

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 are answered in this email!



Summer Combined Worship

**One combined
summer worship
service indoors
at 10am through
August currently
happening!**

*This service is
also livestreamed*

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH ANDREW

SUNDAY MORNINGS | 8:45AM

CHAPEL IN THE PINES - IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM!



Summer Sunday School Class
Book of Confessions of PC(USA)
Sundays through August 31
8:45 to 9:30am
In-person and Zoom option

There are just two more opportunities to attend this class, as the last Sunday will be August 31. We hope you'll join in person or on Zoom!

Please contact Andrew with any questions.

ZOOM LINK FOR THIS CLASS

Q & A



ANONYMOUS ASK OF A PASTOR

Anonymous Ask of a Pastor

Do you have a theological question about the nature of God? Perhaps a nagging doubt or concern? Do you wonder what Presbyterians believe about a certain idea? Do you seek spiritual advice for a friend or for yourself?

You are always welcome to contact Andrew or Ginny directly.

In addition, we are offering another opportunity for anonymity.

In the narthex, there is a box and index cards. Anyone can ask a question and then leave it in the box.

Periodically, your questions will be addressed in a service, newsletter, or other form of communication. We believe that others are likely wondering the same thing as you! Perhaps a public response might provide opportunities for discussion in small groups as well.

So, please, ask away!

Please see at the bottom of this email where we usually post Andrew's musing, to instead read "Ask a Pastor" where Andrew will answer a question from the box in the narthex for folks to ask questions. If he has enough questions, he'll answer one each week in this new column. As we said above, please, ask away!

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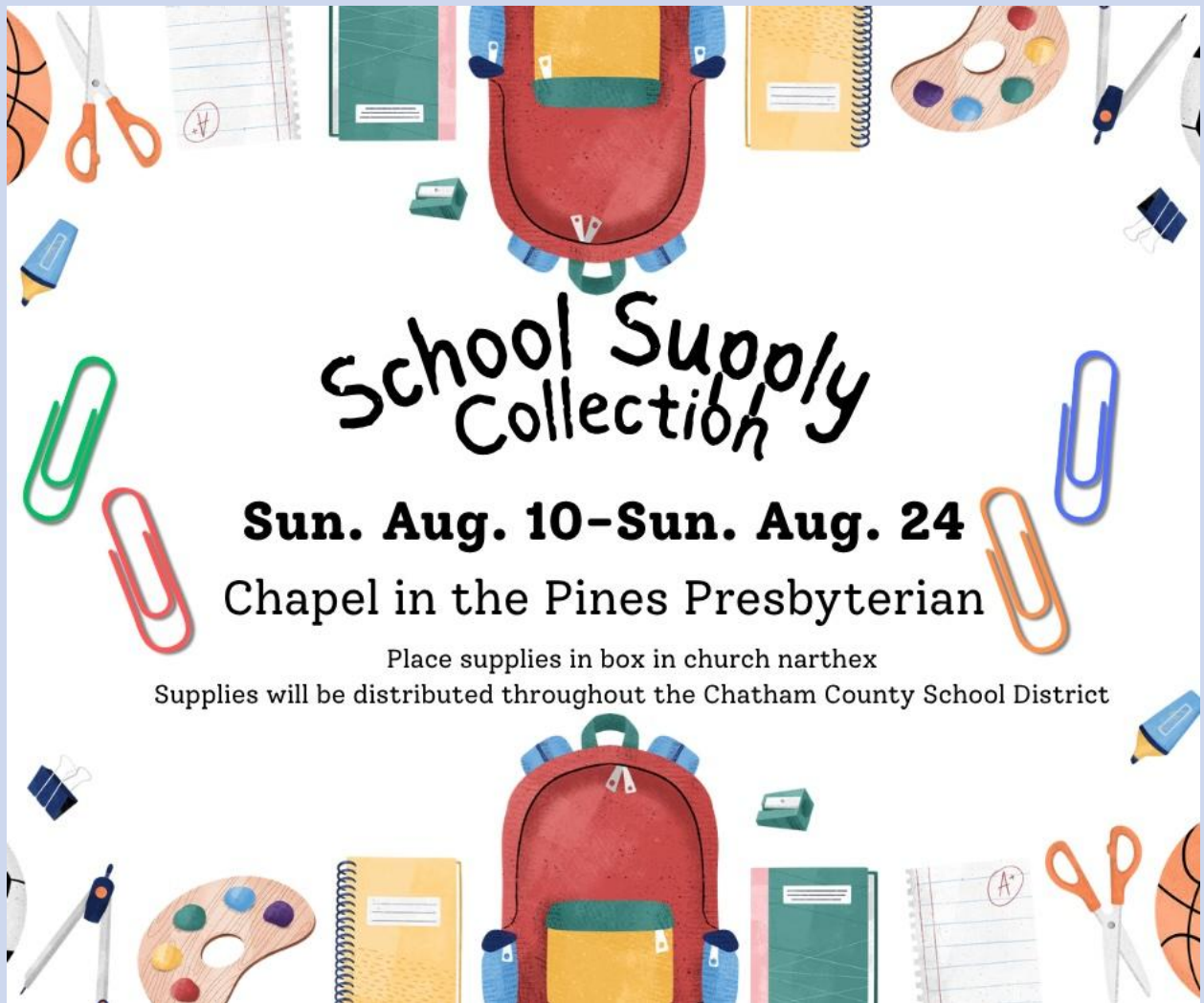
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 24 10:00AM
Worship Service



*Students and educators of all
ages are invited to bring their
backpacks, computer bags, etc.
to receive a prayer and a
backpack tag as a reminder of
God's love and care as they head
into a new school year.*

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



School Supply Collection

Sun. Aug. 10–Sun. Aug. 24

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian

Place supplies in box in church narthex

Supplies will be distributed throughout the Chatham County School District

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US?

Most needed items:

- Laptop backpacks
- Laptop sleeves
- Black Expo markers
- Colored pencils
- Headphones (over ear and in ear with cord)
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Glue sticks
- Tab dividers for 3 ring binders
- Pencil pouches for 3 ring binders
- Highlighters

Questions? Please contact Joelle Brummitt-Yale, Director of Children's and Youth Programs at jbrummittyle@citppc.org

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMMING INFORMATION!

Get your calendars out!

Youth Groups and Faith Formation will begin in September!

We can hardly wait!

Contact: Joelle



If you missed the recent Potluck for the Darwish Family, you missed a wonderful time of fellowship

and delicious food. (See Susie Smith's Article under Mission News below!) Let us continue to pray for this precious family.



GET TO KNOW CHAPEL IN THE PINES

SEPTEMBER 7, & 28, 10AM,
SEPTEMBER 14, 9AM



ALL ARE WELCOME! WE HAVE AN EXCITING
CLASS PLANNED WITH DIFFERENT TOPICS
EACH WEEK! COME TO ALL OR PICK AND
CHOOSE, BUT WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

SPONSORED BY THE WELCOME & MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE

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 Digest from the July 9, 2025
Session Meeting, please click on the
blue button below.

[CLICK HERE TO READ
THE JULY 9, 2025
SESSION DIGEST](#)



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

August 21-28 , 2025

Thursday, August 21

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Crafty Crafters, Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 22

Office Closed

Saturday, August 23

Office Closed

Sunday, August 24

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

- 8:45am Sunday School with Andrew, In person and Zoom
- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 9:30am Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10am Summer Combined Indoor Worship with Livestream
- 3pm Prayer Meeting for Racial Justice

Monday, August 25

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 7pm Session Meeting, ZOOM

Tuesday, August 26

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Women's Study, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am In Focus Photography Group, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 27

Office Closed

- 4:30pm Presbyterian String Band, Sanctuary

Thursday, August 28

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Men's Fellowship Book Study, Belted Goat
- 1pm Stewardship Meeting, The Gathering Room
- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Group, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers, Fellowship Hall

Church Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9am-1pm

Lost & Found



The Lost & Found box is located outside of the main bathrooms on your way to the Education Wing, to the left and it looks like ^ the above photo. Please check the Lost and Found box. We will be delivering the items that are left in it to a thrift shop on September 1. Some of the items currently are a white eyeglasses case, an insulated mug, a Crate & Barrel black tote bag with stuff inside it and more.

[Contact: Teresa](#)

To access your Realm account or to update your address or other information into it, or to obtain contact information for other members, click on the yellow button below!

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.



Office Hours

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

This Week



Pastor on Call This Week:

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

Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

NEW! To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Cats and Otters", [CLICK HERE](#).

Click the button below to watch the YouTube video of Firni being made!

**CLICK HERE TO SEE
THE YOUTUBE OF FIRNI
BEING MADE**

Weekly Reminders

NEWSLETTER & BULLETIN DEADLINE



If you wish to have something in our newsletter and/or bulletin, the deadline to guarantee it makes it in that week is 5pm Tuesday. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Save the Date

Join us as we explore together our shared identity

ELIMINATING RACISM. CONNECTING HEARTS.



Program includes an arts based devotional.
Light refreshments served



Partners in
Racial Justice.

Sunday,
Aug 31,
3pm ET

Hosted by:
CHAPEL IN THE PINES
314 Great Ridge Parkway
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Contact:
Pastor Andrew Taylor-Troutman

Join us NEXT Sunday, August 31 at 3pm to explore together our shared identity. Eliminating Racism. Connecting Hearts. Partners in Racial Justice.

NEW! COMMUNITY DINNERS: They will begin September 2. They'll be 5:30pm Tuesday nights. More information to come soon!

NEW! BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: You and your fur babies won't want to miss our annual blessing of the animals this year on September 27 in our pavilion. Bring your leashed, or otherwise contained animals up any time between 10am and noon on September 27 for a blessing! We can't wait to see those cute family members who we don't get to see often.



Come Find Your Place in Space!
Saturday 09/27, 7:30-9:30pm



Greet Our Online Worshippers

You are cordially invited to go to the center front of our sanctuary each week 10 minutes before the combined 10 am or our regular 11am service and also immediately after the end of those services, to say hello to our online worshippers. We do not show the congregation during worship, in order to respect vulnerable members including children, but would like for our online viewers to see those who don't mind being seen! (Children may participate in these greetings with their parents or guardians.) The livestream cameras will only show those people who stand in the zone between the piano and the Communion table.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE MOUNTAIN DULCIMER?



The Chapel Hill Mountain Dulcimer Group meets at Chapel in the Pines on the fourth Thursday of every month from 2-4pm. Listeners and beginners are welcome!

Contact: Marian 469-261-4685 or
Cornelia 919-606-1395

Presented by the UNC Morehead
Planetarium and Science Center
at CITP!

REMINDER! Join us for an exciting, guided tour of space. Look with your own eyes through Dobsonian telescopes, provided by the Morehead Planetarium! See the rings of Saturn, craters on the moon and more! Join with all humankind before you who have gazed at the night skies in wonderment. This will be exciting fun for kids of all ages. There's outside seating under the pavilion; but bring a lawn chair.

This event is being sponsored by The School of Athens.


For more information; and please register [BY CLICKING HERE!](#)

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NEW! CHURCHWIDE RETREAT:
Mark it on your calendars! We are having a day-long churchwide retreat October 9 at Camp New Hope! More details to come!


Sermon Transcripts

UPDATED! Each week when Andrew preaches, we strive to update his sermon transcripts here for those who wish to have a PDF to read. You can click on the red button below to read Andrew's latest sermon transcript.



CHILDCARE

CHILDCARE UPDATE!!!



WE PROVIDE CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER FOUR YEARS OF AGE DURING OUR COMBINED 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

CONTACT: JOELLE BRUMMITT-YALE



See the top of this email for an update about our youth faith formation and youth group that begin in September! We can't wait to have another great year with our youth!

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Men's Fellowship will meet on the second Thursday of the month in our fellowship hall, and we continue to meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 9am at the Fearington Village Belted Goat. We will be reading and discussing Jill Duffield's book, *Appreciate These Things* through September 11.



CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM
08/17/2025

Watch the Livestream

UPDATED! Each week we have volunteers who livestream the 10am service on second Sundays and during the summer months, and the 11am service other weeks. When we have that available, we will share a link to it here.

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 08/17/2025

CHURCH WISH LIST

NEW! Thank you to those of you who were able to, and did help with our recent Wish List. It has been updated and only has one item now! Please consider helping if you are able to. We are grateful to all of you who are part of the CTP community!



Adult Vocal &
Bells!



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

Handbells: If you are interested in ringing handbells, please contact Katherine. We will have two groups this fall, with beginner friendly options. One choir will rehearse on Wednesday evenings, the other rehearsal will depend on you, so reach out soon!

Contact: [Katherine Brekke](#)

UPDATES! Adult Choir: Choir rehearsals are starting back up for the fall! The Adult choir helps lead worship at the 11am service as well as the 10am combined services. The choir is open to singers 6th grade through adults. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

Contact: [Jeremy Nabors](#)

UPDATES! SUMMER CHOIR: Summer choir is nearing the end of their season! Join us this Sunday, August 24 and/or 31 at 9:30am, 30 minutes before the worship service, to learn an easy anthem!

Contact: [Jeremy Nabors](#)





Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
Wish List August 2025

Desired item: Entrance Landscaping
Estimated Cost: \$1000
Committee Requesting: Building & Grounds

Buildings & Grounds plans to refresh the front landscaping by Great Ridge Parkway.
Contact Bruce Raymond

From Our Treasurer

NEW!

**CLICK HERE TO READ
THE JULY TREASURER'S
REPORT**

**CLICK HERE TO READ
THE 2nd QUARTER
ENDOWMENT REPORT**

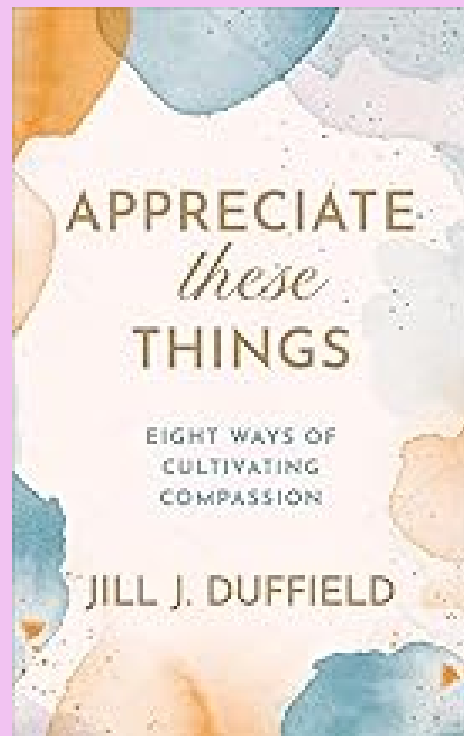
Realm Updates

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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.

The group is currently reading Jill Duffield's book, *Appreciate These Things*. FYI, Jill will be at CTP September 21! Please know you are invited to join the group for fellowship and wonderful discussions.

All women are welcome!
Contact: Marcia Ladd



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**Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE**



† ASK A PASTOR

REV. DR. ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION
What advice do
you have for
college
freshmen?

Higher Education

***This is the latest installment of the new “Ask a Pastor” series.
Leave your written questions in the box labeled in the narthex.***

Dear Pastor,

*What advice do you have for college freshmen?
Higher Education*

Dear Higher Education,

When I was a freshman, I received my first email address. There were also dinosaurs roaming the grounds.

But with that caveat in mind, my advice is to attend the student activity fair. It's the event that brings all the various clubs and extracurriculars together.

First, there is always free food. You can't go wrong there. Second, it

provides opportunities to try new things.

A buddy of mine had never rowed before, but he happened to check out the crew team during his first week on campus. Not only did he participate for the next four years, but he also made lifelong friendships. Even if his experience is rare, I bet that most freshmen will discover some group that interests them. Be open-minded.

Campus ministries are often at these types of events. Again, accept all free food, but don't necessarily be persuaded by the largest or flashiest ministries. If something doesn't feel right, then trust your instincts and, like Jesus said, shake the dust off your sandals, boots, or Nike Air Force 1s.

Ginny was the Presbyterian campus minister for years, and her group was always on the smaller side. Her students, however, were incredible and, just as importantly, incredibly supportive of one another. Many of them have remained friends after graduation.

In addition to that email address, I was introduced to several people that first week of college who I have kept in touch with since, even without the benefit of social media. Wes taught me to play guitar, and occasionally when I am feeling overwhelmed, I pluck the notes of the first song he taught me to play, "Wish You Were Here" by Pink Floyd. Wes is a pastor, too, but 25 years ago, we found each other as "two lost souls swimming in a fishbowl." It still makes me smile.

Finally, I'll say that my advice for college freshmen is essentially the same for someone at any stage of life, particularly a transition — what does your heart treasure? Therein lies what you need to know.

In hope,
Andrew+

NEW! To read Andrew's article "Go Ask Dad: The backpack speaks to dad" (WRAL.com) [CLICK HERE](#)

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[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT, ONE TIME, OR
RECURRING or TEXT 73256](#)



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