

# CPC HAPPENINGS - OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 2018



Dear Friends at Cherokee,

As a student, I remember always having anxiety about a test when I would study. Was I studying the right material? Would they ask this question or that question? Am I wasting my time studying at all?

Maybe you can identify with some of these anxieties or not. But what I really loved were those times when the teacher gave us the questions she would ask *before* we took the test. What a gift that was. I didn't have to worry about preparing for something that wouldn't appear on the test, I knew what to do. Or maybe a better way of putting it is, I knew what was expected of me.

I think God has given us the same benefit. He has told us before hand the questions he will ask us when we go and meet him face to face. In these next three weeks, from September 30th to October 14th, we will be in a series titled, "The Last Question: What God will ask of us when we meet him."

This will be important, because no matter how many questions we have for God (and I have a bunch), he will get to ask his first. But God isn't out to trick us or surprise us. He has let us know exactly what he expects of us. We can find these answers all throughout the Bible, but we find three of the most important in Matthew 25, where Jesus gives us three parables about what it will be like when the Kingdom of God arrives. And in these parables, he lays out exactly what God expects of us.

As you can see, these are the most important questions in the world. For as God has made and redeemed us, his expectations are what should matter most to us. But don't worry, no one wants us to pass this more than our heavenly Father. So if you want to know what that last conversation will be like, and what those last questions will be, join us on Sunday at 10 AM.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Peace and blessings in Christ our Lord,

Robert W Cely

## **Remember:**

Newsletter deadline  
is September 20th!

## **Staff**

**Senior Pastor:**

**[Rev. Rob Cely](#)**

**Office**

**Administrator:**

**[Judy Ball](#)**

**Music Director:**

**[Julie Dinkins](#)**

**Director of Children**

**and Youth**

**Ministries:**

**[Rev. Liz Cely](#)**

## **Session**

**Clerk of Session &**

**Worship:**

Kristen Cranford

**Membership:**

Jimmy Hendrix

**Adult Discipleship:**

Nich Godfrey

**Evangelism &**

**Service:**

Phil Claytor

**Administration &**

**Communications:**

Laurie Britt

**Stewardship:**

Lisa Moore

**Children & Youth**

**Discipleship:**

Tom Moore

**Facilities &**

**Maintenance:**

Richard Spangler

**Treasurer:**

Wendell Ligon

**Assistant**

**Treasurer:**

Sharon Oliger

## **Deacons**

**Moderator &**

**Flowers, Gifts &**

**Holiday Prep.:**

Sue Bafford



The Men's Ministry Group will have a dinner at Town and Country on Hwy. 1 in Gilbert (Jimmy's shop) on Tuesday, October 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. See Nich Godfrey for more information.



## CPC WOMEN

Our regular meetings for the remainder of 2018 are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, October 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Susan DuBose (125 Yachting Circle, Lexington).

**Congregational Care:**  
**Visitation & Cards:**  
 Wendell Ligon  
**Secretary & Fellowship:**  
 Sharon Oliger  
**Congregational Care: Meals:**  
 Pam Huckabee  
**Worship Support Services:**  
 Susan DuBose  
**Kitchen/Fellowship:**  
 Jenny Coward

## Upcoming Events

October 1  
 Theology on Tap

October 2  
 Men's Ministry  
 Dinner  
 Deacons meeting

October 3  
 Back Pack Delivery  
 Youth Musicians  
 Sanctuary Choir

October 4  
 Introduction to the  
 Bible class

October 7  
 Back Pack Bundling  
 VBS Planning  
 meeting  
 Youth SnL Small  
 Groups

October 8  
 Theology on Tap

October 9  
 CPC Women  
 Session meeting

October 10  
 Back Pack Delivery  
 Chancel Choir  
 Sanctuary Choir

October 11  
 Introduction to the  
 Bible class

October 12  
 Youth Friday Fun  
 Night

October 14  
 Youth Soup & Bread  
 Fundraiser  
 Visitors' Lunch  
 Youth SnL Small  
 Groups  
 Lessons for Life



- Tuesday, November 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Susan DuBose (125 Yachting Circle, Lexington).

Our annual Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 5th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Nell McCarty (119 Cherry Hall Lane, Lexington).

All of our meetings are open to all women of the Church!

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Our annual retreat will be held Friday, October 19th, through Sunday, October 21st, in Black Mountain, NC. It's not too late to sign up! The cost is \$75.00. Checks should be made payable to CPC with a note in the memo section that this is for the Women's Retreat. The balance will be due by October 14th. Get ready for a wonderful weekend! Sign up at the Servant Opportunities Table. If you have any questions, please talk to Nell McCarty.

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Pictures from our Women's Tea on September 9th:



October 15  
Theology on Tap

October 17  
Back Pack Delivery  
Youth Musicians  
Sanctuary Choir

October 18  
Introduction to the  
Bible class

October 19 - 21  
CPC Women's Retreat

October 20  
Newsletter Deadline

October 21  
Family Ministry  
meeting  
Youth Reverse Trick  
or Treating

October 22  
Theology on Tap

October 24  
Back Pack Delivery  
Chancel Choir  
Sanctuary Choir

October 25  
Introduction to the  
Bible class

October 28  
Trunk or Treat &  
Carnival

October 29  
Theology on Tap

October 31  
Back Pack Delivery  
Youth Musicians  
Sanctuary Choir

**Ministry  
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### Lessons for Life - Adapting to a Changing World

Join our local Lighthouse for Life representative to learn more about how human trafficking is a growing presence in our country and our community, how to recognize signs of it - and how to best respond if we encounter it.

You'll also learn how Lighthouse for Life helps victims of human trafficking restore their lives. Learn more at [lighthouseforlife.org](http://lighthouseforlife.org).

Please share with your friends, neighbors and classmates! If you'd like to help with the sessions, please contact Jenny Coward.



### Backpack Program

Cherokee Presbyterian Church partners with Harvest Hope and Gilbert Elementary School to send food parcels home with 30 needy children. Each month we will pack parcels of food for these children to take home each week.

Here is how you can participate: Each month, we will bundle the food parcels after worship. This is an excellent service opportunity for people of all ages. Bundling will be after Worship one Sunday each month.



Our next bundling will be October 7th.

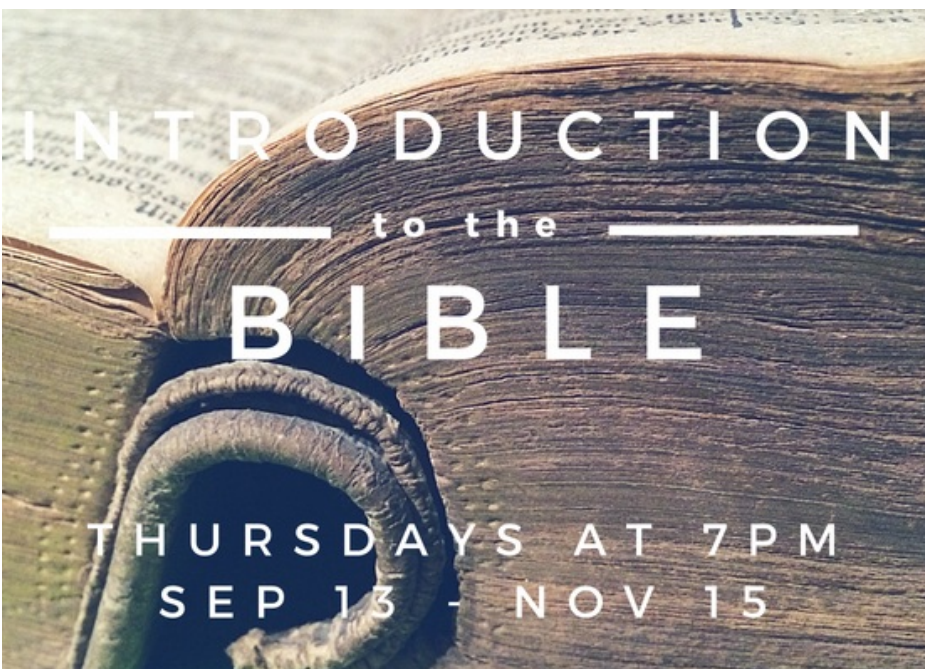
Each week, we need volunteers to carry the food parcels to the classrooms of the students. Delivery takes place Wednesdays between 2:30p.m. and 4:00p.m.

Please speak with Elder Phil Claytor for more info!



### **THEOLOGY ON TAP:**

Meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at Krafty Draft (269 Charter Oak Road, Lexington, SC ).



Classes will be held each Thursday, beginning September 13th, and running through November 15th. Classes will start at 7:00 p.m.

and will be led by Rev. Rob Cely.



The Family Ministry Group will meet after Worship on Sunday, October 21st, for planning, lunch and to help pack Reverse Trick or Treat bags. See Nich Godfrey for more information.

A green poster with white and orange text. At the top, "SOUP & BREAD LUNCH" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. Below it, the date "10.14.2018" is in large, orange, sans-serif numbers. A horizontal white line separates the title from the date. Below the date, the text "Stay following worship for food and fellowship" is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the left, the pricing is listed: "\$8/Adult", "\$5/Child 10 & under", and "(\$25 per family max)" in white, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, it says "all proceeds support the youth mission trip" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. On the right side, there is a cartoon illustration of a yellow bowl of soup with a spoon, steam rising from it, and a small orange heart on the bowl. The bowl is surrounded by small, colorful triangles (orange, yellow, white) at its base.

# SOUP & BREAD LUNCH

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## 10.14.2018

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Sunday, October 14th, following worship, CPC is hosting a lunch for visitors. If you have visited with us recently, or even not so recently, we invite you to stay after church to eat and fellowship with the pastor. We want to get to know you and give you the opportunity to get to know us a little better. We will be eating soup from our youth fundraiser taking place that day. Please sign up at the Servant Opportunities Table.



### **Remind App:**



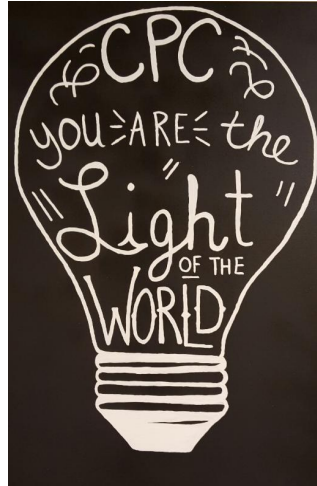
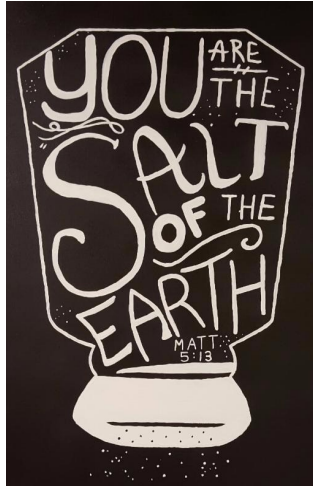
Would you like to receive text message alerts with daily inspirations and occasional, pertinent updates?

If so, sign-up for our new Remind App. These will be "no reply" text messages. Sign up at the Servant Opportunities Table or email your name and cell phone number to [info@cherokeepresbyterian.com](mailto:info@cherokeepresbyterian.com).





Sunday School Classes meet each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. There are classes for all ages! We will see you there!



Salt-n-Light is a ministry of CPC for 6th-12th grade youth that seeks to help them be the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World through study, service, prayer, mission, and fun.

Contact: Rev. Liz Cely, [liz@cherokeepresbyterian.com](mailto:liz@cherokeepresbyterian.com)  
803-466-3253  
Elder: Tom Moore

### **Upcoming events:**

- 9/29/18 - Thornwell Work Day
- 9/30/18 - SnL at Lessons for LIfe
- 10/3/18 - Youth Musicians
- 10/7/18 - SnL Small Groups
- 10/12/18 - Friday Fun Night
- 10/14/18 - Soup Lunch Fundraiser
- 10/14/18 - SnL Small Groups
- 10/17/18 - Youth Musicians
- 10/21/18 - Family Ministry Reverse Trick or Treating packing
- 10/21/18 - Youth Reverse Trick or Treating
- 10/28/18 - Trunk or Treat & Carnival
- 11/4/18 - SnL Small Groups
- 11/9/18-11/11/18 - Youth Retreat Fellowship



### **YOUTH MUSICIANS:**

Youth Musicians is a choir for our Youth. Practices will be held Wednesday, October 3rd, 17th, and 31st, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

### **SANCTUARY CHOIR:**

Sanctuary Choir is a choir for Youth and Adults. Practices will be held each Wednesday, beginning September 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

### **CHANCEL CHOIR:**

A traditional SATB choir for adults who will perform special pieces throughout the year. Practices will be held Wednesday, October 10th and 24th, from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

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For questions or more information, please contact Julie Dinkins at 803-446-2097.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

You can give your offering by bank draft! Drafts are done on the 10th and 25th of each month. Please contact Judy Ball at 892-6740 or [info@cherokeepresbyterian.com](mailto:info@cherokeepresbyterian.com) to get the paperwork necessary to get started.



Please note that if you or your group have any information for the October, 2018 issue of Happenings, it must be delivered to [Judy Ball](#) no later than October 20th.



In this section of the newsletter we will review the August 2018 finances and attendance statistics.

Our August average Sunday attendance was 98.8, an increase from August 2017's average of 88.8. The YTD average Sunday attendance is up to 106.9% compared to 2017 YTD.

Financially, our August revenue was \$15,387 against a budget of \$21,625.86. August operating expenses were \$20,896.90 resulting in

a loss of \$5509.90. The average giving/week was \$3847. Against a 2018 budgeted average giving/week of \$4990. YTD average giving per week is \$4183. Cash decreased \$5546. over last month with a cash balance of \$159,499.10. For reference, August 2017 cash balance was \$163,361. Total Equity (Assets-Liabilities) is \$88,545.94 decreased 5509.90 from last month. For reference, equity was \$92,202 for August 2017.

The current mortgage balance at the end of July is \$482,800.14 having dropped \$2,439.00 over last month. Remember we borrowed a total \$713,488 in 2009 with our first mortgage payment being in January of 2011.

August was the third lowest income/revenue month this year.

If you have questions you would like answered, please call or email me at the number or address below and I will work to incorporate your questions into the Treasurer section of the newsletter.

Malachi 3:8

Do not rob God. Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings!

Blessings,

Your Treasurer,  
Wendell C. Ligon

803-528-4131

[Wclig1018@hotmail.com](mailto:Wclig1018@hotmail.com)

From the Treasurer		
	August	YTD
Total Revenue	15,387.00	\$122,262.50
Total Expense	\$20,896.90	\$129,688.46
Excess Income/(Expense):	\$[5509.90]	\$[7405.96]

## Monthly Task List (Worship)

### October, 2018 Edition

Date	Liturgist	Children's Church	Ushers	Nursery	Safety Team
10/7/2018	Jenny Coward	Liz Cely	Richard Spangler, Giovanni Castro, Alonzo Merida, Brandon Cranford	Portia Morgan	Frank Kinsel, Buddy Morgan
10/14/2018	Frank	Shelly	Alonzo Merida,	Susan	Ricky



	Kinsel	Secoy	Bane London, B. J. Poiner, Megan Wesolowski, Zach Mendenall	Crosby	Coward, Ben Secoy
10/21/2018	Larry Huckabee	The Godfreys	Jimmy Hendrix, David Jordan, Wendell Ligon, Frank Kinsel, Bane London	TBD	Giovanni Castro, Gary Morgan
10/28/2018	Jimmy Hendrix	Claire Dinkins	Gary Morgan, Zach Mendenall, Tom Moore, Buddy Morgan, David Kinsel	TBD	Mark Wesolowski, Joey Leech

**Counters -September, 2018:** Cecilia Claytor, Gary Morgan

**Communion Servers - September, 2018:**

Jimmy Hendrix, Lisa Moore, Gary Morgan, Nich Godfrey

## Monthly Task List (Sunday School) October, 2018 Edition

Date	PreK-K	1st-5th Grade	Youth	Adults
10/7/2018	Thomas Cely	Tiffiny Evans	Liz Cely	The Godfreys
10/14/2018	Cindy Wesolowski	Sandy Moore	Chris Robertson	The Godfreys
10/21/2018	Bane London	Laurie Pitts	Tom Moore	The Godfreys
10/28/2018	Thomas Cely	Lenora Hysom	Karen Kinsel	The Godfreys

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