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Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Men's Bible Study — Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we continue our study of the book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by Kent Hughes. Breakfast will be provided. Please also join us on the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for our Men's Bible Study based on the book by Thomas Brooks, *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices*. Please RSVP at myccp.faith under the events tab or call the church office if you plan to join us.

Grovetown Adult Bible Study — Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Our time together will include a dessert fellowship followed by a study of God's Word. Please contact Margaret Doss for more information at mdoss@columbiacountyga.gov.

Evans Bible Study — Meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the home of Marion and Anna Butler from 7:00–9:00 p.m. Please call or text Marion Butler if you have questions.

Augusta Bible Study — Please join us for a study by Robert J. Morgan, *The Jordan River Rules*. We will begin meeting on September 15 and 29 and then meet thereafter on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Moncrief home. For any questions or additional details, please contact Sue Moncrief.

Ladies Fall Bible Study — Ladies of Christ Church, please join us this fall as we take an in-depth look at the book of Acts. Come and see the work of the Holy Spirit, the preached word going forth, the enthroned Lord Jesus and the plan of salvation spreading throughout the world. We will be using "Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts" - Personal Bible study by Nancy Guthrie and the accompanying book by the same title and author. We will begin meeting in Covenant Hall on Friday, September 11th, 2026 from 10-11:30, and will meet every Friday through November 20th, 2026. Please email rachelmilner01@gmail.com with any questions. Invite a friend and we hope to see you there!

Young Adult Bible Study — Join our young adult community every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Children's Building. We are continuing our study through the Westminster Shorter Catechism, exploring foundational truths of the faith. For more information or to get connected, please contact Pastor Ryan.

Birthdays

- 01..... Mary Grace Doss
- 03..... Sophia Smits
- 06..... Mary Weidman
- 08..... Mark Goodell
- 09..... Gloria Gill
Charles Coleman
- 11..... Zach Linton
- 12..... Santonio Carter
- 17..... Don Westall
- 18..... Faye Robeson
- 20..... Janet Ladun
Diann Kunze
- 21..... Jessica Beasley
- 25..... George Bowen, Jr.
Dia Omary
- 28..... Monica Boyd
Dirk Smits





ELISEO & PAULA GUADAGNO

Turin, Italy
ACP & ACC

Paula and Eliseo met on board the MV Doulos, an Operation Mobilization missionary ship, where they ministered in Asia and Africa. Eliseo studied Forestry and Paula psychology. They have been serving in Italy full time since 2004.

You can join the Guadagnos! Write to (e.guadagno@acp-it.org) come and serve in the camp outreaches during the summer or other available opportunities (English speakers needed). To learn more about the Guadagnos, go to www.adventive.ca/all-project-list/eliseo-paula-guadagno. Thank you for your support and prayers which are key to the ministry.

Ministry: Serving in the province of Turin, Italy. The Guadagno promote the birth of evangelistic camps around Italy. This involves training and coordinating teams from Italy and abroad. Traveling through the summer to diverse locations. They are passionate about discipleship and mentorship. Eliseo coordinates the mission's Northern Italy Activities, such as the Evangelical Social Work Association which includes around 40 different churches or associations; he coordinates the Digi-taTO center located in a poor area of the city, serving families through digital support, educational and food services (mainly families from North Africa or the Balkans): a beacon of light for Christ in Turin, where the good news are lived out and shared! Eliseo serves as an elder and Paula as a deaconess at church. Paula works for the Short-Term Missions department within ACP, is part of the national leadership team for Moms in prayer International coordinating three regions in our nation, she is also active training leaders globally with ENTRUST (<https://www.entrust4.org/>).

Prayer: For the mission strip to Paldinsky, Estonia: poor and secular post-Soviet area. The continued partnership with Pastor Ragnar has grown and it is a blessing to support his team as they reach out in this particular community

- For the leadership training where Paula will serve in Sicily and Malaga both online and then on site for the final practical sessions. Pray for the participants to be empowered in our Lord!
- For the different discipleship groups and evangelistic camps around Italy, and the teams that are training to start new ones in Parma and Domodossola (Piedmont). May His word expand through Italy and Europe!
- For our local church and family: Sofia (our eldest) is working in Germany and Manuela is in University in the city of Turin. Pietro is in high school, he serves with worship and Sunday school.

Children's Ministry News



The children's ministry celebrated a new start to the Sunday School year with a "Moving Up Muffin" celebration on August 2nd. We said so long to our rising youth group friends while our remaining friends graduated to the next level of Sunday school and learning God's word.

All children ages 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us each Sunday morning for fellowship fun, singing, and Sunday school starting at 9:45! Children are also invited to join us each Wednesday evening for dinner, fun and Bible lessons! Please make plans to join us and bring your friends!



Music Ministry News



Now is the time to get involved with the music ministry of our church. We invite you to join us in the Sanctuary Choir. If you are interested and have been a part of a choir before, please check our contact our Director of Music Ministries, Dr. John L. Wilson at jwilson@christchurchpres.org or call the church office.

Ladies Online Prayer Group

“...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

Philippians 4:6



Join the ladies of Christ Church as we unite in online prayer twice weekly: Sundays 4:00–5:00 p.m. and Thursdays 7:30–8:15 p.m.

Contact Maria Russell (edmarmam@gmail.com; 706-726-1703) to receive the online invitations.

Servants' Schedules

Elder Greeters

September 6: John Clark
September 13: Joe Beasley
September 20: Johan Hubenthal
September 27: Charles McClure

Ushers

September 6: Gene Gojda, Marion Butler, Stu Dawley
September 13: Jon Kunze, Dan Campbell, Davis Mellick
September 20: Stu Dawley, Ed Russell, Gene Gojda
September 27: Rick Rezzelle, Tommy Samuels, Ken Lynch

House Deacon

Lee Carter
Dan Campbell
Ed Russell
Gene Gojda

Security

Joshua Doss
Marion Butler
Joshua Doss
Stu Dawley

Art on Southern Pines

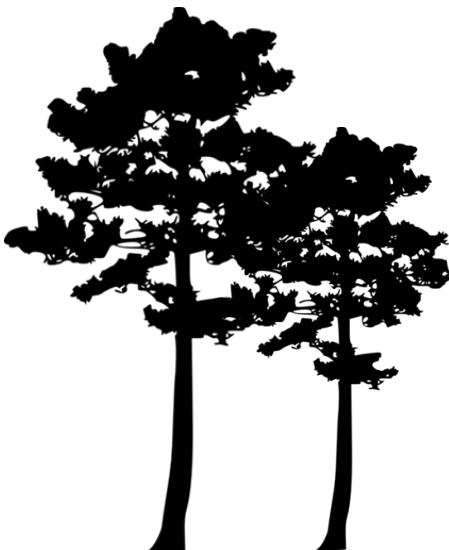
Art on Southern Pines

Looking for holiday decorations? Want to start your Christmas shopping early? Need a unique gift for a special person? Do you enjoy supporting local artisans? Also, if you are a crafter who wants to sell, please consider joining our group of vendors. Then Art on Southern Pines, is the place to be on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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Please contact Kay at ArtOnSouthernPines@gmail.com with any questions.

Vendor signup link: <https://www.christchurchpres.org/art-on-southern-pines>



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Book Review

This month's book of the month is a short sermon, written by Thomas Chalmers, entitled, *"The Expulsive Power of a New Affection"*.

What does Chalmers mean by "the expulsive power of a new affection"? A short summary may be found in the Foreword of this brief volume, written by John Piper:

[This sermon] is intended as an illumination of 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Chalmers poses for himself the question, How shall the human heart be freed from its love for the world? (How shall the air be removed from the beaker?) This "love" is not a duty one performs. It is a delight one prefers. It is an affection before it is a commitment.

He says there are two ways one might seek to remove this controlling affection from the heart. One is to show that the world is not worthy of our affection and will let us down in the end. (This argument corresponds to using a pump to suck the air out of the beaker.) The other is to show that God is vastly more worthy of the heart's attachment, thus awakening a new and stronger affection that displaces the former affection for the world. (This corresponds to pouring water into the beaker to displace the air.) Hence, "the expulsive power of a new affection."

In other words, the way that we find ourselves to be freed from the love of the world is by knowing that Christ is more precious, more worthy, than all of the things of the world.

