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How Did You Come to Faith?

In their groundbreaking book, Resident Aliens, Will Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas, offer an answer that fits most.

The manner in which most of us became Christian was by looking over someone else's shoulder, emulating some admired older Christian, saying yes to and taking up a way of life that was made real and accessible through the witness of someone else.

Whose shoulders have you looked over? Who are the people who helped to shape your faith, who showed you the way? Parents, grandparents, youth leaders, teachers, coaches, mentors?

We are going to be spending October and November getting in touch with our inner Elvis. Why not set aside some intentional time to give thanks? To say "Thank you. Thank you very much." And why not start giving thanks by naming the people over whose shoulders we peered as we came to faith? Our time is well spent when we look back to give thanks, look around to give thanks and look ahead to give thanks.

I'm trying to start my ministry with you by doing lots of listening and learning. I set time to meet with each elder on Session over lunch or dinner. I just started doing the same thing with members of staff, one on one (By the way – what a great staff we have here!)

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Trick or Treat Event

**Save the Date Oct.
27th 2026 at 5:30 p.m.**

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. Decorated doorways will welcome our costumed youngsters. In the Fellowship Hall during Fall Festival, there will be opportunities to sign up to decorate a door, or to participate in the event as a treater! Please sign up by calling the church office or email sraynor@communitypres.com.

Your CPC Membership Committee

Youth Group

Last month, we were excited to welcome the Youth back from Summer Break. Now that everyone is getting back to their schedule, our numbers have balanced out. We average 17 youth per week at Youth Group! We just recently had our September Youth Outing. During this outing, we went to a trampoline park in Fayetteville. As a group, we look forward to the Trunk or Treat this month.

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My plan is to do the same with as many of you, the community that is Community Presbyterian, who would like to set aside time for conversation, lunch or dinner, coffee or Dr. Pepper.

My first lunch with a member of staff was with Betty Pope who directs our CALL ministry, offering tutoring for Spanish speaking students. Sure enough, we ran into someone who has been touched by that ministry. He gave Betty a big hug and let her know how thankful he was. I was glad to be there to see his sincere gratitude and her big smile. It reminded me of the people I need to find and hug and say "Thank you. Thank you very much." And it humbled me to know that there are people who would name me, hug me, thank me ... people who have been and are looking over my shoulder.

Sure, I'm writing this to lift up the ministry of CALL, Community Assisted Language Learning, and the difference it is making in the lives of children and their families. But it is more than that. It is about you – the people who would thank you, the people you would want to thank.

Thank you. Thank you very much.
Dave

Presbyterian Purls



Presbyterian purls hosting Holy Grounds- besides knitting, quilting, and doing needlepoint, they can also bake!

Children's Church

September was a wonderful month in Children's Church! We spent our Sundays learning that God is always with us—even when we feel nervous, left out, or scared. The children learned about being strong and courageous for the new school year. As we head into October, we are excited to welcome fall with some fun, seasonal crafts and activities! We look forward to continuing to learn about God's love while enjoying all the fun that comes with the fall season.



2026 Angel Tree Mission Project

One of the traditions of Community Presbyterian Church has been the sponsorship of the “Angel

Tree” program. The Mission Committee is partnering with three (3) missions in Moore County to provide clothing and books to 150+ children in need at Christmas time.

- **CALL program (Community Assisting Language Learners),** is an afterschool tutoring/mentoring program helping children to become proficient in English.
- **Northern Moore Family Resource Center (NMFRC),** provides education to children and a helping hand all year round to families in need living in the Robbins area of our county.
- **Southern Pines Friendship Committee (aka Brookside),** is a program in which we minister to the children of this area through faith formation, life skills, education/mentoring, and trauma informed relief.

All our partners represent children at risk who need our sponsorship for Christmas.

The “Angel Tree” kickoff for 2026 is Sunday, October 25th. The Angel

Tree will be displayed at the entrance of the Sanctuary for 10/25, then will be moved to the entrance of the Fellowship Hall through November 22nd.

Here’s how it works:

Gold Angels: CALL

Red Angels: Monetary Donations for shopping with parents participating in our ministry

Green Angels: NMFRC

Members of the church take an angel and a complimentary shopping/gift bag, and either purchase items for the child listed on that angel or provide a monetary donation. If you are buying, include all the items requested on the angel.

For purchased gifts:

1. Securely attach the Angel to the complimentary shopping/gift bag.
2. Place UNWRAPPED gifts in the complimentary shopping/gift bag and return them to the church office.

For monetary donations:

1. If you took an angel, attach the angel to your check and return to the church office.
2. If you did not take an angel, send a check with a notation for “Angel Tree”.

The deadline for gifts or monetary donations is Sunday, November 22nd!

Members of the Mission Committee then deliver the gifts to CALL, and NMFRC, and will coordinate a “shopping” day with the Southern Pines (aka Brookside) parent(s) with store gift cards.

Questions?

Would you like to volunteer?

Contact Michelle Gray at 910-639-9480 or Stephanie Jenkins at 910-315-4133, Angel Tree Mission Chairs.

If anyone would like to volunteer with NMFRC at Santa’s Workshop the dates are December 8th – 10th.

If anyone would like to shop with our Southern Pines (aka Brookside) families for angel tree those dates are Tuesday, 12/1 through Friday, 12/4. Sign up by emailing Meg at mvail@communitypres.com.

To volunteer with CALL:

Wrapping on December 10 & 11 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Everett House. Please bring a pair of scissors.



Nursery Update for September

***"Lord, I call out to you with all my heart.
Answer me, and I will listen and obey."
Psalm 119:145***

Our young friends in the nursery are meeting several new friends from the Old Testament this month. Adam and Eve helped us learn about making good choices. Queen Esther listened to her family and God, and showed us how to be brave, with help from God. When learning about Jonah and the whale, we are learning about listening to what God wants us to do.

We are very excited that we have a new assistant to help out in the nursery. Jack Summers has helped with VBS, and has a real talent for working with young children. Welcome Jack!



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Golf Capital Chorus Annual Concert

"Lord, I call out to you with all my heart. Answer me, and I will listen and obey." Psalm 119:145

The Golf Capital Chorus is a barbershop style four-part harmony men's chorus that sings for fun and to raise money for local charities. And guess what? Four of the chorus members are also members of CPC . . . Dave Gibbons, Bob Boone, Bob Tilton and John Liles

The group has been singing in the Sandhills area since 1981 and they are having their 45th annual concert on Saturday November 7th at 7pm. Like last year the concert will be at the beautiful Bradshaw Performing Arts Center (BPAC) Owens Auditorium at Sandhills Community College.

It is a fun filled event and the net proceeds from the concert go to support several local charities and Community Presbyterian Church.



The concert theme this year is: **C'mon Get Happy!** There will be a great lineup of songs sung by the full chorus or their various quartets. The concert will also feature a special guest quartet - "Let's Sing!" - who are the 2023 International Senior Quartet Champions

The prices for the tickets are; \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, and free for active military.

You can obtain tickets from Dave, Bob B., Bob T. or John Liles. Tickets are also available via golfcapitalchorus.org and ticketmesandhills.com or at the door

Hope you can make it!

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Worship With Us!
10:30 a.m.



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