

CHAPIN PRESBYTERIAN Newsletter January 2025

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I'm a sucker for a great movie line. Looking ahead to 2025 (and being very glad that 2024 is in the books), I remembered a line from Gladiator as the protagonist, Maximus, charged his troops before battle. "What we do in life, echoes in eternity." Inspiring words for the worldling focused on self and individual achievement.

Much better meditation can be found from the pen of the sweet Psalmist of Israel in Psalm 90.

Psalm 90:12-14

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

May 2025 find us pursuing the wisdom that comes from above (James 1:18), longing for His imminent return, and satisfied in close proximity to the grace poured out on us in Christ's glorious gospel. Happy New Year!

Maranatha Lord Jesus, Pastor Dinkins

COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed during the worship service on January 5th. 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.



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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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FAMILY PRAYER STONES

We are excited to bring back our Family Prayer Stones! On January 5 and January 12, we will have a basket of Prayer Stones in the lobby for you to choose from.

On each stone is the name of one of our HISKidZ or GRAVITY families. Whatever stone you choose is the family you will commit to praying for throughout the new year.

It is such a blessing to know that each of our families are being covered in prayer!

HIS KIDZ SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

Jan. 5 - Abram Followed God (Gen. 11-13)

Jan. 12 - God's Covenant with Abraham (Gen. 12; 15; 17)

Jan. 19 - Abraham and Isaac (Gen. 22)

Jan. 26 - A Wife for Isaac (Gen. 24-25)

MEMORY VERSE

Our memory verse for the month is Psalm 100:5, "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." The preschool version is "God is good and His love is forever."

Here's a link to the memory verse song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Q8mwW-ZeLc



UPDATES

Every Sunday, our GRAVITY group meets for Sunday School in Room 222. This month, we will continue our study of the book of Acts with Mrs. Anna Mary Forrest. We hope to see all of our 5th - 6th graders there on Sunday mornings!

Our January memory verse is Philippians 4:4; "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice!" Phil 4:4

G-TIME

Our 5th - 6th grade GRAVITY G-TIME group will not meet weekly during the month of January. We will have a Fun Fellowship on January 19 from 4:45 - 6:45 p.m. Location to be determined.

Invite a friend and plan to join us!

MISSIONS

WEST VIRGINIA

We will be taking a team to Fairmont, West Virginia with Dayspring this summer, June 14 - 21, 2025. The first informational meeting will be in January followed by team meetings in March, April and May.

Those interested can contact Mike Pridmore at (864) 449-0041 or Martin Shaffer at (803) 767-5658.

ECUADOR

MTW would like to announce a mission trip to Ecuador July 12-18, 2025. We will work with Gary and Dena Pate of Pate Ministries in their kids clubs, youth group, and women's ministries. The Pates will be at CPC on January 5th to share with our congregation about their work there. Contact Eddie for more info at (803) 603-7696 or eddieweathersbee@hotmail.com.

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STUDENT MINISTRY

NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

I'm Chris Sanders, and I am thrilled to introduce my family to you as we embark on this new chapter at CPC. My wife, Andrea, has faithfully served alongside me since we were married in 2007. She loves our family, the church, and opening our home to friends and visitors. We are blessed with four wonderful children: Ava (16), Karis (13), Cooper (9), and Miles (6).

We are wholeheartedly committed to serving the youth and families of Chapin Pres. Our goal is to help students understand the scriptures and make sense of the world around them. We are incredibly excited about this opportunity and look forward to working with you all to equip future generations.

WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP

We are trying to gauge interest for students that would like to go on the annual mission trip to West Virginia. The dates will be June 14 - 21. If you are interested, please contact Jason Vick or Chris Sanders for more details.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Jan. 1st & 2nd - No Small Groups

Jan. 5th - Reformed Community Night

Jan. 8th & 9th - No Small Groups

Jan. 12th - Reformed Community Night

Jan. 15th & 16th - Small Groups Resume

Jan. 17th - Reformed Community Night

Jan. 22nd & 23rd - Small Groups

Jan. 26th - Reformed Community Night

Jan. 29th & 30th - Small Groups

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups will resume meeting weekly on January 15th and 16th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- High School guys will study The Wisdom Of Proverbs and meet on Wednesdays.
- High School girls will study Biblical Womanhood and meet on Wednesdays.
- Middle School guys will study The Wisdom of Proverbs and meet on Thursdays.
- Middle School girls will study Biblical Womanhood and meet on Wednesdays.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

Attention parents! If you have a child ages 8 - 15, who has not yet joined the church, and is ready to find out what being a communing member at CPC is all about, consider enrolling them for our next communicant's class.

The next class will begin on Sunday, January 12th, 2025. This will be a 7 week class meeting from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the conference room upstairs. Please contact Neal Stoker for further information or questions at neal.stoker@gmail.com or (803) 445-9022.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

8:30 a.m.
Deuteronomy - Family Center
(no nursery)

10:45 a.m. Deuteronomy -Family Center

Philippians - Room tba

Sermon Discussion - Room 221



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS BOOK STUDY - PART 2

We have two groups that are reading through The Pilgrim's Progress. We have a night time study at Mary Wilkins' house from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (dates are Jan. 6 - ch. 21 & 22, Jan. 20 - ch. 23 & 24, Feb. 3 - ch. 25 & 26, Feb. 17 - ch. 27 & 28, Mar. 3 - ch. 29 & 30, Mar. 17 - ch. 31 & 32, Mar. 31 - ch. 33 & 34). There is also a daytime group on Mondays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., beginning January 6, meeting at the church. Even if you didn't attend Part 1, you can STILL do Part 2!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The next LNO is planned for January 14th, 6:00 p.m. at Tonella's. Contact Fran Ricks to make your reservation at (803) 528-3222.

MADE FOR MORE CONFERENCE

Friday-Saturday (Jan. 31- Feb. 1) an Intergenerational Event for the PCA women

- January 31st, 7:00 p.m. Feb. 1st, 2:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, NC.
- Early Registration Cost: \$75/person; \$30 for girls Grades 3-12 and college students.
- Hotel accommodations: The Hilton Garden Inn is holding rooms for us. \$139 (+ \$9.25 for breakfast) rate for queen/queens. Their phone is (704) 992-9900.
- God's Word tells us we are made for more...
 more purpose, more value, more mission, more
 hope, and more belonging than the world
 could ever offer!
- Join us as we explore how God made us for more because of our creation design, gospel identity, and intergenerational friendships

We encourage girls third grade and up to join us! This conference is for ALL women; young, single, married and "more seasoned," as well as your treasured friends. So, gather the women in your circles, plan a special weekend away, and we will save you some seats!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

There is a men's breakfast planned for January 18th at 8:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Daniel Hill (Regional Director, Campus Outreach). Make plans to come!

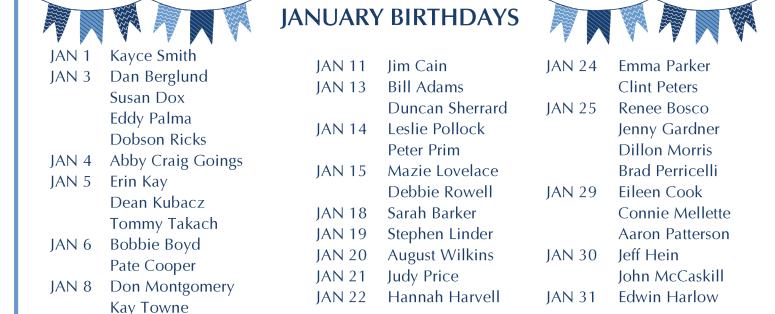
MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. at the church. There is also an evening group that meets every other Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the church. Contact Gary Butler for more information at (803) 600-5071.

RETIRED MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

RMBS meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in room 220, studying 1 Timothy. No meeting on 1/1. Contact Don Tyler at (803) 932-4891 for more info.





GREETER SCHEDULE

DOOR GREETERS

Jan. 5 - Bill and Gail Calhoun

Jan. 12 - Weston and Beth Curtis

Jan. 19 - John and Frances Derrick

Jan. 26 - Brian and Irene Peeler David Evans

WELCOME CENTER

Ian. 5 - Rhonda Evans

Ian. 12 - Retta and Steve Yandle

Jan. 19 - Chuck and Jan Staples

Ian. 26 - Marla and Preston Coleman

WE CARE CENTER January Most Needed items:

Jelly/jam (plastic jars)

Cereal

Peanut butter

Tuna

Canned meats

Grits

Snack bars/cookies Spaghetti Sauce

Spaghetti Sauce SpaghettiO's Oatmeal





MONTHLY GATHERINGS

January: Friday, January 17th, noon

Cost - \$5/person

Registration - January 5th and 12th

Program - Doug Collier, Retired FBI Agent

February: Friday, February 14th, 5:30 p.m.

March: Friday, March 21 April: Friday, April 18 May: Friday May 16 january

THURSDAY - JANUARY 2 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY - JANUARY 5 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery) 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM G-Time 5:00 PM Reformed

MONDAY - JANUARY 6 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible study 6:00 PM Session Meeting 6:00 PM Ladies' Bible study

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 8 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Retired Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir practice

SUNDAY - JANUARY 12 8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery) 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM G-Time 5:00 PM Reformed

MONDAY - JANUARY 13 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible study 6:30 PM Diaconate Meeting

TUESDAY - JANUARY 14 6:00 PM - Ladies' Night Out

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 15 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Retired Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM WOW Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups 7:00 PM Choir practice

THURSDAY - JANUARY 16 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups

FRIDAY - JANUARY 17 12:00 PM Saintly Seniors Luncheon <u>SATURDAY - JANUARY 18</u> 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY - JANUARY 19 8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery) 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Gravity 5:00 PM Reformed

MONDAY - JANUARY 20 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible study 6:00 PM Ladies' Bible study 7:00 PM Missions Meeting/RM 211

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 22 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Retired Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM WOW Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups 7:00 PM Choir

THURSDAY - JANUARY 23 6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups

SUNDAY - JANUARY 26 8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery) 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM G-Time 5:00 PM Reformed

<u>TUESDAY - JANUARY 28</u> <u>6:30 PM Facilities Committee Meeting</u>

WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 29 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Retired Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM WOW Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups 7:00 PM Choir

THURSDAY - JANUARY 30 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups

<u>FRIDAY - JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 1</u> Made for More Women's Conference

CHURCH STAFF INFORMATION

MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER: 803.345.0500

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