

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)**

**July-August
8:45 to 9:30am**

In-person and Zoom option

This summer, Andrew (with the help of a few guest preachers) will spend time in worship exploring the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). These historical documents date back to the earliest church (the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds) as well as up to the 20th century. With one combined worship service at 10am, Andrew has the opportunity to lead a Sunday School class before worship to detail more about these documents as well as take questions and promote conversation. The time is meant to include choirs before their rehearsals and the Zoom option is available to all and for extra flexibility as

well.

Please contact Andrew with any questions.

ZOOM LINK FOR THIS CLASS

**OUR MICROPHONES
ARE 20+ YEARS OLD!
WILL YOU PLEASE
HELP US PURCHASE
NEW MICS?**



Matching Challenge!

UPDATED!

We're getting closer to our A/V matching goal!

A kind donor has offered to match donations to cover up to half the cost of replacing our 20+ -year-old analog mics with new digital equipment. Can you help us to match that gift by donating toward the other half? Thanks to nine generous church members, **we only need \$690 to meet the challenge!**

If you can help with a gift of any size, **please mark your gift "A/V"**

Challenge" in the memo when contributing online (use the operating budget line) or by check. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Contact: Nancy Donny

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE ONLINE TO THE A/V CHALLENGE](#)



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!

CHAPEL IN THE PINES PRESBYTERIAN

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

A decorative border of school supplies surrounds the central text. At the top, there is a red backpack, a yellow notebook, a green notebook, a paint palette, a pencil, a pair of scissors, a paperclip, and a basketball. At the bottom, there is a red backpack, a yellow notebook, a green notebook, a paint palette, a pencil, a pair of scissors, a paperclip, and a basketball. The border is set against a white background with a light blue border on the sides.

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

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.

Realm Updates

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!



**CLICK HERE TO GET TO
REALM**

August 7 - 14 , 2025

Thursday, August 7

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 3:30pm Welcome & Membership Meeting, Sanctuary

Friday, August 8

Office Closed

- 3:15pm Presbyterian Women's Circle, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 9

Office Closed

- 2pm Celebration of Life of Nedra Van Gombos, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 10

Holy Communion Sunday

Pennies for Hunger Offering Sunday

- 8:45am Sunday School with Andrew, In person and Zoom
- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 9:30am Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10am Summer Combined Worship with Livestream

Monday, August 11

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 6pm Faith Formation Committee, Zoom

Tuesday, August 12

Office Hours 9am-1pm

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

Wednesday, August 13

Office Closed

- 4:30pm Presbyterian String Band, Sanctuary

Thursday, August 14

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Men's Fellowship's Book Study, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers, Fellowship Hall

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.

Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

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



**REPEATED CRIMINALIZATION
REPEATED VICTIMIZATION**

Online Webinar
Thursday, August 14 | 1 PM EST

This webinar will discuss findings of a UNC Law report that highlights how the criminal legal system treats survivors of intimate partner violence experiencing traumatic brain injury.

We will discuss best practices to support survivors affected by their involvement in the criminal legal system, incarceration, as well as reentry needs and services.

Benevolence Farm X UNC School of Law Criminalized Survivor, Detention, and Justice Clinic

You're invited to join an Online Webinar Thursday August 14 at 1pm. The webinar will discuss findings of a UNC Law report that highlights how the criminal legal system treats survivors of intimate partner violence experiencing traumatic brain injury.

We will discuss best practices to support survivors affected by their involvement in the criminal legal system, incarceration, as well as re-entry needs and services.

Weekly Reminders



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

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.

This Week



Pastor on Call This Week:

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



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.



**Celebration for the Life
of Nedra Van Gombos**

**Chapel in the Pines
Saturday, August 9, 2pm**



NEW! Please come to honor the life of our beloved Nedra Van Gombos this Saturday August 9 at 2pm.



PENNIES FOR HUNGER

NEW! Please bring your pennies, quarters, nickels, dimes too to help curb hunger! We also accept checks and online gifts as well. We appreciate your generosity.

Save the Date



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

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*

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

CITPPC YOUTH GROUPS



Regular meetings are on summer break!

Stay tuned as we will update the return of our weekly gatherings for the school year when it becomes available.

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

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!](#)

These events are sponsored and paid for by The School of Athens, which is a 501(c)3 independent, unaffiliated, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, and is supported by private monies only. Please consider making a financial gift to help defray the costs of making these high-quality educational events possible.

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.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM
08/03/2025**

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will not meet on the second Thursday of the month during July and August, but we continue to meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 9am at the Fearrington Village Belted Goat.



**Adult Vocal &
Bells!**



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

Handbells: We have two handbell choirs. One choir is for those with more experience in ringing. The Grace Ringers choir is aimed for those who are new to ringing or with limited musical experience. Both groups are for anyone in the 6th grade and up. **PLEASE NOTE:** We are on summer break and will resume early fall.
Contact: Katherine Brekke

Adult Choir: We are not having adult choir rehearsals again until closer to fall.

SUMMER CHOIR:

Summer choir is in full swing. We will be singing again **THIS** Sunday August 10 as well as other dates below. No weekday rehearsals, no long term commitments, no experience necessary! Join us 30 minutes before the worship service to learn an easy anthem! We need your voice!

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 08/03/2025

From Our Treasurer

CLICK HERE TO READ
THE JUNE 2025
TREASURER'S REPORT

CLICK HERE TO READ
THE 2nd QUARTER
ENDOWMENT REPORT

You are Invited



Remaining summer choir dates:
August 10, 24, 31 - 9:30am rehearsal

Contact: Jeremy Nabors

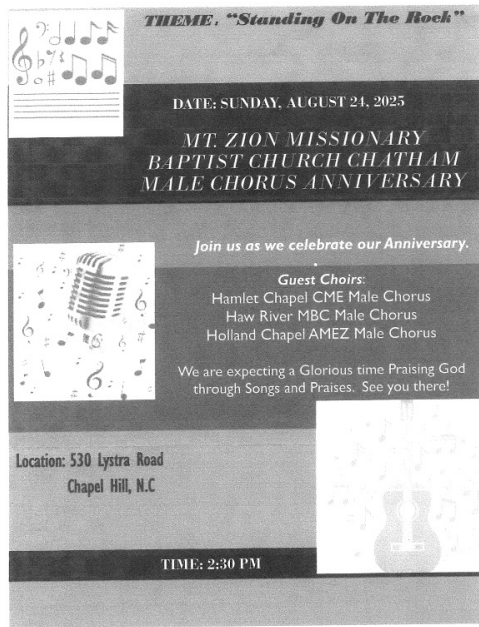


The Women's Study Group gets together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. They have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

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

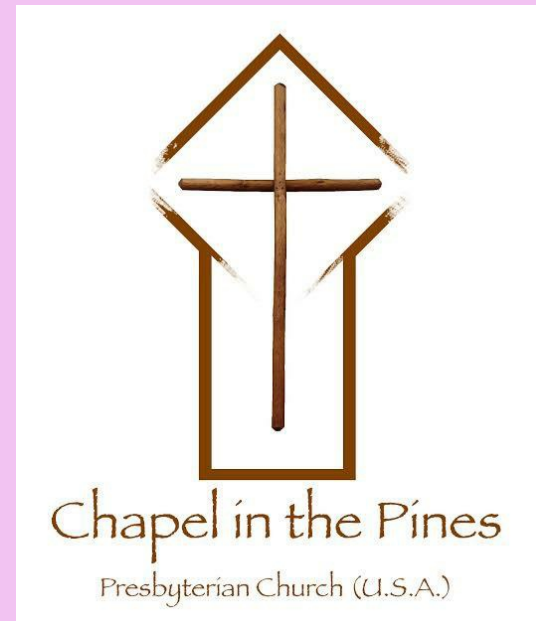
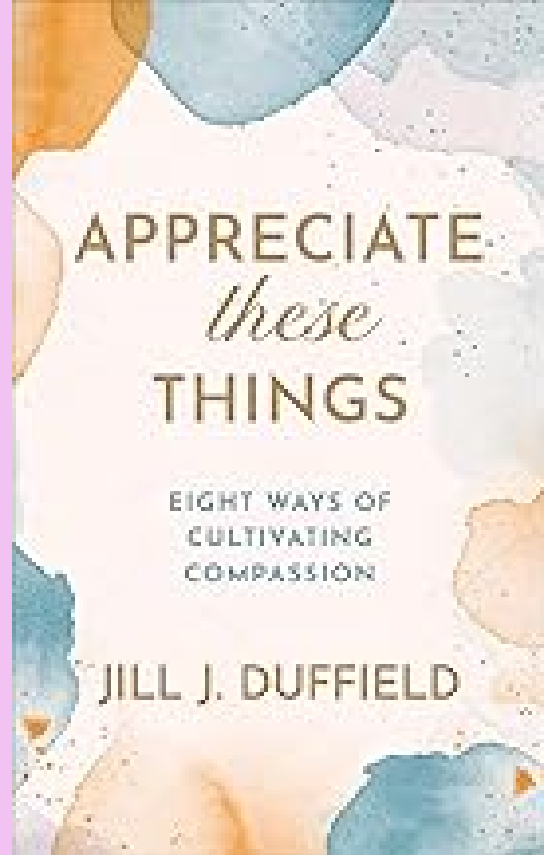
All women are welcome!

Contact: Marcia Ladd



Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to their Male Chorus Anniversary on Sunday, August 24 at 2:30pm.

Guest Choirs:
Hamlet Chapel CME Male Chorus
Haw River MCB Male Chorus
Holland Chapel AMEZ Male Chorus



Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE



† ASK A PASTOR

ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION

Why do we drink
grape juice
during Holy
Communion?

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

Dear Pastor,

Why do we drink grape juice during Holy Communion?

Sincerely,
Didn't Jesus Drink Wine?

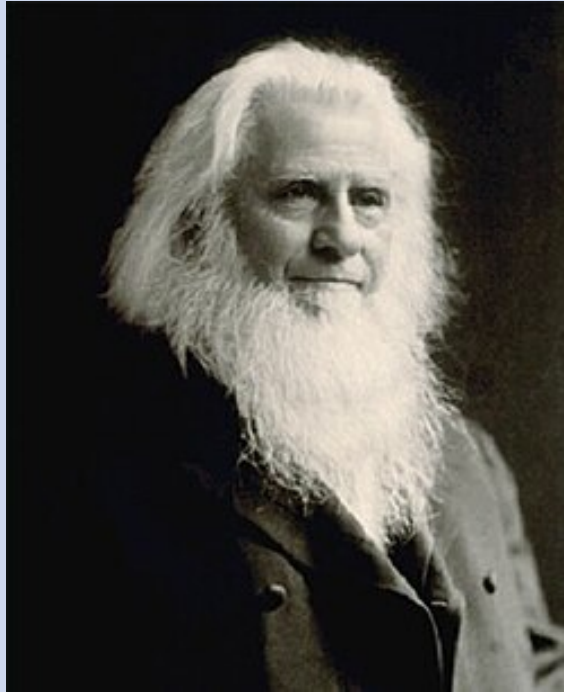
Dear Didn't Jesus Drink Wine,

You are right; Jesus did drink wine. The first miracle was turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana (John 2). One is not called a "glutton and drunkard" (Matt 11:19) for imbibing Welch's.

The original Last Supper was during Passover, which traditionally includes wine. However, we use grape juice at Chapel in the Pines because we want everyone to be able to join the party and receive

Communion. This includes children and youth under the age of 21, although I will say that, at my in-laws' Episcopal Church, they allow kids to receive the cup of wine. But my daughter promptly spat it out on the ground — not a great look!

Thomas Bramwell Welch (1825–1903) was a Methodist pastor whose faith led him to be an abolitionist and a prohibitionist. He looked like this:



Welch participated in the Underground Railroad. Specifically for the Lord's Supper, Welch innovated a pasteurization process for grape juice, which allowed the beverage to keep without fermentation.

While I am not a teetotaler, I know several friends who practice sobriety. Paul's letter to the Corinthians comes to mind, where he said he could eat meat sacrificed to idols but refrains "so that I will not cause others to fall." John Calvin put it positively: the Lord's Supper is "a bond of love" among believers. We want everyone to be able to participate. That's the best look: the church at its holiest communing.

In Hope+Andrew

NEW! To read Andrew's article "Little Big Moments: Sunflower Prayer" (chapelboro.com) [CLICK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE TO PLEDGE FOR 2025](#)

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RECURRING or TEXT 73256**

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