

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
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Chapel in the Pines



IMPORTANT NOTE! We highly recommend that you go back up to the top of this page and click 'view on webpage'. If you do not do that, you will not be able to see this email in its entirety. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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 or his Ask a Pastor question and answer in place of it! Many questions you have about the happenings of CTP are answered in this email!



WORSHIP UPDATES

We have returned to our regular worship times:
9:15am indoors until temperatures are 50+ degrees
11am indoors with livestreaming

On the second Sunday of each month:
ONE COMBINED 10am indoors with livestreaming

BEGINNING JANUARY 20

TUESDAY NIGHT CHURCH DINNERS

NEW TIME: 5-6pm



Sign up for the Tuesday night dinner
by the Thursday before! Link is emailed
out Tuesday evenings.

Contact: Ginny Taylor-Troutman



ANDREW'S BIBLE STUDY, and WHOLENESS & HEALING SERVICE

Andrew is leading a Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings this season. Please join us for Church Family Dinner at 5 p.m. and stay for Bible Study! There is a Zoom option for the Bible Study.

Please note: On the last Tuesday of the month, there will be a Wholeness and Healing service in the sanctuary in place of Bible Study.

CLICK HERE ON TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM BEGINNING JANUARY 20 TO JOIN THE BIBLE STUDY WITH ANDREW

COMPUTER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES!



Computer Programs Training Sessions will be held for various Sundays from 10am to 10:45am in the Fellowship Hall as noted below. These will be live interactive hands-on sessions. We ask that you bring your laptops or iPads to the sessions. Please join any of the following sessions:

- **1/18, 10am-10:45am: Cyber Security Awareness from Phishing to Smishing to Vishing with Cheryl Krier**
- **1/25, 10am-10:45am: Microsoft Excel introduction with Cheryl Krier**
- **2/15, 10am-10:45am: CITP Website with Vicky Raymond and Realm with Paul Bolig**
- **3/1, 10am-10:45am: Word with Cheryl Krier**
- **3/22, 10am-10:45am: Google Docs with Nancy Donny & Winter Donny-Clark**
- **TBD, 10am-10:45am: SignUp Genius with Sarah McCormack**

Questions: Cheryl Krier



Martin Luther King Worship Opportunities

**Sunday, January 18, 2:30 PM
at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist**

**Monday, January 19, 10 AM
at Peace and Justice Plaza in Chapel Hill**

**Monday, January 19, 11 AM Worship
at First Baptist Church
(106 N. Roberson Street)**

**Monday, January 19, 1 PM
at Mitchell Chapel AME Zion Church in
Pittsboro (1085 Mitchell Chapel Road)**



Coming Soon!

Grief Support Group

We will be offering grief support in the near future. Please let Ginny know of your interest or if you have questions about this.

[Contact: Ginny Taylor-Troutman](#)

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.



**Church
Wish List**



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Jan 15-22 , 2026

Thursday, January 15

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Crafty Crafters, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am Poetry Discussion Group, Galloway Ridge

Friday, January 16

Office Closed

Saturday, January 17

Office Closed

- 1pm School of Athens, Conference Room in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 18

Office Closed

- 9am Exploring Together Class, Zoom
- 9:15am Worship Indoors (until temperatures are 50+ degrees)
- 9:15am Worship Indoors until temperatures are above 50 degrees
- 10am Cyber Security Computer Training Program, Fellowship Hall with Cheryl Krier
- 11am Worship Indoors and livestreamed/uploaded to YouTube
- 12noon Communications Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 2pm Private Event, Sanctuary
- 3pm 2nd-6th Grade Faith Formation, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm 7th-12th Grade Youth Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Grace Ringers Practice, Sanctuary

Monday, January 19

Office Closed for MLK Day

- 1:30pm Finance & Administration Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 20

Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 10am Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm Tuesday Night Church Dinners, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Bible Study with Andrew, Fellowship Hall and Zoom

Wednesday, January 21

Office Closed



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Wish List January 2026

We have longer-term areas where donations are appreciated. No short-term projects.

Endowments

Loan Principal Reduction

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Mission & Service General Outreach

Contact **Tim White, CITP Treasurer** at treasurer@citppc.org or 910-722-6594

From Our Treasurer

If you are a church member and would like the monthly financial reports, please contact [Tim White](#).

Memorial Service Info

- 4:30pm Presbyterian String Band Practice, Sanctuary
- 6pm Agape Ringers Rehearsal
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22
Office Hours 9am-1pm

- 9am Men's Fellowship, Belted Goat at Farrington Village
- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Group Practice, 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.



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



**He was a
man who had
a dream**

Martin Luther King Jr Day
Monday, January 19, 2026

**Please Note: The church
office will be closed
Monday in observance of
MLK Jr. Day.**



Former CITP member, Mary Matlins died on January 7. Her celebration of life service will be held March 7 at 10am at Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, MO. Please click on the blue button below to read her obituary.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
MARY MATLIN'S
OBITUARY**

Church Directory

We do not offer PDFs online of our church directory due to security concerns. Basic contact information that you'd find in a directory is available for members through their Realm account.

However, if you are a member and need a printed hard copy of the directory please let Teresa in the office know and she'll be happy to print one out for you to pick up. Again, she can not email them due to security concerns.

To access your Realm account to update your address or other edits, or to obtain basic contact information for other adult members, click on the yellow button

This Week



Pastor on Call This Week:

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

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.

Click on the purple button to read his sermon transcript from 01/11/2026.

**CLICK HERE TO READ
ANDREW'S SERMON
TRANSCRIPT FROM
01/11/2026**

Pre-recorded Livestream

below! If you don't remember your sign-in or your password, there's an option for you to reset it.

**CLICK HERE TO GET
TO REALM**

Flower Ministry



Special thank you to all of those who donated flowers in 2025! We had a wonderful year of beauty for our sanctuary! In fact, 2025 we had the most donors ever signed up! We are so grateful! We hope that we will have another successful year in 2026 and we are asking for your help to make that happen. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. You have a wide selection of dates to choose from at this time, as we still have so many dates still open. We are most appreciative of your support.

Contact: [Hope Weber](#) or [Jan Herboth](#)

Each week we have volunteers who livestream the 11am service and the weeks we have a combined 10am service. You may watch it live by [visiting our website and clicking on the link](#) to access the services in real time, or we share a link to it here when it is recorded and uploaded to YouTube. Please use the "chat" function on YouTube to let us know you're watching.

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

**CLICK TO WATCH THE
LIVESTREAM FROM
SUNDAY 01/11/2026**

Save the Date

⚡ CITP ALL CHURCH ⚡ **CHILI COOK-OFF**

Tuesday, Feb. 3rd 5-6pm

Hall for All



Please let us know if you are bringing chilli, cornbread, or dessert!

Email Ginny or use SignUp Genius in the Newsletter.

Pull out your best chili recipes and bring the prepared prize winner to the Cook-Off February 3 from 5-6pm in place of our Tuesday Night Dinners. This event is free of charge.

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.



Greet Our Online Worshippers

You are 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

***Word on the street is there is a PRIZE for the best chili!**

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN
UP FOR THE CHILI
COOK OFF**



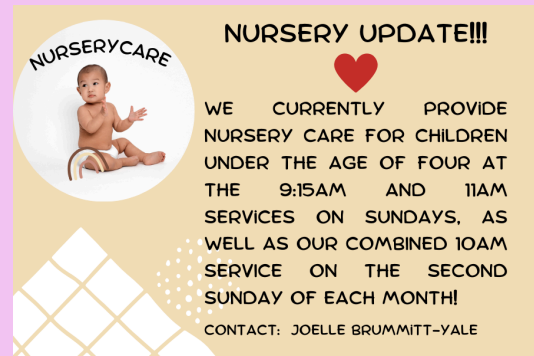
As the first of a three concert series, Dawn Landes will be performing along with the Lyricosa String Quartet Friday February 6 at 7pm in our sanctuary.

Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted and will benefit Cora Food Pantry right here in Chatham County! We hope you will be able to attend this wonderful start to our 2026 series!



Please plan to join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with the Men's Fellowship cooking the meal on February 17 as we will prepare to move into the season of Lent. This supper will

guardians.) The livestream cameras will only show those people who stand in the zone between the piano and the Communion table.



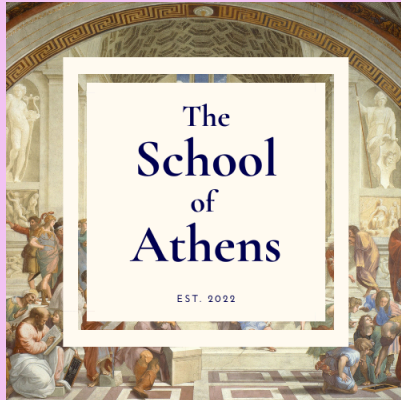
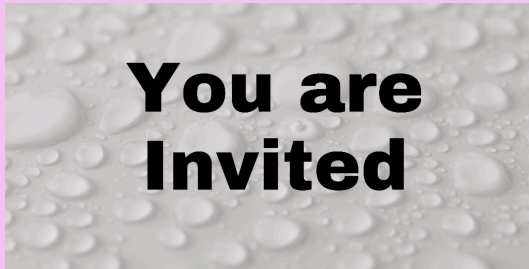
FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH GROUP:

Faith Formation for children 2nd-6th grades will meet Sundays from 3-4:30pm in our fellowship hall for a mix of fellowship, Bible study, faith exploration, community building and fun!

Youth group for 7th-12th grade students will meet Sundays from 5-6:30pm in the fellowship hall!

Contact: jbrummittyle@citppc.org

take place at 5pm in lieu of our weekly Family Night Dinners. Andrew will be hosting his regular Bible Study following the supper. All are welcome!



Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

Join us as we read together and discuss Shakespeare's historical tragedy play about an actual historical event—the demise of the Roman general and statesman, Julius Caesar.

Having been duly appointed dictator perpetuo “dictator for life,” he was conspiratorially assassinated by his Roman senators, on the Ides of March 44 BCE, plunging Rome into civil wars.

We'll analyze the major characters and their memorable speeches. We'll focus on the play's timeless themes of power, political leadership, persuasive rhetoric, ambition and betrayal, and connect them to considerations of applications to contemporary events.

Format: Presentation of contextual information, reading aloud, discussion. Bring a text to class--any translation

Format: Reading aloud, discussion
Dates/Time: January 10 and 17, 1-3pm
Location: CITP
Cost: \$40
Instructor: Blaine Paxton Hall,

Men's Fellowship

We have resumed our regular 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.



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!

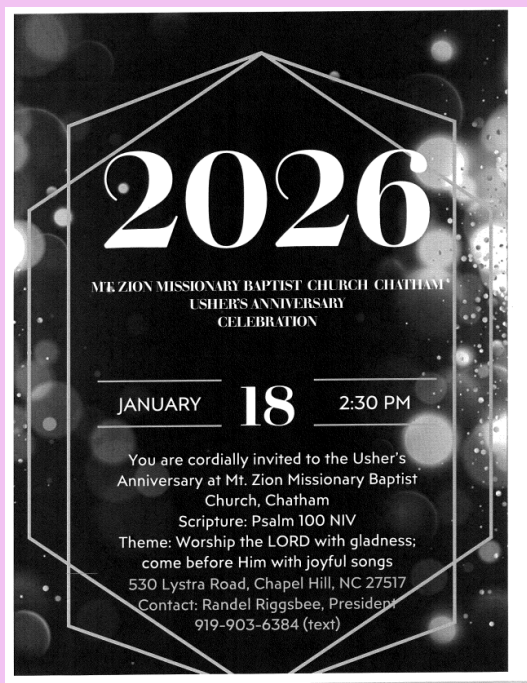
Handbells: We have two handbell groups at CITP. **Grace Ringers meet Sundays from 6:30-7:30pm.** Grace Ringers provide music only on combined service Sundays, so is a great option for early service folks.

Agape Ringers meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15pm and ring for various services throughout the year. Anyone may join us to ring opening peals each week. All are welcome to join from 6th grade through adults.

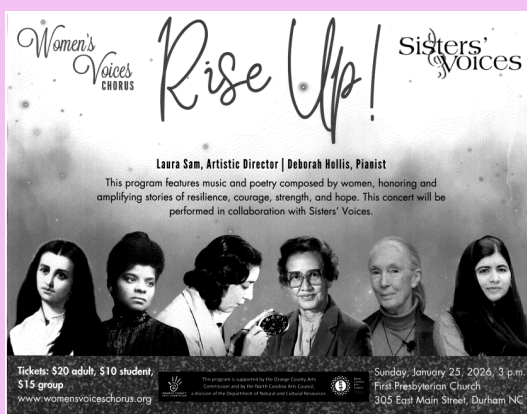
Contact: [Katherine Brekke](#)

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir helps lead worship at the 11am service as well as the 10am combined services. The Adult 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](#)



You are invited to attend Mt Zion's Usher's Anniversary Sunday January 18 at 2:30pm.



**Sunday January 25, 3pm
First Presbyterian Church
Durham**

All are invited to Rise Up! By Women's Voices Chorus. The program features music, and poetry composed by women, honoring and amplifying stories of resilience, courage, strength, and hope. This concert will be performed in collaboration with Sisters' Voices.

www.womensvoiceschorus.org for tickets, adults are \$20

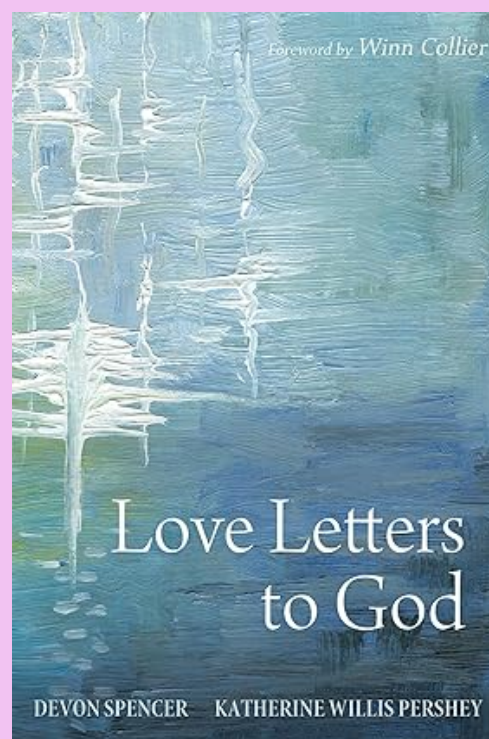


All women are invited to join us as we get together every week in the Fellowship Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. we have excellent guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in delightful fellowship together.

The group is currently studying and discussing the book *Love Letters to God* by Devon Spencer and Katherine Willis Pershey.

All women are welcome!

Contact: Marcia Ladd



Volunteers Needed

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



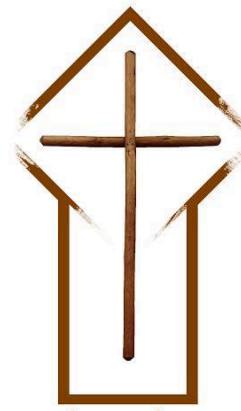
**TUTORING ENGLISH FOR
SPEAKERS OF OTHER
LANGUAGES & MORE**

TRAINING & MATERIALS PROVIDED

Chatham Literacy partners with O'Mara Landscaping to offer literacy classes to O'Mara employees on company time. For the upcoming term, we need four to six volunteer tutors to teach English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), digital literacy, and possibly landscaping certification programs. Training and materials will be provided, and two tutors will be assigned to each class if we have enough volunteers.

**You can make a difference by
volunteering!**

For more information contact [Marian Olson](#), or call 469-261-4685.



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



† ASK A PASTOR

REV. DR. ANDREW TAYLOR-TROUTMAN

QUESTION

*Where did the new
benediction come
from?*

*Signed,
Would Love to Know*

Dear Pastor,

Where did the new benediction come from?

*Signed,
Would Love to Know*

Dear Love to Know,

Last March, I was one of the chaperones for our youth weekend trip. We went to Raleigh, stayed at First Presbyterian Church, and volunteered at an emergency shelter for people who are experiencing homelessness. This shelter was operated as a ministry by St. John's Metropolitan Community Church. On Sunday morning, we worshipped with the congregation of St. John's, and they taught us the benediction:

I am created by God. I am beloved by God. I am called by God.

You are created by God. You are beloved by God. You are called by God.

We are created by God. We are beloved by God. We are called by God.

The Metropolitan Community Church is a denomination created in 1968 specifically for members of the LGBTQ community. At that time, no Christian denomination was openly accepting and affirming, so clergy leaders formed a new denomination. Good for them!

St. John's began in Raleigh in 1976. Their current pastor, Vance, came to serve on the exact Sunday that I came to Chapel in the Pines—January 21, 2018. I continue to have a friendship with Vance because he is a man of deep, abiding faith. He likes to say that the church is about “putting our words into actions.”

Therefore, I brought the benediction to Chapel in the Pines approximately nine months ago, partly due to the youth's fondness for it, partly as a tribute to St. John's, and partly because it deviates from the conventional Presbyterian worship style. It can feel somewhat cheesy. Nevertheless, the theology is beautiful: we are created, beloved, and called. And sometimes it's good, even holy, to feel a little uncomfortable. It might be the Spirit nudging you to go outside the box.

**In hope,
Andrew**

To read Andrew's latest article titled "Little Big Moments: The Piddle Brook of My Soul" on chapelboro.com [CLICK HERE](#)

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TALENT 2026 FORM**

**CLICK HERE TO MAKE A FINANCIAL GIFT, ONE
TIME, OR RECURRING or TEXT CITP TO 73256**

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