, take-home craft and lots of treats at this fun outside event on the path around the Promise Road Campus. It's a frightfully good time! Adopt a Spot using the QR code or contact [children@geistchristian.org](mailto:children@geistchristian.org).



### **Men's Hike**

- Saturday, October 23 at Noon
- Shades State Park (Shelter C, near Devil's Punchbowl)

Every year, the men of Geist Christian Church gather for food, fellowship, and a hike. This year's hike will take place on Saturday, October 23, at Shades State Park. Due to Covid, there will be no organized camping this year, but you are welcome to camp on your own. We have reserved a shelter where we will have a cookout and entertainment following our time on the trail.

### **Men's Retreat**

- Friday - Sunday, November 5-7
- Location in Brown County

For the past 20 years, a group of GCC men have ventured off site for a few days. The event includes good food, worship, smiles and conversations that create lasting friendships. The details for this year are still being finalized, however, the dates are firm. The group will leave the church on Friday November 5 and return early Sunday morning November 7. This is a great opportunity to get to know others on their faith journey. After all, it has been going strong for 20 years. Won't you join us?

## Veterans Appreciation Dinner

- Wednesday, November 10
- 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

An annual tradition at Geist Christian: come join us for food, fun and fellowship for all veterans. Enjoy a meal, music and a guest speaker as we honor those who have served our country in the military. All veterans and their families are invited to attend. RSVP by using the QR Code or to Michelle Latty, [lattyfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:lattyfamily@yahoo.com).



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**Programs**

### Children

Children's ministry is a caring, engaging and safe environment where children connect with stories from the Bible on Sunday mornings. Children are immersed in stories, videos and activities that will introduce them to the love of Jesus Christ. At Geist Christian Church, we believe that even the youngest child needs to know about the love, compassion, grace and mercy of Jesus. Contact [children@geistchristian.org](mailto:children@geistchristian.org).

### Five.6

Five.6 is a fun, engaging and safe environment for students to connect and grow in their faith. At Geist Christian Church, we feel it's critical for 5th and 6th grade students to have a ministry designed for them during this "in-between" phase between elementary and junior high. Through study, mission and play, this preteen ministry challenges them to think for themselves as we encourage students to experience God, love others, and serve the world. Contact [children@geistchristian.org](mailto:children@geistchristian.org).

### Youth

Youth Ministry is a place for kids in grades 7-12 to explore their faith through discussion, service, and play. Students meet every Sunday morning for Rooted, a combined Sunday School and worship experience at each campus. The Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings for a shared meal, meaningful small group time, and a variety of different fun and engaging activities. Contact [youth@geistchristian.org](mailto:youth@geistchristian.org) to get involved.

### Taking Flight

A group that consists of interested persons who gather to support college students through prayer, notes of encouragement and care packages. Contact Michelle Ayres for more details, [takingflightministries@gmail.com](mailto:takingflightministries@gmail.com).

### Weekday Ministries

The Weekday Ministries' program, which includes Child's Day Out, Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten, has been a part of the northeast Indianapolis and Fishers communities since 1987. Curriculum is based on core early childhood practices of hands-on learning for each student, guided by a classroom-proven curriculum. The schools provide a safe, secure environment where God's love is integrated throughout the day. We invite families to explore the website [geistwdm.org](http://geistwdm.org), and visit the Mud Creek Campus and Promise Road Campus to discover which model works best for them. Send an inquiry to [wdm@geistchristian.org](mailto:wdm@geistchristian.org).

## Chancel Choir (Mud Creek Campus)

- Rehearsals – Thursday evenings (weekly), 7:30-9:00 pm
- Sundays – 8:30 am rehearsal prior to services
- Mud Creek Campus

The Chancel Choir leads worship each Sunday at the 9:00 & 10:30 am services from September through May and other special services throughout the year, singing a variety of choral music. During the summer, the choir sings the last Sunday of June, July and August. The choir is open to all singers, high school age to adults. For more information, contact Schuyler Brinson, Minister of Music, [schuyler.brinson@geistchristian.org](mailto:schuyler.brinson@geistchristian.org).

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**Looking Ahead**

## Advent: The Inn: Housing the Holy

- Begins November 28
- Mud Creek Campus and Promise Road Campus

The Innkeeper is an assumed figure. We assume since Luke said there is an inn, there must be an innkeeper. Tradition holds the innkeeper in a negative light. What if he was an entrepreneur? What if he saw that Mary needed to have her baby and instead of thinking “there’s nowhere” he said to himself, “there has to be somewhere.” Join us as we spend this Advent season seeing our situations in a different light. We are called to “make room” in our lives to create a welcoming space for the Christ child. That’s what the inn, the stable, the manger, became that night.



## Christmas Eve Services December 24

### Mud Creek Campus

- 3:00 pm - Children and Family Service
- 5:00 pm - Youth and Family Service
- 7:00 pm - Service of Lessons and Carols
- 9:00 pm - Service of Candlelight and Communion
- 11:00 pm - Service of Candlelight and Communion

### Promise Road Campus

- 1:30 pm - Service of Candlelight and Communion
- 5:30 pm - Family Service
- 7:30 pm - Service of Candlelight and Communion

## A Weekend of Wine for Some ~ Compassion for All

- February 26 – 27, 2022
- Saturday, February 26
- Old Oakland Golf Club, 11611 E. 75th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46236

A night to remember with wine, food and music to raise funds for Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Tickets: \$50/person. Silent auction supports the Geist Christian Church youth mission trips.

- Sunday, February 27
- Mud Creek and Promise Road Campuses

Guest Preacher Rev. Vy Nguyen, Executive Director of Week of Compassion is giving the message.



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# Worship

**For more information on Geist Christian Church worship services, please contact [worship@geistchristian.org](mailto:worship@geistchristian.org).**

Whether you choose a more traditional setting at the Mud Creek Campus or prefer a contemporary worship experience at the Promise Road Campus, all are welcome at Geist Christian Church—a congregation rooted in faith, committed to meaningful relationships with one another, and filled with a passion for service in the community and around the world.

### **Mud Creek Campus Worship**

- 8550 Mud Creek Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46256
- Sundays, 9:00 am & 10:30 am, Online live-stream, 10:30 am, [youtube.com/mudcreeklive](https://youtube.com/mudcreeklive)

### **Promise Road Campus Worship**

- 12756 Promise Road, Fishers, Indiana, 46038
- Sundays, 10:00 am through October 3, Online live-stream, [youtube.com/promiseroadlive](https://youtube.com/promiseroadlive)
- Sundays, 9:00 am & 10:30 am beginning October 10, Online live-stream, [youtube.com/promiseroadlive](https://youtube.com/promiseroadlive)

## Geist Christian Church

# What We Believe

Geist Christian Church is a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. This statement is more than words or simply a profession of faith. It is the only question we ask when one wishes to affiliate with Geist Christian Church and our faith is expressed out of this simple profession. There are no other creeds or confessions that act as a test of faith.

- We believe that the Lord's Table is open and inclusive. Communion, which we celebrate weekly, is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ. Gathering around the communion table is a constant reminder that Christ gave his life for us.
- We believe in the ministry of all believers. While there are ministers on the staff, each member and participant of the church is gifted in many ways; each is a minister of the church. We seek to use our gifts together, as the body of Christ.
- We believe in the love of unity. Recognized or not, we are in relation to one another. We believe that we are to work together as denominations to be the witnesses of Christ. In short, we believe that we are Christians only and not the only Christians.
- We believe in the justice of God. We are called to love and serve all of God's people. We serve the marginalized and distressed in our community and around the world.

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