CHRIST PRESbyterian CHURCH OF OLIVE BRANCH, MS

Who We Are

CPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and exists to glorify God through our worship and our lives. By God’s grace we are a biblically-driven and Christ-centered community with a heart towards reaching, discipling, and serving others.

Our Pastoral Search

We are seeking a man with strong expository preaching skills to draw our congregation into a deeper love for Christ, a desire to invest in an ongoing personal relationship between his family and our church family, the leadership abilities and vision to grow us in our ministries and outreach, and a heart for discipling the church’s staff and leadership.
Our History

Planted in 1994 by River Oaks Presbyterian of Memphis, TN, and particularized in 1995. Originally intended to be a large church to serve all of DeSoto County, the leadership of CPC instead chose to plant churches in Hernando (Christ Covenant, 2009) and Horn Lake (Christ Fellowship, 2014).


Our Staff

ASSISTANT PASTOR:  
Rev. Rich Hawkins

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COORDINATOR:  
Heidi Shafer

ACCOUNTANT:  
Carolyn Boswell

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR:  
Roxanne Winebrenner

CHURCH PIANIST:  
Patti House

Our Leadership

10 RULING ELDERS

9 MEMBERS OF THE DIACONATE
Our Congregation

- Active Members: 236
- Total Attendees: 299
- Average Attendance: 148
- Community Groups: 8

CPC AGE DISTRIBUTION

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CPC BY FAMILY STATUS

- Active Member: 236 (78.93%)
- Regular Attender: 55 (18.39%)
- Inquirer: 8 (2.68%)

CPC BY INDIVIDUAL STATUS

- Active Member: 55 (18.39%)
- Inquirer: 63 (21.07%)
- Child of Member: 173 (57.86%)
- Child of Inquirer: 4 (1.34%)

- Active Member
- Regular Attender
- Inquirer
Our Discipleship & Fellowship
AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adult Sunday Schools - Meets Sunday mornings for a time of teaching and discussion.

Children’s Ministries - Sunday School during Sunday School hour and Wee Worship (4-year-olds through 1st Grade) during Worship Service.

SUNDAY EVENINGS (1-2X MONTHLY)

Community Groups - Varied in location, age groups, and focus, Community groups are a place for congregants to develop relationships and minister to one another as well as the community.

TUESDAY EVENINGS

Celebrate Recovery - Ministry designed to help believers break free from harmful habits of all types. Meets weekly for teaching, worship, small group accountability, and prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday Nights at CPC - Meets weekly with rotating programming including: congregational dinners, men’s bible study, women's bible study/testimony nights, youth program (grades 6-12) and children's City Project (pre-k-5th grade).

THURSDAYS AT NOON

Men’s Bible Study

ANNUAL EVENTS

Includes the Women’s Retreat, Missions Conference, Easter Brunch, Men’s Crawfish Boil, Marriage / Parenting Conference,
Our Covid-19 Response

All in-person church activities have been suspended since March 13th, but CPC has worked to continue to offer worship services and fellowship opportunities via video.

Sunday Morning Worship services, Adult Sunday School, and Children’s Sunday School are all available on the website each Sunday morning.

Bible Studies, Celebrate Recovery, and Women’s care groups have met regularly over Zoom.

A selection of elders and deacons comprise the Reopening Committee, which meets regularly to discuss how worship service practices may be altered in order to preserve the safety of the congregation, once the governor deems it safe for churches to reopen. In the meantime, CPC continues to worship and fellowship in accordance with CDC recommendations.
Our Pastoral Search

Attributes Desired

Minister of the Word / Teacher of the Congregation

- Finds primary fulfillment in preaching and teaching and is attracted to a congregation with a strong educational emphasis.
- Expository preaching based on text and doctrine
- Emphasis on practical application
- Strong teacher as well as preacher
- Proven leadership skills in discipleship
- Effective and engaging in small group settings.

Relational/Connecting to Church Community

- Fosters a sense of community within the congregation.
- Works well in team settings and church leaders
- Promotes culture that embodies servant leadership
- Promotes pastoral care and shepherding
- Visitation of sick, hospitalized, and shut-in

Leadership/Vision

- Vision for future growth and experience with how to achieve
- Disciples and pastors his officers
- Guide spiritual development of staff and lay leadership

Administration

- Capable of self-organization and management of staff
- Works well with lay leadership
- Able to lead and direct meetings effectively
Our Pastoral Search

QUALIFICATIONS DESIRED

EDUCATION

- Master of Divinity Degree
- Ordained or ordainable by the PCA

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- At least 5 years of ordained ministry
- Experience in a medium to large size church
- Experience serving with a Session

MARRITAL STATUS

- Married
- Wife plays a supportive ministry role according to her strengths

OTHER

- Values contributions of all members regardless of sex, age, or ethnicity

Contact Our Committee

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Committee Chair - Jim Yates    Vice-Chairman - Jeff Price

Dr. Dick Butler    Austin Starnes
Hillary Lodge    Sherri Stevens
Keith Miller    Jenny Wrigley
Pam Salzgeber