

# Go and Tell John

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Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.

-Jesus  
Matthew 11:2-3

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## Answering the call: Karissa and Jeremy Wilson to join CCHSA staff

Finishing medical residency is the culmination of years of dedication, study, sleepless nights and striving for a finish line shaped by many hopes and dreams. It is a time of beginnings as those hopes and dreams take form in the practice of medicine in a community.

It is our prayer that the Spirit of God would shape the practice of all health care professionals in our community with specific attention toward the poor.

*For He delivers the needy when He calls, the poor and him who has no helper.*

*He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.*

*From oppression and violence He redeems their life, and precious is their blood in His sight. Psalm 72: 12-14*



For Jeremy Wilson, M.D. and Karissa Wilson, M.D. this attention toward the poor has taken the form of joining Christ Community Health Services Augusta as primary care physicians.

This energetic couple will join CCHSA

in Augusta as we are settling in at the Widows Home Health Center.

Jeremy, who graduated from the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville School of Medicine, is completing his Family Medicine Residency at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood, SC.

Karissa earned her bachelors degree from Furman University, attended medical school at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and is also a Family Medicine Resident at Self Regional.



“We first heard about Christ Community at the Global Health Missions Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in 2009,” said Jeremy.

When asked why they chose to join the CCHSA team, Karissa said, “The short answer to that question is God directed both of us to Christ Community.”

“As the time came to look for jobs at the end of residency, Karissa and I began praying that we would be of one mind in our decision. We looked at several places



but felt the Lord was definitely calling us to Augusta after a visit there in the fall,” added Jeremy.

Medical Director Robert Campbell said, “The timing is perfect for Jeremy and Karissa to come on as we expand our operations into the Widows Home. It’s a great encouragement to us to bring such enthusiastic physicians to our community with a commitment to the underserved. They are an answer to many prayers.”

The Wilsons have both been active in missions: Karissa has served in Bolivia, Guatemala, and Inner Mongolia. Jeremy has traveled to Ghana, India and Bolivia.

Jeremy said, “It doesn’t matter where you are in life or what you are doing as long as you know it is the Lord who has called you there and you are doing it for His glory.”

We welcome Jeremy and Karissa to CCHSA and are excited about the impact they will have in our community.

## CCHSA joins United Way family

Until the fall of 2010, United Way of the Central Savannah Area had not opened its doors to new agency partners in 15 years. After an extensive application and review process, we are pleased to report that Christ Community Health Services is one of only six new organizations invited to become a United Way partner agency.

As a part of United Way, CCHSA is now also eligible for contributions from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and

the Georgia State Charitable Contributions Program. The CFC allows federal civilian, postal and military personnel to designate contributions to certain non-profit agencies such as CCHSA.

“Being part of United Way is very significant,” said Executive Director Jeff Drake. “In addition to the funding support there is a tremendous amount of credibility within the community that comes from being a United Way agency. United Way of the CSRA is an outstanding organization and we are very

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My calendar has a great big circle around July 20. I hope yours does, too!

That is the day we will dedicate the Widows Home health center. If you have not done so, mark your calendar now and plan to join us for this special celebration.

Thanks to the generous support of friends like you, we are within weeks of opening the Widows Home and expanding our services to the uninsured in our community.

It seems like only last month we gathered in front of the Widows Home for our groundbreaking. Now we are getting ready to dedicate the building to God's glory and for His purpose to reach those in our community who do not have a medical home.

It has been amazing to watch the waiting room, the exam rooms, the lab, the offices and the parking lot take shape. It has been more amazing to see how God has provided for our

needs every step of the way.

The next few weeks will be very busy as the construction crews put the finishing touches on the first floor of the Widows Home and our staff puts the finishing touches on the plans for transitioning to our new home.

As part of the move, we are excited to welcome Drs. Karissa and Jeremy Wilson to our provider staff. The Wilsons are Family Medicine physicians who are completing their residency at Self Regional Medical Center in Greenwood, SC. They both have hearts for reaching our community through health care and will be great additions to our team.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We look forward to seeing you on July 20.



## Christ cares about cities

The account of Nehemiah rebuilding the city of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 2:20) may seem like a footnote of history, but it illustrates a fundamental principle that has implications for every Christian living today: *Christ cares about cities.*

A key passage for understanding this concept is Paul's New Testament letter to the Colossians. There we learn that Christ is the Lord of *all* life, whether public or private. He not only transforms us personally, but uses us in the global arena to transform societies and systems as well.

Therefore, Christ wants His followers to participate in public institutions for the benefit of all. As believers, we can use the systems of the city – education, health care, transportation, housing, community development – as instruments for good. By doing so, we can help create healthy cities that promote healthy neighborhoods that encourage healthy families and lead to healthy individuals – and vice versa.

This was the sort of work in which Nehemiah was ultimately involved. He was concerned about far more than a wall. He wanted to see his people restored and revitalized. He wanted his nation to return to the covenant God outlined in the Law. The rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem was the first step in that process.

Are you committed to the city in the way that Christ is? How might you use your resources – job, money, relationships, influence – to accomplish tangible benefits for people in your community?

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## 2011 CCHF Conference

"What makes Christian Health Care Christian?" was the theme of the 2011 Christian Community Health Fellowship Conference in Nashville June 2-4. Twenty-two CCHSA staffers, volunteers and board members attended the event. Several medical residents and our new physicians, Jeremy and Karissa Wilson, also joined us for the weekend. Almost 600 attendees from clinics across the country enjoyed three days of great teaching and music. A highlight of the trip was dinner at the famous Loveless Café.

Special thanks to the Legion Foundation and the University Health Care Foundation for the special grants underwriting the cost of the conference for CCHSA.



## CCHSA joins United Way family

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proud to join their family of non-profits.”

“This could not have come at a better time,” Drake added. “As we move into the Widows Home and expand our staff, United Way funding will help us continue to provide affordable health care for the uninsured in our community.”

If you or your company participates in the United Way Campaign, or if you are eligible to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign, please remember that you now have even

more options for supporting the work of Christ Community Health Services.



## Join the Monthly Support Team

Like many ministries and non-profit organizations, Christ Community Health Services Augusta depends on the generous support of friends like you to achieve our mission. Patient fees account for only about 40% of our revenue. The rest of our operating funds come from donations. We are blessed to have a great network of friends, families, corporations, churches and foundations who invest in our ministry.

As we move to the Widows Home, regular monthly support for operations is needed more than ever. Just as many of us depend on a regular paycheck to keep our households running smoothly, regular monthly support helps our ministry run more smoothly.

Would you join our **Monthly Support Team**?

No amount is too small. Twenty-five monthly donations of \$25 add up to \$7,500 a year! Fifty monthly donations of \$50 is \$30,000 a year!

We offer three options for regular giving:

1] Go to our web site

([www.christcommunityaugusta.org](http://www.christcommunityaugusta.org)) and click the “GiveDirect” link. You can set up a monthly or quarterly donation for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 or any amount that fits your budget. It’s easy, automatic, and secure. (GiveDirect passes 100% of your donation to CCHSA with no transaction fee when you use your Visa or MasterCard.)



2] Fill out the monthly donation section of the response envelope included in this issue of Go and Tell John.

3] Mail your monthly donation to Christ Community Health Services, P.O. Box 2344, Augusta, GA, 30903.

We are very grateful for God’s faithful provision and for your generous support.

**The first 50 new Monthly Support Team members receive a CCHSA Cap!**



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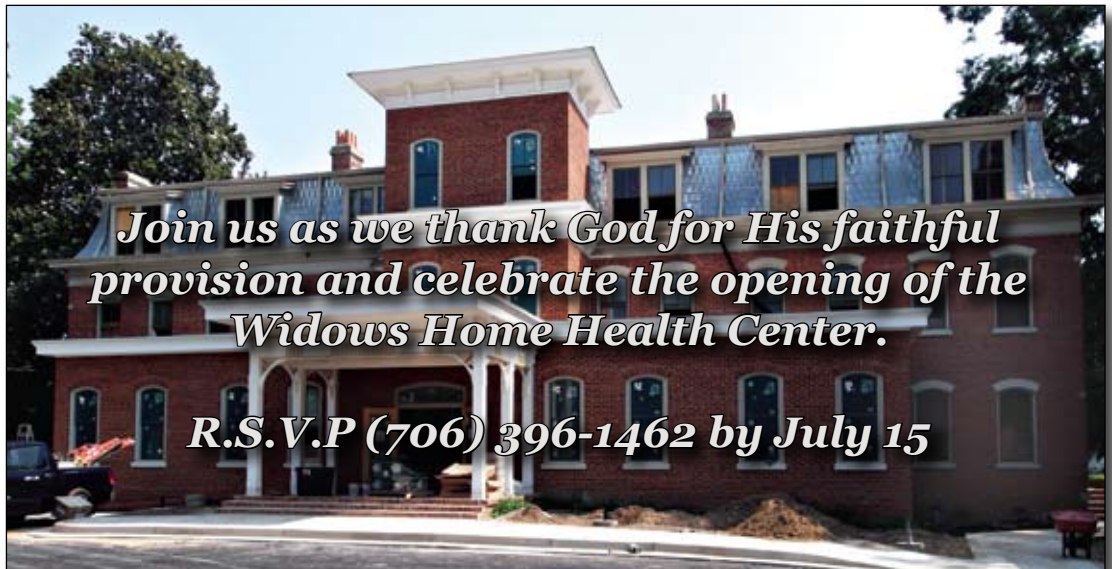
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