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September 2026

Basic Bible Study - Starting with the Spine

Brian McLaren offers a very helpful insight on how to read the bible. He holds it up and points to the spine of the book. He reminds us that the spine of the book holds it all together. Then he makes the point that the spine of the bible is the story of Jesus – the gospel accounts of his life and work by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It all connects and is joined together there. The Old Testament leads us to that decisive story. The New Testament letters build on that story. The story of Jesus holds it all together.

Please join us for five weeks of basic bible study beginning with the gospels, the four stories that hold it all together. We will be hosting a five-week class on Wednesday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a light meal (pizza or soup & salad dinner) in the Fannie B. Gray Parlor starting Wednesday, October 7 and lasting through Wednesday, November 4. For those not eating dinner, the study will start at 5:30 p.m. The pastors will serve as teachers and discussion leaders.

“Why five-weeks?” You may ask. We will begin with a big picture look at how we use and understand scripture. Copies of a document from the PCUSA about the understanding and use of scripture will be available in the church office. You are encouraged to pick one up and read through it before our first class. You will also be encouraged, but not required, to read through each gospel the week before. When we turn to each gospel, we will begin with Mark since it was written first. We will be looking for common threads and the points of view of each gospel writer. Please join us for our walk through the Word.

Youth Group

This month, the Youth Group has been gearing up for back-to-school. To celebrate a great summer, we went on a Youth Beach Trip. Everyone had a fun time, but due to jellyfish, we had to cut it short. We spent the afternoon at the Coastal Grand Mall as well. Our next Outing in September will be to the Flutterby Festival in Pinehurst. We will be continuing our lesson on prophecies in the New Testament.

The CPC Youth Group meets year-round on Sunday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church loft. Entry is through the doors from the main parking lot with the portico. The meeting, led by Youth Director Kaleb Joiner, includes Bible lesson, games, a snack period and a fun way to encourage new friendships.

All youth ages 11-18 (sixth to twelfth grade), members and non-members are welcome.

**Join us for a family luncheon on
September 27th after worship.**



Coming Soon!

Holy Grounds is Back! Starting September 6, please join us for fun, fellowship, and food after the service each Sunday. This coffee hour gives everyone a chance to chat with old friends and to meet new ones! If you would like to host one Sunday during the year, please call Judy Vanica, (910) 610-3831.

Workshop for Holy Grounds Volunteers

A brief workshop is scheduled on Wednesday, September 16 and on Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the church kitchen for any volunteers who would like to review making the coffee or hosting Holy Grounds.

Please RSVP to Judy Vanica, (910) 610-3831.

Help Feed Our Reach for Success Students!

We need weekly volunteers to provide an after-school snack for **14 students every Tuesday**.

When: Tuesdays by 3:00 p.m.
Where: Church Screen Room (basement)
How: Click the Signup Genius QR code below or contact Pat McFadyen

Keep it simple! We try to offer a **protein, something salty, something sweet, and fruit. Some easy ideas:**

**Hot dogs • Pizza • Sandwiches • Snack plates • Cheese sticks & yogurt
Fresh fruit • A sweet treat**

Our students love fruit, and **water is the perfect beverage**. Snacks do not need to be homemade or fancy—just something hungry kids will enjoy!



Ready to help? Scan the QR code to choose a Tuesday!

Questions or need help signing up? Contact Pat McFadyen:

Email: mcfadyen.pat@gmail.com
Phone/Text: (910) 723-1280

CALL Summer Camp – "Cards and Boards"

August 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 we had summer camp to help get 27 students ready to go back to school. We begin each day with the activity of Boards and Cards. Our students were given the opportunity to play board games and card games from 8:15-9:00 a.m. This is something they haven't ever experienced, and we wanted to begin each day with fun and giggles. Some of the card games were Go Fish, Old Maids, Crazy Eights, and Memory. Board Games included Sorry, Trouble, Twister, Junior Monopoly and Operation.

Each morning there was a magical clatter of game pieces and cards around each of the tables and a chorus of giggles that followed. In a world buzzing with screens and instant digital gratification, board games offer a rare, tangible connection, a chance for our students to slow down, engage face-to-face, and build memories that stick far longer with this new achievement. Games offer different excitement; it's about finding new skill levels, and with the relentless march of time.

A truly valuable kids' board game becomes a trusted companion through multiple childhood phases. As adults we all remember playing card and board games and our students will do the same.

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Board games for children go beyond mere entertainment—it's an investment in cognitive development, social skills, and shared joy. Kids' board games are designed to engage and educate. As fun as they are, there's usually a lesson to be learned – whether it may only be basic arithmetic. They even get a lesson on fair play, which is equally important to winners and losers of a game. All board games are social experiences that can teach kids to interact and treat one another fairly. But board games vary in what additional skills they offer to kids. Our students learned math, reading, decision making and fair play. The tutors and students had the best start to their day at CALL.

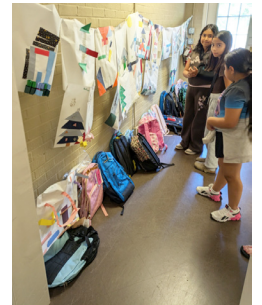
From 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. we worked on the iPads with IXL and kids-A-Z. They took books home each day and wrote what they read in their reading folder. The folder goes home with them, and they bring it back to talk to their tutor about what they had read.

We went to fellowship hall to run, skip or jump with games-- a toss game into baskets, connect four, hula-hoops, twister, parachute and keeping the ball from dropping to the floor; and whatever we can find to release some of their energy. Lunch was at 11:30 a.m. with all the tutors and students, then they were picked up at noon by their family.

Because of your generosity, the students could pick out their

backpack, and all the school supplies they need to go to school on August 26th. They were so excited when they saw all the supplies. Smiles on their faces and so many expressions of joy and laughter as they put everything in their backpacks. On Wednesday Pastor Dave met us on the sanctuary steps to get pictures taken of the group. He offered a prayer while raising his hands UP and giving a prayer of blessing for the gifts you gave to CALL. These supplies are a great hand-up to these students for the beginning of a new year in school, for all the new learning and blessed, wonderful experiences they will have because of your compassion.

Gracias!!! Elizabeth Ann Pope



“Double Jeopardy”: Annie E. Casey Foundation Findings

CALL (Community Assisting Language Learners) is based upon the research of The Annie E. Casey Foundation’s 2011 report Double Jeopardy: How Third-Grade Reading Skills and Poverty Influence High School Graduation. It found that **students who are not reading proficiently by the end of third grade are far more likely to drop out or fail to graduate on time** than those who are reading at or above that level.

Tutors are needed because a typical classroom setting can be chaotic, where one teacher juggles the attention of 30 students. Some students tend to get lost. CALL tries to be one on-one tutoring so that each child is the sole focus of the tutor. CALL is growing and we need tutors; qualifications are reading and helping a young person succeed.

High School Graduation rates are dramatically impacted—according to Double Jeopardy

1. Reading level at the end of third grade
2. Having lived in poverty
3. Person of color
4. Mother tongue not English
5. Repeat of a grade

If all five are present for a student there is less than 1% chance of high school graduation. As a tutor for CALL you can have a dramatic impact on changing the outcome of our students. **We meet on Tuesday's from 3-4:30 p.m. in Everett. Your time with a young child will bring you so many blessings. Call Betty Pope, (910) 639-1185 or email popeelizabeth3868@gmail.com**

Nursery Corner for August

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Proverbs 3:5a

After we learned about the story of creation over the last few weeks, we are beginning to meet some of the people from the Old Testament. We met Adam and Eve and talked about making good choices. We are beginning to hear the story of Queen Esther and how she listened to her family and God and made good choices as well.

Everyone in the nursery is very excited for our friend Evie Miller, who is heading off to college this month. Evie has helped in the nursery for many years, and she will be greatly missed. We send her off with our prayers and good wishes, wishing her much success in this next stage of her life’s journey.



Children's Church

The weather may be hot but children's church has been fun and cool! Between learning stories from The Bible and fun summer activities, children's church has been great in August! We have done lots of summer themed crafts and played higher energy games that the kids recommended. As summer break comes to an end, and the new school year approaches, I will strive to keep up the fun vibes and interactive Bible teachings for the kids! Happy August!



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Fall Festival, October 4th, 2026

The CPC Annual Fall Festival is Sunday October 4 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by using the card in the pew or by contacting Sally in the church office. The suggested donation is \$10/individual or \$25/family. Southern Q Barbecue will once again cater the delicious lunch.

Nancy Oakley is in charge of the Annual Chili Cook-off so please contact her to enter the contest by bringing a pot of your favorite chili recipe. Volunteers are also needed to serve the chili. You can give her a call, (910) 639-0056 or email her at Nancy.oakley@me.com by September 27th.

We also need volunteers to help set up the Fellowship Hall, help with the children's activities (Bouncy House, face painting, sidewalk drawing and the making pottery) and with clean-up. Please contact Jane Garcia if you can help at (910) 295-1780 or ladyjane515@gmail.com.

Save the Date October 27th 2026 5:30 p.m. Trick or Treat Event

Calling all CPC families and tutoring families. Mark your calendars for CPC's Fun Filled Safe Trick or Treat event. Dinner will be at 5:30. Treating will follow in the church starting at 6:00 till 7:00 p.m. Decorated doorways will welcome our costumed youngsters. Sign up information and details for both doors and attendance will be coming in September.

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