



# CHAPIN

## PRESBYTERIAN

### *Newsletter*

December 2024

### CHAPIN ACADEMY TESTIMONIAL

For our family, Chapin Academy & Chapin Presbyterian Church have been a wonderful combination. When we moved to South Carolina after living overseas, we were hoping to find a community that offered not only a grace-oriented church home but also a supportive homeschool environment. In Chapin, we found both. The homeschool hybrid approach of Chapin Academy assisted our family as we transitioned from our routines of schooling overseas and adjusted to the rhythms and requirements of school and extracurriculars stateside. Our entire family continues to enjoy the benefits of hybrid learning which allow for a mix of classroom experiences with like-minded peers and of flexible, guided family learning days at home. With our initial arrival to the Chapin area during the COVID-19 pandemic of early 2020, our attempts to establish a sense of home and build community faced unexpected challenges. The overlap between our school family and our church family played an integral role in how God met our family's needs for connection during an unprecedented time of isolation. We are thankful for the hospitality we have received as well as the hospitality we have been able to extend during the last 4.5 years as members of both the Chapin Academy & Chapin Presbyterian Church families.

The Kubacz Family

### COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed during the worship service on December 1st. This is one of the most significant events in our church life and we encourage you to take time and ask God to search your heart in preparation for communion.



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#### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

#### Address

600 Old Lexington Hwy.  
Chapin, SC 29036

#### Sunday Services

Worship Service - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School - 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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**ADVENT NATIVITY CARDS**

Each Christmas, our children’s team loves to give our HISKidZ and GRAVITY families a family worship resource. This year we’re excited to offer our families a set of Advent Nativity Cards, designed and written by our children’s team. Our hope is that these cards will give our families an opportunity to gather together around God’s Word as we anticipate and celebrate the incarnation of Jesus. Advent Nativity Card sets will be available in the lobby, labeled with your family’s name, on Dec. 1st. Merry Christmas!

**KIDZ WORSHIP CLUB**

Be sure to join us for our Kidz Worship Club Christmas production, “Great News!”, on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2:00 p.m. at CPC. The KWC has been working hard to make this evening a lot of fun for everyone! Invite your friends and family and plan to join us to ring in the Christmas season!

**HIS KIDZ SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS**

Dec. 1 - Sin Entered the World (Gen. 2-3)

Dec. 8 - The First Family (Gen. 4)

Dec. 15 - The Great Flood (Genesis 6-9)

Dec. 22 - Christmas Lesson- Jesus Is Our Greatest Gift (Luke 2)

Dec. 29 - The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)  
(preschool only- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

**MEMORY VERSE**

Our memory verse for the month is Psalm 104:24; “O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.”

The preschool version is “God made our wonderful world.”

Here’s a link to the memory verse song:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cADUEHCMIbk>



**UPDATES**

Every Sunday, our GRAVITY group meets for Sunday School in Room 222. This month, we will discuss “Who Is This Jesus?” as we work through the “I AM” passages in John with Mrs. Anna Mary Forrest. We hope to see all of our 5th - 6th graders there on Sunday mornings! Our December memory verse is “(Be) quick to hear and slow to anger.” James 1:19

**G-TIME**

Our GRAVITY G-TIME group meets on Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at CPC. We will eat together, play games, and grow in God’s Word and would love to see you there!

**GRAVITY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS**

Dec. 1 - Sin Entered the World (Gen. 2-3)

Dec. 8 - Who Is This Jesus?

Dec. 15 - Who Is This Jesus?

Dec. 22 - Who Is This Jesus?

Dec. 29 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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**G-TIME SCHEDULE**

Dec. 1 - NO G-TIME (Thanksgiving weekend)

Dec. 8 - G-TIME at CPC

Dec. 15 - GRAVITY Christmas Party

Dec. 22 - CHRISTMAS BREAK until January

# REFORMED

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We have an opportunity to partner with Good Works of Chapin for their one night live nativity on December 10th. Sign up for a thirty-minute slot for the live nativity at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0848A4A728AB9-50932948> Reach out to Jill Stauffer at [jillstauffer@sc.rr.com](mailto:jillstauffer@sc.rr.com) for additional details.

### WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP

We are trying to gauge interest for students that would like to go on the annual mission trip to West Virginia. The dates will be June 14-21. There will be more details to follow. This is not a commitment, but just trying to determine interest so the MTW committee can start planning.

### REFORMED COMMUNITY NIGHT

Our youth meets on Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We share a meal and study God's Word. In Dec., we will continue to study from the book of Philippians. Please pick up your student on these evenings no later than 7:15 p.m. In case of emergency contact Jason Vick at (803) 673-1084.

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Dec. 1st - NO REFORMED

Dec. 4th & 5th - Small Groups

Dec. 8th - Reformed Community Night

Dec. 11th & 12th - Small Groups

Dec. 15th - Reformed Community Night

Dec. 18th & 19th - Small Groups

Dec. 22nd - Reformed Community Night

Dec. 25th & 26th - NO SMALL GROUPS

Dec. 29th - NO REFORMED

### SMALL GROUPS

Small groups meet weekly working through a study on the Sermon on the Mount from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- High School guys are led by Clint Peters and Peter Prim and meet on Wednesdays.
- High School girls are led by Cindy Knowles and Diane Sherrard and meet on Wednesdays.
- Middle School guys are led by Buck Balentine and Jason Vick and meet on Thursdays.
- Middle School girls are led by Cat Arrowood and meet on Wednesdays.

### COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

Attention parents! If you have a child ages 8 - 15, who has not yet joined the church, and is ready to find out what being a communing member at CPC is all about, consider signing them up for our next communicant's class.

The next class will begin on Sunday, January 12th, 2025. This will be a 7-week class meeting from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the conference room upstairs. Please contact Neal Stoker for further information or questions at [neal.stoker@gmail.com](mailto:neal.stoker@gmail.com) or (803) 445-9022.

### LET'S DO DINNER

We're so excited about "Let's Do Dinner" in 2025! There are 94 people who signed up! We want to encourage you, if you haven't already, to contact the other participants assigned to your "table" in January and to select a date and time that works for everyone. If one of your participants cannot attend, please feel free to invite someone from your neighborhood, someone else on the participants' list, or perhaps one of the church staff. If you have any problems or questions, please call Mary Wilkins (803) 394-5323 or Kathleen Shaffer (803) 767-5839.





# Women's Ministry

## CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP



*You are invited  
to our Women's  
Christmas Party  
December 3rd*

*6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at CPC*

### MADE FOR MORE CONFERENCE

Friday-Saturday (Jan. 31- Feb. 1)  
an Intergenerational Event for the PCA women

- January 31st, 7:00 p.m. - Feb. 1st, 2:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, NC.
- Early Registration Cost: \$75/person; \$30 for girls Grades 3-12 and college students.
- Hotel accommodations: The Hilton Garden Inn is holding rooms for us. \$139 (+ \$9.25 for breakfast) rate for queen/queens. Their phone is (704) 992-9900.
- God's Word tells us we are made for more... more purpose, more value, more mission, more hope, and more belonging than the world could ever offer!
- Join us as we explore how God made us for more because of our creation design, gospel identity, and intergenerational friendships

We encourage girls third grade and up to join us! This conference is for ALL women; young, single, married and "more seasoned," as well as your treasured friends. So, gather the women in your circles, plan a special weekend away, and we will save you some seats!

Cost is \$10, and dinner will be served! Our special speakers are Madeline Wilkins and Angela Younginer. Please bring diapers and wipes to donate to Western NC. Registration is now CLOSED. If you registered and have not yet paid your \$10 for dinner, please catch Fadia or bring cash or check on Dec. 3rd. Thank you!

### PILGRIM'S PROGRESS BOOK STUDY - PART 2

We have two groups that are reading through The Pilgrim's Progress. We have a night time study at Mary Wilkins' house from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (dates are Jan. 6 - ch. 21 & 22, Jan. 20 - ch. 23 & 24, Feb. 3 - ch. 25 & 26, Feb. 17 - ch. 27 & 28, Mar. 3 - ch. 29 & 30, Mar. 17 - ch. 31 & 32, Mar. 31 - ch. 33 & 34). There is also a daytime group on Mondays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., beginning January 6, meeting at the church. Even if you didn't attend Part 1, you can STILL do Part 2!

### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The next LNO is planned for January 14th, location, tba. Contact Fran Ricks to make your reservation at (803) 528-3222.

## MERCY MINISTRY

### GROUNDS MAINTAINANCE

There are a couple of down trees that have been cut up on the church grounds. If anyone needs firewood please feel free to take what you would like to help clean up our church property after the storm. If you don't need the firewood but would like to help with the clean up please feel free to help haul off or dispose in the woods at the back of the property. The tree in the island area of the parking lot on the bell tower side is the top priority for clean up. Thank you!

### THE BEAR TRAIL PROJECT

The Bear Trail Project is a way our church can continue to reach out to help Pastor Trevor Allen. This project exists to bring restoration to devastated areas and minister love to those affected. It is a ministry of Trevor's church, Fairview Christian Fellowship, in Fairview, North Carolina. Through financial partnerships, local contractors in our network will be funded to rebuild roads, repair battered waterways, clear debris, and restore hope and safety to our community. For more information, you can go to [beartrailproject.org](http://beartrailproject.org).



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

There is a men's breakfast planned for January 18th at 8:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Daniel Hill (Regional Director, Campus Outreach). Make plans to come!

**RETIRED MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

RMBS meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in room 220, studying 1 Timothy. No meeting on 12/25. Contact Don Tyler at (803) 932-4891 for more info.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. at the church. There is also an evening group that meets every other Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the church. Contact Gary Butler for more information at (803) 600-5071.

**MARRIAGE CONFERENCE**

Save the date! Plans are underway for a marriage conference March 7th - 8th, at CPC. The speakers will be Dr. Jim and Caroline Newheiser.

Jim and his wife Caroline have been married for over 35 years and have three adult children. He has written many books on the subject of Christian parenting. Jim is the Director of the Christian Counseling Program and Associate Professor of Christian Counseling and Practical Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC.



Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks.

Contact Jason Hunt to learn more about this special conference!

**2024 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

All charitable contributions must be received in the church office or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31st in order for them to be counted for 2024. Thank you!



**AUDIO/VISUAL HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteer help with running sound, putting the lyrics on the screen, and live stream in the booth for Sundays.

Please stop by the booth and talk to Tim or email if interested at [av@chapinpres.com](mailto:av@chapinpres.com).

**GREETER SCHEDULE**

*DOOR GREETERS*

- Dec. 1 - Bill and Gail Calhoun
- Dec. 8 - Weston and Beth Curtis
- Dec. 15 - John and Frances Derrick
- Dec. 22 - Brian and Irene Peeler  
David Evans
- Dec. 29 - Don & Dolly Montgomery  
James Taylor

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*WELCOME CENTER*

- Dec. 1 - Rhonda Evans
- Dec. 8 - Retta and Steve Yandle
- Dec. 15 - Chuck and Jan Staples
- Dec. 22 - Marla and Preston Coleman
- Dec. 29 - Kim Waters

## POINSETTIAS

Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24th.

## DOWNING OF THE BROWNS

December 29th, following the worship service and Sunday School, please help us take down and put away our Christmas decorations. Contact Debbie Truluck for more information at (803) 397-4582.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

The flower calendar for 2026 is now available! If you would like to place the sanctuary flowers one Sunday in honor or remembrance of someone special, contact the church office at (803) 345-0500. Cost of flowers is \$45.00.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CHARLOTTE TRIP

We have reserved 12 spots for those who would like to go to Charlotte to the Samaritan's Purse Processing Center on December 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Doug Roberts at drdoug19@bellsouth.net.

## GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up in the church Narthex to benefit children at the Newberry Boys' Farm. Select a tag from the tree, purchase and wrap the gifts and bring them back to the church by December 13.

## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent  
The HOPE candle will be lit.  
*Communion Sunday*

Sunday, December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent  
The LOVE candle will be lit.

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent  
The JOY candle will be lit.

Sunday, December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent  
The PEACE candle will be lit.

Tuesday, December 24 -  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
The CHRIST candle will be lit.  
*Take your poinsettias!*

Sunday, December 29  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
No Sunday School  
*Downing of the Browns!*

KIDZ WORSHIP CLUB  
presents:

## GREAT NEWS!

A MINI-MUSICAL EVENT



DECEMBER 6, 2024 7PM  
DECEMBER 7, 2024 2PM

CHAPIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
600 OLD LEXINGTON HWY

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DEC 1 Fran Campbell  
Dave Herndon  
Robyn McCaskill

DEC 2 Michael Davis  
Andrea Looney  
Layton Stauffer

DEC 3 Rick Conner  
Karis Kubacz  
Johnnie Looney

DEC 4 Toney Higbe  
Lee Parker  
Ashley Powell

DEC 6 Patricia Cooper  
Jason Vick

DEC 7 Madeline Poirrier  
Kathy Smith

DEC 9 Kim Seals

DEC 12 Terry Stoker

DEC 13 Jim Hanna

DEC 14 Millie Tyler

DEC 17 Tripp Jennings

DEC 18 Benjamin Bonnett  
Zelle Thomas

DEC 20 Bill McMillin

DEC 21 Treye Bird

DEC 22 Judy Seals

DEC 28 Mike Campbell

DEC 29 Elizabeth Bonnett  
Chris Doyle

DEC 31 Adeline Harvell  
Audrey Taylor  
Keith Wilkes  
Vanessa Williamson

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES NOW:

8:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
1st & 2nd Thessalonians (no nursery)	1st & 2nd Thessalonians Job Sermon Discussion

### & BEGINNING JANUARY 5:

8:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Deuteronomy (no nursery)	Deuteronomy Philippians Sermon Discussion The Meaning of Marriage

### CHAPIN WE CARE

December Most Needed:

- Jelly/jam (plastic jars)
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Tuna
- Canned meats
- Grits
- Snack bars/cookies
- Spaghetti Sauce
- SpaghettiO's
- Oatmeal

We also ALWAYS need dish soap and laundry detergent. Thank you!



#### MONTHLY GATHERINGS

December: No Meeting

January: Friday, January 17th, noon

Cost: \$5/person

Registration on January 5th and 12th

Program - Doug Collier, Retired FBI Agent

February: Friday, February 14th, 5:30 p.m.

March: Friday, March 21

April: Friday, April 18

May: Friday May 16

#### FILL THE CRADLE

Once again, we will be "Filling the Cradle" for an expectant couple in our church.

Please bring items for Kendal and Penn Bowers on December 1st and 8th.

Their wish list includes:

- baby wipes
- Huggies Snugglers  
diapers





# December

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 1  
*COMMUNION SUNDAY*  
*1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE*  
8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery)  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
3:00 PM Kidz Worship Club

MONDAY - DECEMBER 2  
9:30 AM Ladies' Bible study  
6:00 PM Session Meeting

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 3  
6:00 PM Ladies' Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 4  
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
9:30 AM Retired Men's Bible Study  
6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups  
7:00 PM Choir practice

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 5  
5:30 PM KWC Dressed Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study  
6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 6  
7:00 PM GREAT NEWS!

SATURDAY - DECEMBER 7  
2:00 PM GREAT NEWS!

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 8  
*2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - LOVE*  
8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery)  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM G-Time & Reformed

MONDAY - DECEMBER 9  
5:00 PM CHS Choir Dress Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Diaconate Meeting

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 10  
5:00 PM CHS Concert  
5:30 PM Good Works Live Nativity

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 11  
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
9:30 AM Retired Men's Bible Study  
6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups  
7:00 PM Choir practice

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 12  
6:00 PM CIS 5th Grade Concert  
6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups  
7:30 PM CIS 6th Grade Concert

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 13  
7:30 PM CHS Concert

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 15  
*3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - JOY*  
8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery)  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Gravity Christmas Party  
5:00 PM Reformed

MONDAY - DECEMBER 16  
7:00 PM Missions Meeting/RM 211

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 18  
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
9:30 AM Retired Men's Bible Study  
6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups  
7:00 PM Choir

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 19  
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study  
6:30 PM Reformed Small Groups

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 22  
*4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - PEACE*  
8:30 AM Sunday School (no nursery)  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
10:45 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM G-Time & Reformed

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 24  
*OFFICE CLOSED*  
*CHRIST CANDLE LIT*  
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 25  
*OFFICE CLOSED*

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 29  
*DOWN WITH THE BROWNS*  
9:30 AM Worship Service  
(no sunday school)

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 31  
*OFFICE CLOSED*

## CHURCH STAFF INFORMATION

MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER: 803.345.0500

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Jason Hunt, Assistant Pastor  
Lisa Cain, Secretary  
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