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## PRESBYTERIAN

### *Newsletter*

July 2024

Dear Saints,

Back from General Assembly in early June, I want to provide you with some more detailed encouragement regarding our denomination. We have much to give thanks for and much to continue to steward wisely in the days ahead. The following is an excerpt from our Stated Clerk's Report.

"Church statistician Ryan Burge pulls no punches when describing what is happening in the major Protestant churches. He says, "The mainline is just a bloodbath," with the major liberal denominations down by at least 30 percent since 1987.2 Evangelicals are not far behind. Southern Baptists lose more members every year than our total denomination and are down at least three million from their 16 million high a decade ago. Against all that bad news, Burge says this: "There are two traditions that are up. The Assemblies of God has grown by over 50% in the [last] 35 years. The PCA has doubled in size, as well." But then he says that the Assemblies are not doing as well as a first glance would indicate. "Sure, they have grown 50% since the late 1980s. But notice... their growth rate has decline[d] from 2% per annum to nearly 0% in the last few years." Only the PCA has kept growing. Burge acknowledges that the PCA is "incredibly small" compared to the Assemblies and the SBC, but, according to Burge, we are actually exceeding the growth rate of the general population (but only by 0.1%). According to these observations, the PCA is a clear outlier according to national church trends. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord also that our numbers indicate that we grew again this past year, consistent with our 50-year history – except for the Covid years."

A fuller summary of events can be found here:

<https://irreverentreverend.org/2024/06/14/pca-ga-51-summary-10-key-decisions/>

An overall synopsis being that our denomination's pursuits are being blessed by our God and we must continue to pursue God's glory through faithful preaching and biblical discipleship. Will you commit with me to make the PCA's motto a matter of prayer? May we continue to be Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission.

Thankful to be at CPC,  
Pastor Dinkns

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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 - 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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# HIS + KIDZ

## VBS

We still have room for YOU at VBS 2024, Twists & Turns!! Join us July 8 - 11, 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., as we learn about how following Jesus changes the game! Go here to register your rising K-7th grader: [vbspro.events/p/7f584b](https://vbspro.events/p/7f584b)



## VBS THEME DAYS:

Tuesday, July 9th - Tacky Day  
Wednesday, July 10th - Hat Day  
Thursday, July 11th - Team Day

## VBS VOLUNTEER SNACKS

It's almost time for VBS and we need help providing food for all of our awesome VBS volunteers! If you are able to drop off snacks before or during the week of VBS, please go to this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45A8AF23A46-48037212-vbsvolunteer#/>

## HIS KIDZ SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

July 7- Gentiles Became Part of the Church (Acts 10)

July 14- Peter Was Rescued from Prison (Acts 12)

July 21- We Are Part of One Church (1 Cor. 12)

July 28- Paul Became a Christian (Acts 9)

## MEMORY VERSE

Our memory verse for the month is 1 Corinthians 12:12- "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

The preschool version is "The church has many people who help."

Here's a link to the memory verse song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2DBHkxVnQQ>

## UPDATES

Every Sunday, our GRAVITY group meets for Sunday School in Room 222. This month, we will continue our study of the Ten Commandments. We hope to see all of our 5th-6th graders there on Sunday mornings!

## G-TIME

Our regular G-TIME is on break for the summer. Our next Fun Fellowship will be in August.



# REFORMED

## STUDENT MINISTRY

## REFORMED COMMUNITY NIGHT

Our student ministry meets each Sunday night in July from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. to share a meal, play games, and dig deeper into the Word.

Bring a friend for fun and fellowship as we study God's Word!

## MNA TRIP TO ROME, GA JULY 18 - 20

We have an opportunity to serve at the Mission to North America SE headquarters this summer! We will stay at their Rome, GA facility for two nights, returning Saturday afternoon. We will assist in packing disaster relief buckets and school supplies. There is no charge for this trip other than spending money for meals on the way down and back, and dinner in Rome, GA one evening. All other costs are covered by the Mercy and Youth committees. There are 15 slots available for our youth (middle schoolers are welcome!), first come, first serve basis. Please consider going with us and meeting a need for local and distant communities in the Southeast. For more information contact Terry Stoker at (803) 730-8876.



## Women's Ministry

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

We hope you can drop in for a Ladies' Night Out on July 18th, 6:00 p.m. at the Chophouse. This is a time to get to know others in the church. We pray together, share a verse or two after the blessing, then chat the night away. Contact Fran Ricks to sign up at (803) 528-3222.

### POOLSIDE FELLOWSHIP

All ladies and children are invited to bring a picnic lunch and fellowship around the pool. The remaining dates this summer are July 16th, 30th, and August 6th and 13th, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jody Butler at (803) 309-6912.

### WSC BIBLE STUDY

Do you ever panic when you know your heart is telling you to share the gospel with your neighbor? Or maybe you wish you could understand the scriptures a bit more in order to have an engaging conversation about spiritual things. Come join us as we learn to live a SENT life while studying questions 1-38 of the Westminster Shorter Catechism at the home of Teri DeBellis, 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., remaining dates are July 1, 12, 18, and 25.

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15

Be sure to order G.I. Williamson's *The Westminster Shorter Catechism for Study Classes 2nd Edition*.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. throughout the summer at CPC. Contact Gary Butler for more information at (803) 600-5071.



## CPC MEN

MEN MAGNIFYING CHRIST

## THE PRELUDE IS NOT ENOUGH!

*by Allen Jones, Music Director*

### SUNDAY AT CPC: LET'S GET READY

Every Sunday morning at Chapin Pres we meet to bring an offering to God. We are giving more than our money. It's an offering of ourselves and an offering of all we do in our worship service. We present ourselves in submission to the Lord through prayer, through singing and by listening to him speak to us through scripture reading and preaching.

Our musicians prepare for the worship service individually throughout the week and then on Sunday morning to finish that preparation. The choir practices on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Then they get together at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning to finish their preparation. The pastors study and work on messages far in advance and then with intensity the week before their sermons.

What if the entire church body, every one of us, prepared for our worship service?

We can!

There are online resources that give everyone an opportunity to get ready for this special gathering:

- Youtube playlist of the upcoming Sunday's songs
- Song lyrics
- Sermon scripture reference
- Previous sermons

We could take a bit of time during the week to pray for Sunday morning, listen to the songs, read the sermon text and the surrounding verses for context, read larger portions of the book of the bible that we are studying (Mark right now) and listen to a previous message.

Imagine how our mental and spiritual focus might be changed!



## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be a brief informational meeting on Sunday, July 14th, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of presenting the budget for the coming fiscal year. We will still have Sunday School classes afterward.

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed during the worship service on July 7th. 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.

## MISSIONS NEWS

### BEHIND THE WALLS EVENT

Equip & Ignite Training  
Saturday, September 14, 2024  
7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church  
2930 Glenn Hill Drive  
Augusta, GA 30906  
Registration Fee - \$25.00

We need 55 Teammates including 12 motorcycles to take the Good News Behind the Walls of 2 men's facilities.

Contact Peter Prim for more information or to sign up for this event at [primp@msn.com](mailto:primp@msn.com).

### MNA SERVICE OPPORTUNITY JULY 18 - 20

See article on page 2 under Reformed ministry.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP, JULY 27 - AUG 3

The DR missions trip is planned for July 27th - August 3rd. Contact Eddie Weathersbee or Andrew Bemis if you are interested.

### INDIA MISSION TRIP

The India mission trip is currently planned for the end of February, 2025. The dates will be confirmed soon.



This summer, we are offering a CPC summer book club for all ages. The focus of the books we've chosen is on connecting the dots of Scripture which complements our CPC Bible reading plan. The following books are especially helpful:

- *God's Big Picture* by Vaughan Robert
- *Far as the Curse Is Found* by Michael Williams
- *The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden* by Kevin DeYoung

## PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

Join us for a night of Prayer and Praise on July 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

We will pray for the ministries of our church, for our missionaries around the world and worship our Lord through song.

Mark your calendars for this special night in the life of our church!





## JULY BIRTHDAYS

JULY 1 Poochie DeMars  
Betty Kirk  
Miles Smith

JULY 3 Anna Pardee

JULY 4 Zoe Palma

JULY 5 Homer Sargent  
Neal Stoker

JULY 6 Meg Balentine  
Allan Dox  
Anna Mary Forrest

JULY 7 Stephen Vance

JULY 8 Lilly Dinkins  
Bobbie McCandlish  
Donald Robertson

JULY 9 Will Culler  
Grace Knowles  
Graham Knowles  
Jimmy Knowles  
Toni Venegas

JULY 10 Aiden Jennings  
Jay Scoggins

JULY 11 Liz Howell

JULY 12 Blake DuBose  
Gwen Ward

JULY 13 Derek Harvell  
Lexie Morris  
Maddison Higbe

JULY 14 Sierra Peeler

JULY 15 Marla Coleman  
Scott Dinkins  
Ruthie Goings  
Louisa Todd

JULY 16 Jay Looney

JULY 20 Lisa Cain  
Jeanne Crump  
Rema Thomas  
Kim Waters



JULY 21 Neal Strange

JULY 22 Jamie Johnston  
Lynn Kirtley  
Evans Strange  
Reid Strange  
Tom Ward

JULY 23 Brantley Cook  
Clara Beth Harlow  
Lauren Peters

JULY 24 Angela Younginer

JULY 27 Gary Butler  
Jeanne Eleazer  
Jack Hammond  
Lucy Ricks  
Sharon Takach

JULY 28 Sam Todd  
Avery Vick

JULY 30 Charlie Howell

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

8:30 a.m.  
R.C. Sproul's  
*The Promise Keeper*  
(no nursery)

10:45 a.m.  
College & Career  
Psalms  
Sermon Discussion

## FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2024 flower calendar is available for you to choose your special flower date in memory, honor or celebration of your loved one. Please call the church office at (803) 345-0500 to reserve your date. The cost of the arrangement is \$45.00.

## WE CARE CENTER

The most needed items in July are:

- 1.tuna
  - 2.spaghetti sauce (cans/plastic jars)
  - 3.mashed potatoes
  - 4.yams/sweet potatoes
  - 5.canned white potatoes
  - 6.syrup
  - 7.paper towels
  - 8.laundry detergent
  - 9.dish soap
  - 10.shampoo and conditioner
- We also always need pet food & plastic bags! Thank you!

## JULY GREETER SCHEDULE

### DOOR GREETER (9:30 a.m.)

- 1st Sunday - Bill & Gail Calhoun
- 2nd Sunday - Weston & Beth Curtis
- 3rd Sunday - John & Frances Derrick
- 4th Sunday - The Bonnett Family

### RECEPTION DESK (9:30 a.m.)

- 1st Sunday - Rhonda Evans
- 2nd Sunday - Steve & Retta Yandle
- 3rd Sunday - Chuck & Jan Staples
- 4th Sunday - Marla & Preston Coleman

# July

## MONDAY - JULY 1

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible study / Romans  
9:30 AM Ladies' Bible study / WSC

## TUESDAY - JULY 4

*OFFICE CLOSED*

## SUNDAY - JULY 7

*COMMUNION SUNDAY*

8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery)  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Reformed Community Night

## MONDAY - JULY 8

9:00 AM VBS  
6:30 PM Diaconate Meeting

## TUESDAY - JULY 9

9:00 AM VBS (tacky day)

## WEDNESDAY - JULY 10

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
9:00 AM VBS (hat day)

## THURSDAY - JULY 11

9:00 AM VBS (team day)  
6:00 PM VBS Celebration Dinner

## FRIDAY - JULY 12

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study / WSC

## SUNDAY - JULY 14

*INFORMATIONAL MEETING*

8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery)  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Reformed Community Night  
6:00 PM Prayer & Praise

## MONDAY - JULY 15

7:00 PM Missions Meeting/RM 211

## TUESDAY - JULY 16

9:30 AM Ladies' Poolside Fellowship

## WEDNESDAY - JULY 17

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

## THURSDAY - JULY 18 - 20

MNA Service Opportunity

## THURSDAY - JULY 18

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study - WSC  
6:00 PM Ladies' Night Out

## SUNDAY - JULY 21

8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery)  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Reformed Community Night

## WEDNESDAY - JULY 24

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

## THURSDAY - JULY 25

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study / WSC

## SATURDAY - JULY 27 - AUGUST 3

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

## SUNDAY - JULY 28

8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery)  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Reformed Community Night

## TUESDAY - JULY 30

9:30 AM Ladies' Poolside Fellowship  
6:30 PM Facilities Committee

## WEDNESDAY - JULY 31

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study



## CHURCH STAFF INFORMATION

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