

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
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Chapel in the Pines



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If you are looking for Andrew's musing, please 'view it on webpage' (see above) and continue reading the newsletter and you'll find it. Many questions you have about the happenings of CITP, especially during the upcoming Advent and Christmas season are answered in this email!



2025 OPERATING BUDGET CAMPAIGN

FORWARD
in Faith

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS AT 90% OF GOAL

Pledges totaling *\$449,000* by 97 households have been recorded for our 2025 operating budget. That's approximately 90% of the *\$500,000* goal and 78% of the goal for the number of households participating (125).

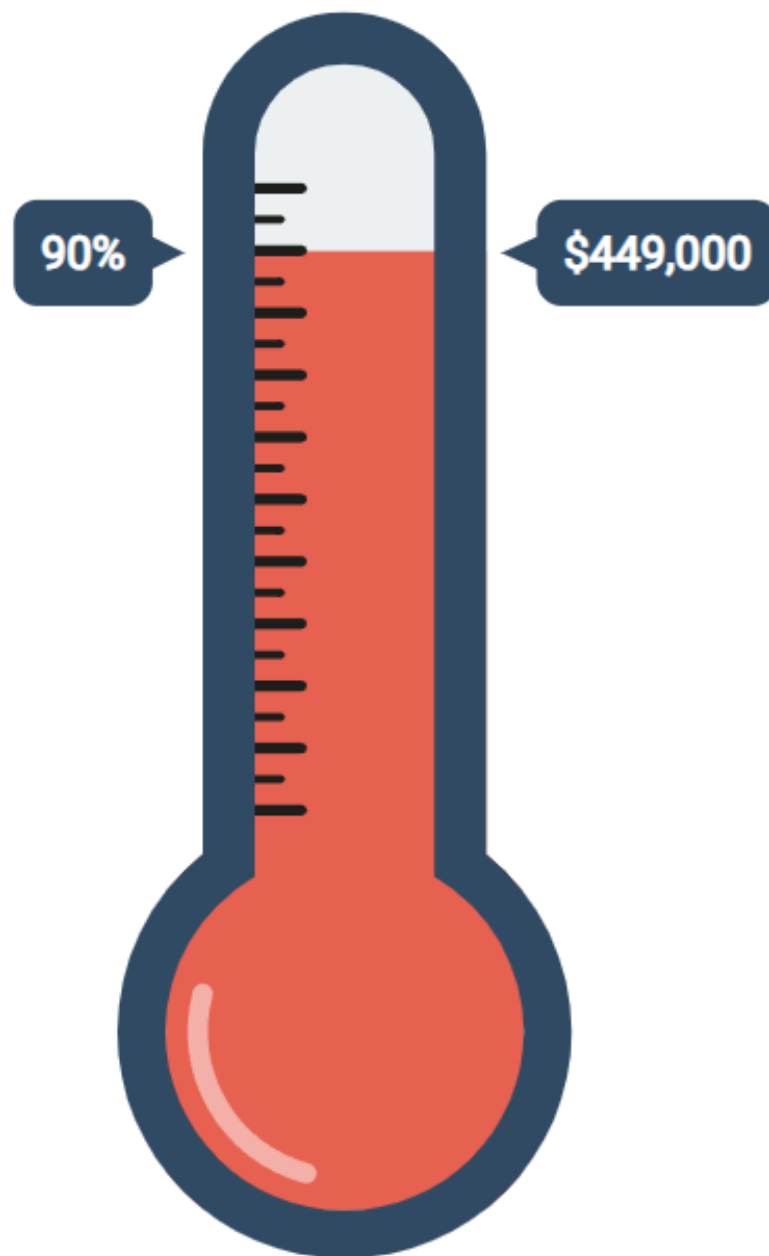
If you have not submitted your 2025 pledge, please do so soon so that the *Forward in Faith* campaign can be finalized. Click [HERE](#) to make a pledge online.

Additionally, if you have not completed the *Time & Talent* form, click [HERE](#). Ginny Taylor-Troutman expresses her appreciation for receiving those forms in helping to plan for 2025.

Peace be with you.

Session, Stewardship Committee,
Finance and Administration Committee

GOAL: \$500,000



Advent and Christmas Events at Chapel in the Pines

12/01 Christmas Cards for Canton

12/01 9am Advent Wreath Workshop [CLICK HERE](#)

12/01 11am Presentation by CORE [CLICK HERE](#)

12/08 Alternative Christmas Gift Fair

12/08 10am New Members Sunday!

12/08 11am Potluck with Caroling [CLICK HERE](#)

12/15 Alternative Christmas Gift Fair

12/22 PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering [CLICK HERE](#)

12/24 PCUSA's Christmas Joy Offering [CLICK HERE](#)

12/24 4pm Christmas Eve Worship, Indoors

12/24 7pm Christmas Eve Worship, Indoors



The CITP Alternative Christmas Giving Fair will be held before and after our 10 a.m. worship services on December 8 and December 15. The fair focuses on Generosity!

We ask you to make donations to at least one or more of a group of mission partners that CITP supports: Benevolence Farm, Chatham Chuckwagon, Chatham Literacy, Communities in Schools, Farm at Penny Lane, Love Chatham, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Salvation Army, and CEDEPCA (Guatemala). More will be shared about those partners in next week's newsletter.

You are asked to make these donations as three-way gifts: (1) gifting

yourself by being generous; (2) gifting a loved one by making your gift in their honor; and (3) financially supporting our mission partners. Christmas cards will be given to you with an insert that explains that your gifts are being given in your loved one's honor to support God's work in Chatham County and beyond.

There will also be selected items available for your donations, including scented candles and soaps made by women being helped at Benevolence Farm in Alamance County, fair trade coffee grown and roasted by Cafe Justo in Mexico. And crafts made by members and friends of CITP and given freely to our Fair.

Please come to celebrate the Christmas season in an alternative manner that focuses on the heart-felt gifts of generosity and thankfulness. Peace to you all!



NEW! CITP has completed our third year of collecting winter clothing for those less fortunate - and once again you folks were amazing as this was not a burden on just several people - 12+ folks were involved in the collection and distribution process.

CITP collected 338 total items, of which were 101 adult and children's coats. (Special note, Debbie Sears donated more than 50 Childrens handmade scarves, hats, blankets that for those of us that saw them they were magnificent! She is amazing indeed!)

The program in total has collected more than 3,200 items of which

730 were coats. There were two distributions (Pittsboro and Siler City) with another one scheduled for December 9 at the Chatham Community Library.

Thank you to the team at CITP that made this happen this year: Chick Biddulph, Paul Bolig, Cyndi Christopher, Ann Feicht, Anne Henkels, Deborah Kay Hughes, Brownell and Karen Johnston, Millie Kabrick, Marian Olson, Leslie Strohm, and Jackie Walters. Thanks to Teresa Balatico for helping keep the room unlocked, printing flyers, and keeping us current on the calendar, thanks to all of the CITP parishioners who donated and helped get the word out.

It is with special gratitude that we have a pastor who from day one was "all in" and he never wavered in his 100% full steam ahead support. Thank you, Andrew!

What a community we have here at CITP, thanks to everyone for your support and all of your donations.

Mark Herboth



We **WELCOME** all people into our community of of faith.

We **WORSHIP** God with gratitude for the grace given to all people through Jesus Christ.

We **WITNESS** the love of Christ through our gifts of time, talents, and resources as we grow together in our faith.

Session Notes

To read the Session Digest from the September 23, 2024 Called Session Meeting, [CLICK HERE](#).

Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Mission co-worker Karla Koll has



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



Nov 28-Dec 5, 2024)

Thursday, November 28
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, November 29
 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 30
 Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 1
 Advent 1

- 8:30am Grace Ringers Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 8:45am Exploring Together Class, on Zoom and in the Gathering Room
- 9am Advent Wreath Workshop
- 10am COMBINED Worship Service, Indoors & Streaming
- 11am Decorating the Chrismon Tree, Sanctuary
- 11am Presentation by CORE, Fellowship Hall
- 3pm 6th-8th Graders' Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm 9th-12th Graders' Youth Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 2
 Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 6pm Sirens of Chatham Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 3
 Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Women's Study, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am InFocus Photography Group, Fellowship Hall
- 1pm Devoted Readers Book Club, Zoom

Wednesday, December 4
 Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Meeting with Farm at Penny Lane, Zoom
- 11am Contemplative Prayer, Zoom
- 2pm Galloway Ridge Worship
- 4:30pm Presbyterian String Band Practice, Sanctuary
- 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7pm Bible Study with Andrew, Fellowship Hall & Zoom
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal,

posted a letter of update. To read it, [CLICK HERE!](#)

To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Cookie Soup", [CLICK HERE.](#)

From Our Treasurer

NEW! CITP's financials continue to be healthy. Please click on the green button below to review the Treasurer's Report, and the blue button to review the Endowment Quarterly Report.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT](#)

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENDOWMENT'S THIRD QUARTER REPORT](#)

Poinsettias



We will again have the beautiful

Thursday, December 5

Church Office Closed

- 6pm Sirens of Chatham Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30 Welcome & Membership Meeting, The Gathering Room

Church Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am-1pm

Andrew: By Appointment

Our master calendar can be found on our website as well. If you see something on this calendar that should be corrected, please let Teresa know so she can edit the church's master calendar.



New Office Hours

Effective Beginning October 20

Monday 9am - 1pm

Tuesday 9am - 1pm

Thursday 9am - 1pm

**If in doubt, call
or email first.**

(Monday and the "T" days
we are open 9am to 1pm!)

Contact: Teresa

NOTE: We apologize for any inconvenience but the office hours for the next two weeks are:

The Week of December 2, Mon, Tues, Wed 9-1.

The Week of December 9, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-1.

This Week

Poinsettia display in the sanctuary that we have had in past years. To help offset the cost of the Poinsettias, we ask that you consider contributing toward the cost. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex and will be available until **Sunday, 12/8/24**. If you forget to sign up, but wish to, send Teresa an email before 12/8 and she'll write your name on the sheet. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Realm Updates

If you are a church member who does not have a Realm account, but would like one, you can let Teresa know and she'll send you an invitation to join. If you need assistance with navigating Realm, Teresa or Ginny are both happy to assist! Printed copies of directories are also available to our members upon request.

If you need help finding the Directory on Realm, email Teresa and she can send you step by step directions.

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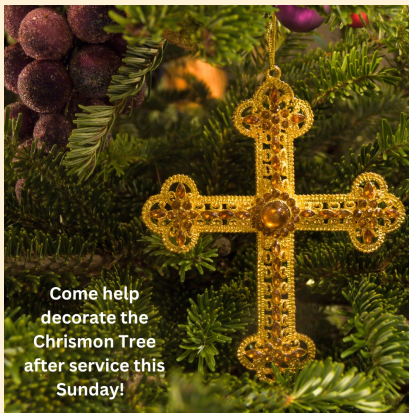
Pastor on Call This Week:

Andrew Taylor-Troutman
andrew@citppc.org
540-239-7060

Advent Wreath Workshop
Sunday, December 1st
9am, Hall for All



Join us to create an Advent wreath with candles and fresh greenery for your home. We'll have everything you need! Please sign up here (or in the narthex):



Come help
decorate the
Chrismon Tree
after service this
Sunday!

Chrismon Tree Decorating

After worship service this Sunday, help us decorate the church Chrismon tree!

We'll gather in the front of the sanctuary to place these symbols of Christ on the tree as a visual reminder of the season.

Contact: Joelle Brummitt-Yale



CHILDCARE UPDATE!!!



WE NOW PROVIDE CHILDCARE AT THE 9:15AM AND 11AM SERVICES ON SUNDAYS, AS WELL AS OUR COMBINED 10AM SERVICE ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH!

CONTACT: JOELLE BRUMMITT-YALE

Youth Events/News

CITPPC YOUTH GROUPS



YOUTH GROUPS:

6th-8th graders in confirmation class will meet the first and third Sunday from 3:00-4:30pm.

3rd-8th graders are invited to youth group on the second and fourth Sundays from 3:00-4:30pm.

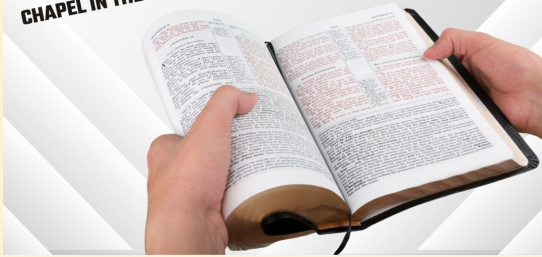
High school youth meet every Sunday from 5:00-6:30pm.

Contact: Joelle Brummitt-Yale, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries,
jbrummittyle@citppc.org

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY WITH ANDREW

EVERY WEDNESDAY | 7:00PM

● SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 18
CHAPEL IN THE PINES - FELLOWSHIP HALL AND ON ZOOM!



Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays through December 18 as Andrew leads a Bible Study at 7pm. There is also an option to Zoom. If you wish to join by Zoom, click on the red button below around 6:59pm! **NOTE: THERE IS NOT ONE TONIGHT!**

**CLICK HERE WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS TO ZOOM THE
BIBLE STUDY CLASS AT
6:59pm**

Worship Updates

DECEMBER WORSHIP: Please note that we will have one combined worship service at 10am during the month of December. We hope everyone will continue to come, and worship together as one big church family.

Sermon Transcripts

CHAPEL IN THE PINES

Parents Group

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS

3-4:30PM
GATHERING ROOM

CONNECTION | STUDY | REFLECTION

CHILDCARE PROVIDED
PLEASE CONTACT GINNY FOR MORE INFO:
GINNY@CITPPC.ORG

PARENTS' MEETING: We have a new small group for parents! Every second and fourth Sunday during the time when our 3rd through 8th graders meet for youth group (3-4:30pm), join us for a time of connection, study, and reflection together in the Gathering Room. Childcare will be provided for children too young for youth group (under 3rd grade). Please let Ginny know if you are planning to bring your children so that we will be well prepared. We'll make plans for the future of our group together.

Contact: Ginny Taylor-Troutman

Weekly Reminders

UPDATED! Each week when Andrew preaches, we strive to update his sermon transcripts here for those who wish to have a PDF to read! Clicking on the red button below will take you directly to the sermon transcript from November 24.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM 11/24**

Watch the Livestream

UPDATED! Each week we have volunteers who livestream the 11am service on Sundays, as well as the 10am combined worship on the second Sunday of the month. When we have that available, we will share a link to it here. Please click on the purple button below to watch this week's livestream.

If you wish to subscribe to our YouTube channel, click on the subscribe button once you pull up our page. By subscribing, you'll get a notification every time we update our video posts!

**CLICK TO WATCH THE
LIVESTREAM FROM
SUNDAY 11/24**

Save the Date

Men's Fellowship

**We have resumed our
Men's Fellowship gatherings!
The second Thursday of the month
we meet 9am in the Fellowship Hall
The fourth Thursday of the month we
meet 9am at the Belted Goat.**



**Adult Vocal &
Bells!**



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

Handbells: This fall we will have two handbell choirs. Our regular handbell choir meets Wednesdays at 6pm in the Sanctuary. We also have a new group, Grace Ringers, for ages 6th grade through adults that will meet on Sundays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great group for those with less experience.

Contact: Katherine Brekke

Adult Choir: Adult Choir rehearses weekly beginning in the sanctuary at 7:30pm on Wednesdays. If you're interested in joining us, contact Jeremy!

Come join the Choir for Advent! With the church moving to one service for the Month of December, now is a wonderful time for members who normally attend the 9:15am service to sing in the choir. All interested singers can just show up to rehearsal Wednesday at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. We will work on a little of the music for November, but we will spend most of our time of Advent and Christmas

POTLUCK SUNDAY



We will have a potluck following the combined worship service on December 8. There are still many slots left needing to be filled! Please sign up to bring a dish and/or help with set up/clean up, by clicking on the yellow button below.

Contact: *Deb Rogers*

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP
FOR THE POTLUCK

**SIRENS
OF CHATHAM**
2ND ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT

14 DECEMBER 2024 * 7:00 PM

CHAPEL IN THE PINES
314 GREAT RIDGE PARKWAY
CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516

Sirens of Chatham will perform their benefit concert again this December 14 at 7pm. (The proceeds will go to Second Bloom, a 501c3 whose purpose is serving survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Chatham County.) We hope you will be able to come and hear the sweet, sweet music this group provides!

music for December. We would love to have you join us!

Contact: *Jeremy Nabors*

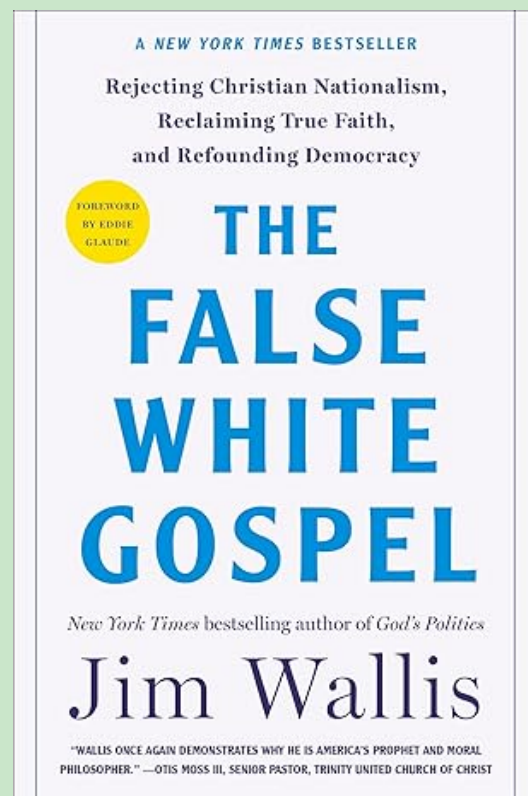


The Women's Study Group gets together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. They have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

They are currently reading and discussing Jim Wallis's Book *The False White Gospel*.

All women are welcome!

Contact: *Marcia Ladd*



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MORE ABOUT SECOND
BLOOM AND THE WORK
THEY DO

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

December 24 - 4pm

December 24 - 7pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



We hope you will be able to worship with us Christmas Eve at our 4pm and/or 7pm services. Nursery care will be available at both services.

The 7pm worship will be live-streamed. Click on the button below to get to our YouTube channel, then click on LIVE to watch it. OR, there should be a link on our website that will take you there as well.

CLICK HERE TO GET TO
OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL



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Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE



Pastor's Musing

Finally, Comes the Poet

I'm thankful for geese. Yes, they blare like alarms on a Saturday morning; yes, they leave their droppings like squishy landmines; yes, they are much grumpier than their petite cousins, the ducks.

Geese in the air, however, are another

matter. The flying V has inspired countless hearts, as well as two of our finest poets: Wendell Berry and Mary Oliver.

I recently discovered the work of Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, a poet who writes exclusively in Irish. Through the work of a translator, I treasure yet another poem about geese, "Winter Beachhead." The poem takes place during "the starkest hour of the shore," possibly at dawn, when the sand is peaceful and clear. Geese in flight suddenly disrupt the tranquility as they "sail in their glory." By contrast, we humans "have to bide our time and hold out for the fullness to come."

I wish you a happy Thanksgiving. May you treasure the blessing of the beauty, no matter where you find it.

And I look forward to this Sunday and the start of Advent when our church gathers in faith and hope "for the fullness to come."

In Hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's article "Go Ask Dad: A father's legacy of love", WRAL.com, [CLICK HERE!](#)

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