



CHAPIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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AND TO BUILD BRIDGES INTO THE CHAPIN COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.**

“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”

— Psalm 95:6

Welcome to Chapin Presbyterian Church! We're glad you decided to join us. Our desire is to provide a warm, family-friendly experience in worship, Bible study, and fellowship. We believe that you will find our caring members, our uplifting worship, and our love for the Word of God to be a winsome reminder of how church ought to be. We have a place for your entire family — children & youth, singles & married, working adults & seasoned retirees — and we look forward to introducing ourselves to you as you worship with us. Our doors are open to you and we're thankful for your visit.

In Christian love,

The pastors, staff, and members of Chapin Presbyterian Church



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/εκκλησια/
pronounced *ek-klay-see'-ah*
noun, from the Koine Greek

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1. An assembly of believers in Jesus Christ gathered together for worship.

Our Calling

The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.

— Luke 4:18-19

Our Mission

We exist to worship the living God, to make disciples and to build bridges into the Chapin community and the world.

Our Affiliation

As one communion in the worldwide church, the **Presbyterian Church in America** exists to glorify God by extending the kingdom of Jesus Christ over all individual lives through all areas of society and in all nations and cultures. To accomplish this end the PCA aims to fill the world with churches that are continually growing in vital worship, in theological depth, in true fellowship, in assertive evangelism and in deeds of compassion. — PCA Vision Statement

Our Story

Chapin Presbyterian Church was born out of prayer, vision, and commitment. Seeing the growing population of Chapin during the early 2000s, leaders at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church sought to establish a Bible-teaching congregation of believers in Chapin as many members were traveling great distances to attend worship services and weekly activities. In early 2002, St. Andrews agreed to begin the process to plant a PCA fellowship in our area and a small group of organizers began to form. Rev. Dan Ratchford, an assistant pastor at St. Andrews, was approached to lead the church planting effort.

The first service of Chapin Presbyterian Church was held on November 3, 2002, at Chapin Elementary School with a total of two hundred in attendance. The Chapin community responded well to the new church and attendance grew quickly.

On October 26, 2003, the Palmetto Presbytery formally organized Chapin Presbyterian Church. Elders were elected from the congregation and a pastoral search committee was formed all while attendance continued to grow. In December 2003, Rev. Dan Ratchford was formally called as senior pastor.

In 2004, fourteen acres of land were purchased on Old Lexington Highway and ground was broken on March 20, 2005. The new church building opened on October 29, 2006. The church facilities were expanded in 2011 to meet the needs of Sunday school and staff offices.

After years of faithful service, Rev. Ratchford retired to rural ministry in late 2015, preparing the way for the next chapter in God's story for Chapin Presbyterian Church.

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

— 2 Peter 3:18

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday School

Growing in our faith is rooted in the study of the Bible, and CPC offers many opportunities on Sunday mornings for adult Bible study. Classes span all ages and seasons of life, such as college/career, young marrieds, families with children, and multi-generational groups. Our teachers explore the Scriptures by relevant topics, in-depth verse-by-verse exposition, and enhanced book and video studies, with lively group discussion in each class. A few of our recent teaching series included *Kingdom Prayer*, *Joy in the Journey*, and *The Truth Project*.

Community Groups

Discipleship is a 24/7/365 journey. What we learn on Sundays inspires us to dig deeper in the Scriptures the rest of the week, especially in smaller communities of believers who are seeking to mature in their faith in daily, practical ways. Around the Chapin area, CPC members host a number of relevant Bible studies and small groups that provide fellowship, teaching, and prayer in a warm, family environment, growing in their faith together as a community.

Women’s Ministry

Each week, ladies from all walks of life gather together for Bible study and fellowship to enrich their lives, encourage their faith, and strengthen their homes. Several groups meet in the morning or evening for topical and biblical studies, with special events rounding out the lineup for the women in our church and in our community. Special annual events include retreats, conferences, a ladies tea, poolside dinners, and opportunities to serve in the church.

Men’s Ministry

The men of CPC promote many ministries in the church, including weekly Bible studies focused on men’s issues. Men’s retreats, golf tournaments, wild game dinners, and other opportunities for fellowship abound at CPC. In addition, the men of the church lead many of the projects that help maintain the church property, gathering for pancake breakfasts with special speakers before leading all-church workdays in the Spring and Fall.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

— 2 Timothy 3:16-17 —



REFORMED STUDENT MINISTRY

Jr. & Sr. High School

ReFormed exists to bring students into the visible body of Christ, where they are nurtured to love God and all people in order to be equipped for the joyful service of disciple making in their local, national, and international neighborhood.

Authenticity, relevance, community, and truth are the hallmarks of this ministry to middle and high school students. Group activities and study occur on Sunday mornings and evenings, and on most days of the week. Our dedicated Student Director and ReFormed Team Members welcome students into an edifying and loving environment where we engage in weekly Agape groups, local community service projects, and national and international mission trips, all the while having more fun than anyone.



H.I.S. KIDZ CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

H.I.S. KIDZ is the theme and mission for our ministry to boys and girls at Chapin Presbyterian Church.

Hearing the truth – In worship & prayer – Serving others

We have a loving, safe environment for children of all ages. Our dedicated teachers and volunteers engage our children in fun, memorable, and Christ-centered activities that help them learn and apply the Bible to their hearts. Throughout the year, special events are planned for our children, including Vacation Bible School, the living Easter story and Egg Hunt, Christmas musical programs, plays, and much more.

Jesus said, “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

— Matthew 19:14 —



“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.”

— Matthew 28:19

IN OUR CHURCH & COMMUNITY



Chapin is our home and as a church body we are committed to nurturing our local community in practical and spiritual ways. Through the various outreach ministries of the church, our members have opportunities to support families with tangible needs as well as those who are searching for spiritual encouragement for other believers. Ministry opportunities are available for all ages and we encourage families to serve together.

Chapin Outreach Team (COT)

The mission of the Chapin Outreach Team is to facilitate meeting practical needs for those in our fellowship and in the Chapin community at-large. Gathering each month, the Team coordinates service projects and enlists the help of volunteers throughout the church. Projects include local ministries such as We Care, Good Works, Adopt-a-Highway, Feed My Sheep, Justin Pepper Foundation, and many more.



CARE Ministry


The CARE ministry at Chapin Presbyterian Church seeks to meet the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of our congregation and those who visit. From Sunday morning greetings to senior ministry to funeral services, the CARE team is often the first touch to those in need. Emphasis is placed on making visitors welcome and bringing practical comfort to the bereaved and the homebound members of the church.



Good News Clubs

Chapin Presbyterian Church has been blessed with opportunities to minister to children at Chapin Elementary School each year through the after-school program called Good News Club. Volunteers from the church meet with children to introduce them to the Bible and provide fun activities that are Christ-centered.



 **Music** is essential to our ministry at CPC and a variety of musical styles is used in our worship services. Choirs, instrumentalists, and soloists lead us as we lift our voices in praise to God. Special musical guests perform uplifting and inspirational music at concerts for the whole community.

AROUND THE WORLD



Global missions is a high priority at Chapin Presbyterian Church. As obedient followers of Christ, we are engaged in both financial support of commissioned missionaries and annual mission trips by members of the congregation to these fields. Supported missionaries and their families regularly speak at our church when they are in the U.S. and each year we have several events to promote world missions to our congregation.

Faith Promise Giving

Missions and church planting overseas is so important to our church that we have a separate fund each year called “Faith Promise” in order to raise designated financial support for our missionaries. A missions emphasis week and a month-long campaign to raise about \$100,000 each year create an excitement among our members that translates into much needed support for current and future missionaries sent out by our church.



Summer Mission Teams

From Haiti to Guatemala to Greece to West Virginia, CPC members — young and old alike — form teams to travel to each mission field to help in practical and spiritual ministry projects lasting one to two weeks, and longer. Work includes building projects, VBS and sports camps, teaching, and ultimately sharing the love of Christ with those who need to hear the Gospel. Some of our young team members have gone on to become full-time missionaries themselves.



The Field is the World

Missionaries supported by Chapin Presbyterian Church are affiliated with an approved missions agency and are commissioned by the elders of our church in full-time evangelism, teaching, and church planting ministries. Many of these missionaries are family units, moving entirely overseas to live and work among the people they serve. CPC counts it a privilege to pray for and support these men and women and children who have sacrificed life here for service there.



“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise wins souls.”

— Proverbs 11:30 —



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Service Times:

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:30
Sunday School: 9:15

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