

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear CPC,

This February I have the great privilege of celebrating my one year anniversary as your pastor. In light of this, I would like to take a brief minute to reflect and plan.

First, in reflection, this has been a tremendously positive year for my family and me. But I know for some of you it's been terribly difficult. We've seen members pass away. We've had worship services (and life) interrupted by Covid. Some of you have lost jobs, lost family, or even now are dealing with some mix of the above. Pandemic has brought the unknown, and with it a lot of fear, frustration, and at times, disunity. And yet, in the midst of these problems, Chapin Pres has responded. Through God's grace and your efforts (though not meritorious!) we have survived, and some might say, thrived. In February of last year we owed almost \$1.9million on this building. In March, due to Covid we limped into an altered Faith Promise weekend that saw an all-time low in pledges of around \$36k for the year. Understandably Covid had brought economic instability along with many other concerns. We committed to give \$60k as a church to our missionaries in spite of the low pledge total. We had to make a decision to trust.

Over the course of this past year God has done some remarkable things. We've added 18 New Members with another new member class scheduled for March. We've added a full time staff position with Mitch Van Thof as our Student Ministry Director. Recently, Mitch and roughly 43 others, were in Winterplace WV on a snow skiing trip and joined us for our livestream service. Speaking of livestream, we've added that during Covid, and navigated what unity and connectionism look like with stay at home mandates. We've also added an online giving option to keep you engaged in what God is doing here financially. Financially, currently we've met our \$60k Faith Promise goal for the year. \$72k has been given for gospel effort around the world and we still have well over 4 months left in our budget cycle. As for our mortgage, with great focused giving in December and January, along with some savings, we've just reduced our mortgage below \$1.5million. That's roughly \$400k in reduction since last February.

Secondly, planning for 2021, The Session and Finance Committee would like to invite you to pursue a **Debt Reduction Campaign** to continue to remove debt from our books. Remembering that the borrower is the slave to the lender, we currently pay \$18k/month in principal and interest towards our mortgage alone. That's \$212,000 annually we pay to a bank.

We would like to set a goal of reducing our debt this year by roughly \$500k. The goal is to get our mortgage under \$1million and then reassess where we are. These gifts we are praying for are to be over and above our general tithe. It's a lot to ask the Lord for, we know. We are planning some financial discipleship seminars to grow in our own stewardship practices. CPC's giving has been so generous this past year! Instead of sounding ungrateful we want to say a huge **THANK YOU** while we broaden the scope of what God might do!

We'd love to be able to support more ministry moving forward:

- Support church planting
- Send more short term missions teams around the world
- Provide for disaster relief victims with time and equipment and teams of volunteers
- Give monthly to gospel expansion through RUF at South Carolina
- Open our doors more often to our community through outreach events
- Send students to seminary to train them as Kingdom builders
- Many, many other things. Things we could do in ministry if we didn't have such a large debt service. Perhaps there are improvements to be made on our facilities, other buildings to build, or property to acquire for kingdom expansion.

We aren't sure about all the possibilities, but we know the first step to finding out is getting rid of the shackle of debt. Please pray with us, plan with us, give with us, and grow with us. We are so excited about what God is doing here. Thank you for being a part of it. My family and I are looking forward to 2021. May the Lord Jesus continue to challenge us and change us in year two.

With GREAT gratitude,
—Pastor Dinkins



Remember to set your clock forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday night!

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Special points of interest:

- Communion Sunday
- Special Sunday School
- HIS KidZ Movie Night
- New Members Class



COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

The **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be observed on **Sunday, March 7, during the worship service**. 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.

The **Elders and Deacons serving Communion will wear masks and gloves**. The **Communion wafers will also be served in cups for safety**.

GOD IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 AT
8:30 AM (MASK ONLY) & 10:45 AM
LED BY TIM MUSICK

We are thrilled to invite you to come hear Tim Musick teach our Adult Sunday School Class on March 7th. Tim is a longtime member of Chapin Pres and has taught here as well as in many other churches. He has a passion for God's word and has a message the Lord has laid on his heart to share with everyone. Tim will deal with the struggles of tribulation and suffering in life during this lesson. We encourage you to invite others to come with you! Our Middle and High School classes will join us at the 10:45 AM hour. The lesson will be livestreamed as well. Don't miss out!

HIS KIDZ MOVIE NIGHT SUNDAY, MARCH 7 FROM 5-7 PM



The 5-6th graders are hosting a movie night for the kids at CPC (infants - 4th grade). Children are asked to bring a bagged dinner. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We will watch the movie "The Story of Jesus". Younger children will be in the preschool rooms and older children will be in the worship center. RSVPs are required. You can sign up in Realm or email Jackie (jackiel@chapinpres.com). **Don't forget your mask!**



GO TO: www.carecalendar.org

Dale Smalley

Calendar ID: 296040 - Security Code: Smalley

To sign-up to help Dale Smalley with meals go to the Care Calendar website, www.carecalendar.org and enter the above information in the appropriate spaces.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS — SIGN UP NOW!

If you are interested in learning more about the PCA denomination and Chapin Presbyterian Church, or if you want to become a member of CPC, then join us for our New Members Class starting March 14. **Please let us know if you would be interested in an in-person class that would meet after the worship service on Sundays for five weeks or if you would prefer a virtual zoom meeting.** Scott Dinkins, our Senior Pastor will teach this class

Please call or email the church office to sign up or for information (345-0500 or secretary@chapinpres.com).

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Oh my goodness, Sunday was so exciting seeing so many church members we haven't seen for a while! I so look forward to seeing all of our church family back together again, it is a joyful experience. Hopefully, all y'all are doing well.

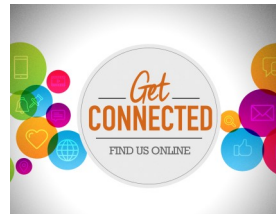
We still need a couple more helpers for the Reception Desk on Sunday morning, once a month. If you think that would be something you would like to do, just contact Judy Weathersbee (or me). Another area where help is needed is as a Parking Lot Greeter. This is a great job for men, young and older. Call Chad Reese (or me) to help once a month.

Now this may be new information for you, Chapin Presbyterian Church does not have a laundry service! When you are working in the kitchen and use the dish towels or wash clothes and then drop them in the bucket someone must take that laundry home and wash them! Now if you would like to serve your church in that capacity, please let me know. But until we have someone who would like to do that, it is important for you to take home the linens that you have soiled to launder them. That bucket of dirty linens gets pretty nasty, so please do your part.

There is a new CARE Calendar for Dale Smalley if you would like to help with food and prayers. See you Sunday! Love, —Helen



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Livestreaming from our Website: go to www.chapinpres.org and click on "Watch us live Sundays 9:30am"

Online Giving is now available through our church website www.chapinpres.org, Realm Connect on your phone, or by texting 73256 and entering chapinpres.



MAR. 1	Kate Huggins	MAR. 11	Grady Dukes	MAR. 20	Jennifer Peeler Hilary Timmons
MAR. 2	Jennifer Williams	MAR. 12	Keith Huggins Sandy Keys Jabez Waters	MAR. 22	Bruce Bosco Abby Davis Banks Reese
MAR. 3	Tommy Cooke	MAR. 13	Rowan Dinkins Walker Moore Steve Thomas	MAR. 23	Kate Steele
MAR. 4	Susan Baker Marissa James	MAR. 14	Lane Hein	MAR. 26	Joyce Bartman
MAR. 5	Wanda Hein	MAR. 15	Lisette Kosko Lynn Palma Stephanie Swayne	MAR. 27	Debby Ransom
MAR. 6	Levi Peters	MAR. 16	Martin Shaffer	MAR. 29	Weston Curtis Moe Dunn
MAR. 7	Bill Head	MAR. 17	Charlotte Miller	MAR. 31	Ford Bowers Charlie Crowe
MAR. 8	Fran Huck James Taylor				
MAR. 9	Karis Arrowood				



HISKidZ News

➤Our children have been learning more about the 10 Commandments, studying them weekly as they have been the focus of Pastor Dinkins' sermons. Do your kids know them? We are hoping that by the end of March every HISKidZ will have these important truths hidden in their hearts. There will be a reward for everyone who remembers them and where they can be found in the Bible!!

➤**March 7th** will be a fun night at CPC for our kids! The 5-6th graders are hosting a **movie night** from 5:00-7:00 PM. If you would like to bring your children ages infants-4th grade, RSVP to Jackie at jackiel@chapinpres.com. The movie will be **The Story of Jesus**. It focuses on His life through the eyes of children.



➤Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 3rd** too! Our **Easter Event** for families will be that morning at 10:00 AM.

GRAVITY (5-6th graders)

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." —James 4:8

GRAVITY March Schedule:

Sunday School at 10:45 AM every week in the family center beside the kitchen.

➤**March 7th**: Service activity here at the church from 4:45-7:15 PM. We will host the movie night for the children. No dinner will be served, so eat before you come.

➤**March 14th**: GTime at CPC from 5:00-7:00 PM.

➤**March 21st**: Fun fellowship at the Zbytovsky's home. Check your email for info and the address.

➤**March 28th**: GTime at CPC from 5:00-7:00 PM.



Flower Dates Available

The flower calendar for 2021 is ready and waiting for you to choose your special flower date in memory, honor or celebration of your loved one.

Please call the church office (345-0500) to reserve your date. Cost of the arrangement is \$45.00

MARCH DOOR GREETER SCHEDULE 9:30 AM

1st Sunday

Bill & Gail Calhoun

2nd Sunday

Weston & Beth Curtis

3rd Sunday

John & Frances Derrick

4th Sunday

Luke & Betsy Bonnett & Family



SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are studying Mark's gospel. Below are the dates / times of each group:

- Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm: High School Guys
- Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 pm: Middle School Guys
- Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm: High School Ladies & Middle School Ladies

If your student would like to try it out one week, please email Mitch, and he will introduce you to the group's leaders over email!

Please contact Mitch Van Thof, Student Ministry Director,
(203-893-9486 or mitch@chapinpres.com with any questions.

Reformed Community Night! (7th-12th grade)

Sunday nights 5-7 PM

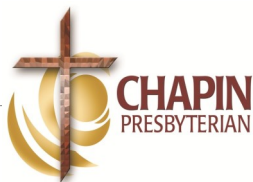
Our student ministry meets every Sunday at CPC to share a meal, play games, and dig deeper into the Word.

Join us for our mini-series in **Genesis**. This week's topic is gender.

Please wear your mask!

REFORMED SKI TRIP SNAPSHOTS





Chapin Presbyterian Church

Office Hours:
Mon.-Thurs./9AM—4PM

Office Address:
600 Old Lexington Hwy.
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Sundays at 9:30 AM
Sunday School at 10:45 AM

Worship Location:
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Chapin, SC

Phone: 803-345-0500
E-mail: secretary@chapinpres.com
WWW.CHAPINPRES.ORG

**Duty Deacons
for March
Guy Gierhart &
Chad Reese**



WE CARE ITEMS NEEDED:

Grits, Dry beans,
Chili, Canned potatoes/yams,
Collard greens, Canned tomatoes,
Soup (all flavors & sizes), Vienna
sausages, Spaghetti sauce, Sugar,
Flour, Cleaning supplies, Personal
care items & Dish detergent.
Thank you!

CPC STAFF INFORMATION:

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CPC Highlights of the Month:

SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 28

8:30 A Musick Sunday School Class/FC
9:30 A Worship Service (Each Sunday Morning)
10:45 A Dinkins Sunday School Class/WC
5:00 P ReFormed Community Night (7th-12th
grades) (Each Sunday night)
5:00 P Gravity (5th-6th grades) at CPC

MONDAY—MARCH 1

6:00 P Session Meeting
7:30 P ReFormed HS Guys (Each Monday)

TUESDAY—MARCH 2

8:30 A Chapin Academy (Each Tues. & Thurs.)
7:00 P ReFormed Middle School Guys (Each
Tues.)

WEDNESDAY—MARCH 3

9:00 A Retired Men's Bible Study/RM 134 (Each
Wednesday)
9:30 A WOW Bible Study/WC (Each Wed.)
2:00 P Women's Exercise Class/RM 244 (Each
Wednesday)
6:30 P ReFormed MS & HS Ladies Small Group
(Each Wednesday)

SUNDAY—MARCH 7 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:30 A Musick Sunday School Class/FC
9:30 A Worship Service (Each Sunday Morning)
10:45 A Dinkins Sunday School Class/WC
5:00 P ReFormed Community Night (7th-12th
grades) (Each Sunday night)
6:45 P HIS KIDZ Movie Night/WC

MONDAY—MARCH 8

6:30 P Diaconate Meeting
6:30 P Women Seeking God Bible Study/
Takachs (2nd & 4th Mondays)

SUNDAY—MARCH 14

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

8:30 A Musick Sunday School Class/FC
9:30 A Worship Service (Each Sunday Morning)
10:45 A Musick Sunday School Class/WC
10:45 A New Members Class Begins
5:00 P ReFormed Community Night (7th-12th grades)
(Each Sunday night)
5:00 P Gravity (5th-6th grades) at CPC

SUNDAY—MARCH 21

Regular Sunday Events
5:00 P Gravity (5th-6th grades) Off Site

SUNDAY—MARCH 28

Regular Sunday Events
5:00 P Gravity (5th-6th grades) at CPC

Due to Covid-19 some scheduled activities may change.
Check our website or call the church office with any
questions.



**Please notify the church office of
any email, address or phone number
changes so we can keep our records up
to date. Thank you!**

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Check it out for more updates and information!

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