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Newsletter

December 2023



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Vickery family will light the candle of hope.

8:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Blanton family will light the candle of love.

8:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Strange family will light the candle of joy.

8:30 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Gonzales family will light the candle of Peace.

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

No Sunday School

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

The Hunt family will light the Christ Candle.

Take your poinsettias!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

No Sunday School

Downing of the Browns!

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Church Staff Information

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Address

600 Old Lexington Hwy.

Chapin, SC 29036

Sunday Services

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.

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MEMORY VERSE

Our memory verse for the month is Hebrews 4:15-
“For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has
been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”
The preschool version is “Jesus never sinned.”

MEMORY VERSE SONG

Here’s a link to the memory verse song:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKzuitTZeDM>

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AND ORNAMENT SET

In honor of the Christmas season, our Children’s
Ministry has created a custom designed Advent
Devotional and Ornament Set for each of our
HISKidZ and GRAVITY families. The devotional is

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

- Dec 3- Jesus is Our Perfect Prophet (Deut 18)
- Dec 10- Jesus Was Anointed (Matt 26; Mark 14; John 12)
- Dec 17- Jesus Shared a Last Meal (Matt 26, Mark 14; Luke 22)
- Dec 24- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Dec 31- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

entitled Above Every Name, and follows the names of Jesus from
Isaiah 9:6, with a corresponding ornament for each name. Each
week of Advent, we invite our families to gather together to read
and discuss Scripture, learn catechism, sing hymns and pray, as we
anticipate and celebrate the incarnation of Jesus. Sets are available
in the church lobby, labeled with your family’s name, so be sure to
pick up yours. Advent begins December 3. Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE

We look forward to celebrating Christmas Eve together on Dec. 24,
both morning and evening. We will have regular nursery and
preschool classrooms for the morning worship service, but no
Sunday School. For the evening service, we invite children of all
ages to join us in the sanctuary. It will be a precious time of Lessons
and Carols, with a short homily. There will be a “wiggles and
giggles” section in the sanctuary if needed. We are excited to have
our entire church family together for this special service!



G-TIME SCHEDULE

- Dec 3- G-TIME at CPC 5-7pm
- Dec 10- G-TIME at CPC 5-7pm
- Dec 17- Christmas Party at the Reese’s house
5:30 - 7:30 pm
- Dec 24- NO G-TIME- Christmas Break
- Dec 31- NO G-TIME- Christmas Break

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

- Dec 3- The Four Cities of Christmas: Bethlehem
- Dec 10- The Four Cities of Christmas: Egypt
- Dec 17- The Four Cities of Christmas: Nazareth
- Dec 24- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Dec 31- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

GRAVITY UPDATE

In Sunday School, our GRAVITY group is discussing The Four
Cities of Christmas with Mrs. Anna Mary Forrest. We hope to see
all of our 5th-6th graders there on Sunday mornings!

GRAVITY G-TIME

Our 5th-6th graders meet each Sunday from 5-7pm at CPC to eat,
play games, and grow in God’s Word. This year we are comparing
different worldviews to God’s Word, and discussing how we can
know and recognize Truth from lies.



REFORMED CHRISTMAS PARTY

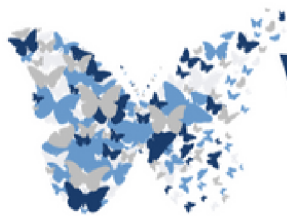
Reformed students are invited to our annual
Christmas party! Come join us for Christmas
games, dinner, and encouragement from God’s
word. Friday 12/15 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Location TBD.

REFORMED COMMUNITY NIGHT

Our student ministry (7th-12 grade) meets on Sundays from 5:00
- 7:00 p.m. at CPC to share a meal, play games, and dig deeper
into the Word. Come join us for dinner and encouragement as
we continue learning what it means to be a disciple. (We will
not meet on 12/24.)

COMMUNICANTS

Sunday, December 3rd, the Communicants will meet with Elders
and then be introduced to the congregation on December 10th.



Women's Ministry

Christmas Party

December 5th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Generations Clubhouse

Cost: \$10/person

There will be great food, wonderful fellowship and you will hear about what God is doing in the lives of our ladies.

Please bring canned goods to help stock the pantry at the We Care Center. See page 4 for a listing of their most needed items.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:15 - 7:30 pm, "Respectable Sins"
We will meet at Mary Wilkin's home beginning on January 9th. You may purchase Jerry Bridges book: *Respectable Sins Small-Group Curriculum* book at christianbook.com. Have Christians become so preoccupied with "major" sins that we have lost sight of our need to deal with more subtle sins? Navigator author Jerry Bridges addresses the "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves, including pride and anger. He goes to the heart of the matter, exploring our feelings of shame and grief and opening a new door to God's forgiveness and grace. Travel down the road of spiritual formation with Jerry and discover your true identity as a loved child of God. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Hunt at 803-318-6901.

Sundays, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. - "He Sees"

Join us for five weeks together, connecting with other women while focusing on prayer and worship as we read through fifteen Psalms. "He Sees" will start again on January 21st, and then meet on Feb 4th, 11th, 25th and March 10th. We will gather in the parlor from 5:15-6:45 p.m., having dinner together on the 21st with an overview of what our focus will be. There will be minimal homework. You can come every week or on any Sunday that works. For more information or to sign up, contact Jackie Linder at linder.jackie@gmail.com.



CPC MEN

MEN MAGNIFYING CHRIST

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our next men's breakfast will be Sat., 12/2 at 8:00 a.m. in the Family Center. We will hear from Mike Kenamer from the MNA Disaster Response Warehouse in GA. Learn how we can participate in projects that minister to our region for disaster relief. Sean Cassidy will also share how you can be part of local Mercy Ministry opportunities.

RETIRED MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Retired Men's Bible Study meets each Wed. at the church in room 224 at 9:30 a.m. We're watching "The Chosen" video series. Contact Don for more information at tyle6544@bellsouth.net.

SAVE THE DATE

CPC Men's Retreat, March 8-10, 2024
Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC

SUPPER CLUB 2024

Supper Clubs are groups of 6 - 8 who meet together 3 - 4 times a year for dinner in each other's homes. The host can prepare the entire meal or enlist the group to all pitch in. It's totally up to you! This is a great way to get to know other couples in the church. Deadline to sign up is 12/15. You will be notified who is in your group before the end of the year. For more information or to sign up, contact Lisa Cain at lcain@chapinpres.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

meeting at 8:30 am:

Face to Face with Jesus - Family Center

meeting at 10:45 am:

Acts - Family Center
Knowing God - Room 224
Sermon Discussion - Room 221



It's time to Fill the Freezer for our foster families! This project is simple. Pick up an aluminum pan in the lobby on Sunday, fill it with a meal, freeze it, and bring it back to place it in the white freezer in the kitchen for our foster families. Please remember to include any cooking instructions and the date it was frozen. We are thankful to have such a practical way to support these special families, especially during the holidays!

WE CARE ITEMS NEEDED

1. canned meat (Spam)
2. salmon
3. beef stew
4. chili beans
5. Spaghettios
6. soup
7. corn
8. gravy
9. peanut butter
10. jelly/jam



Paper products, cleaning supplies and toiletries are ALWAYS needed as well!

DOWNING OF THE BROWNS

Your help is needed for the annual "Downing of the Browns" on Sunday, December 31st, following the worship service. Contact Ryan Barber for more information or just show up with your servant heart to help!

WEDNESDAY >> CONNECT

DINNER & DISCIPLESHIP

Our next Wednesday Connect is December 6th, 5:45 - 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a soup supper followed by singing of Christmas songs. Contact the church office to register. There is a suggested donation of \$5/person.

KIDZ WORSHIP CLUB
presents:

CHRISTMAS!

A MINI-MUSICAL EVENT



DECEMBER 1, 7 PM
CHAPIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
600 OLD LEXINGTON HWY

DECEMBER GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DOOR GREETERS (9:30 a.m.)

- 1st Sunday - Bill & Gail Calhoun
- 2nd Sunday - John & Frances Derrick
- 3rd Sunday - Weston & Beth Curtis
- 4th Sunday - The Bonnett Family
- 5th Sunday - Don & Dolly Montgomery
James Taylor

RECEPTION DESK (9:30 a.m.)

- 1st Sunday - Sheila Sargent
- 2nd Sunday - Steve & Retta Yandle
- 3rd Sunday - Chuck & Jan Staples
- 4th Sunday - Judy Weathersbee
- 5th Sunday - Kim Waters

DECEMBER DUTY DEACONS

Andrew Bemis
Stephen Vance

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DEC 1 Dave Herndon
Robyn McCaskill
Fran Campbell
DEC 2 Layton Stauffer
Andrea Looney
Michael Davis
DEC 3 Johnnie Looney
Karis Kubacz
Rick Conner

DEC 4 Toney Higbe
Lee Parker
Ashley Powell
DEC 6 Jason Vick
DEC 7 Kathy Smith
DEC 9 Kim Seals
DEC 12 Terry Stoker
DEC 13 Jim Hanna
DEC 14 Millie Tyler

DEC 17 Tripp Jennings
DEC 18 Zelle Thomas
Benjamin Bonnett
DEC 20 Bill McMillan
DEC 21 Treye Bird
DEC 22 Judy Seals
DEC 28 Mike Campbell
DEC 29 Elizabeth Bonnett
Chris Doyle

THANK YOU

Dear CPC Family,

Deb and I are so thankful for our precious church family. So many have checked up on me, prepared meals, and loved on us in so many different ways. Even though we only had five days between seeing the surgeon and the actual surgery, many of you have been such a great encouragement to Deb and me. We thank God for every one of you!

Tim & Deb Hanley
Zephaniah 3:17

GIVING

2023 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

All charitable contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked by Sunday, December 31st, in order for them to be counted for 2023. Thank you!



Online Giving Options:

Visit www.chapinpres.org, Realm Connect on your phone, or by texting 73256 and entering chapinpres.

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed during the worship service on December 3. This is one of the most significant events in our church life and we encourage you to take time and ask God to search your heart in preparation for communion.

CHAIR EXERCISE

Our ladies chair exercise class normally meets on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. We will take a break for the holidays and resume meeting on January 3rd. For more information, contact Ellen Robertson at (803) 629-6443 or ellenanddonald@gmail.com.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on December 25th, 26th and 28th in observance of Christmas. We will also be closed on January 1st for New Year's.

Download our app from your Play Store to Connect.



DECEMBER CALENDAR

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 1

7:00 PM CHRISTMAS! A Mini-Musical Event

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 2

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3

COMMUNION SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE CANDLE

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Sunday School

4:00 PM Communicant's Class

5:00 PM G-Time and Reformed

MONDAY - DECEMBER 4

6:00 PM Session

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 5

6:00 PM Women's Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 6

9:30 AM RMBS

5:45 Wednesday Connect w/Singing

6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups

7:00 PM Choir Practice

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE CANDLE

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Sunday School

4:00 PM Communicant's Class

5:00 PM G-Time and Reformed

MONDAY - DECEMBER 11

6:30 PM Diaconate Meeting

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 13

9:30 AM RMBS

5:30 PM AG

6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups

7:00 PM Choir Practice

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 15

5:30 PM Reformed Christmas Party

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY CANDLE

9:30 AM Worship Service

10:45 AM Sunday School/Last Communicant's Class

4:45 PM Gravity Christmas Party at Erin's house

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 20

9:30 AM RMBS

7:00 PM Choir Practice, tbd

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 AM Worship Service - Peace Candle

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service - Christ Candle

MONDAY - DECEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 26

OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 27

7:00 PM Choir, tbd

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 28

OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 31

DOWNING OF THE BROWNS

9:30 AM Worship Service

CHURCH STAFF INFORMATION

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