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

Christ Presbyterian was planted in 1994 by River Oaks Presbyterian of Germantown, TN, and particularized in 1995. Originally intended to be a large church serving 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:
Position currently vacant, to be filled after installation of (and with assistance from) Senior Pastor.

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 DEACONS
Our Congregation

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

CPC AGE DISTRIBUTION

- <10: 38
- 10-19: 39
- 20-29: 29
- 30-39: 27
- 40-49: 39
- 50-59: 38
- 60-69: 37
- 70-79: 19
- 80-89: 3
- 90-99: 2

CPC BY FAMILY STATUS

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

CPC BY INDIVIDUAL STATUS

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

In-person services have resumed at CPC, with families sending their RSVP each week, chairs distanced and masks worn according to state recommendations.

Each worship service is available by video via Facebook Live.

Adult Sunday School, Children’s Sunday School, and Wee-Worship have restarted, and the nursery has reopened. The Youth are meeting in person, distanced and wearing masks.

Bible Studies and Celebrate Recovery continue to meet over Zoom, Women’s care groups have met both in person and over Zoom.

A selection of elders and deacons comprise the Reopening Committee, which meets regularly to discuss how to best continue in worship and fellowship in accordance with CDC recommendations.
Our Community

- Olive Branch is one of four cities and many communities in Desoto County, Mississippi, directly south of Memphis, TN. Growth in Olive Branch and the surrounding communities exploded in the 90’s and has continued since.

- Because of the low cost of living, large corporations in Memphis such as FedEx, International Paper, and AutoZone, and hospitals such as St. Jude, families from all over the country have relocated to the area - often living alongside those with deep Mississippi roots.

- Desoto County residents enjoy the highest-rated public schools in the state, private schooling options, and a thriving homeschool community. College students qualify for in-state tuition for both Memphis-area schools and Mississippi’s Universities.

- Very much in the “buckle of the Bible Belt,” 55% of Desoto County residents count themselves religious, with 1% of them counting themselves Presbyterian.

- Desoto County offers a wide variety of local amenities - hiking and biking trails, boating and fishing, thriving local businesses, outdoor concerts at Snowden Grove, and award-winning barbecue.

- Just across the state line, Memphis is home to a variety of musical and stage productions at The Orpheum, NBA games at the FedEx Forum, pandas at the Memphis Zoo, and 4,500 acres of recreational space at Shelby Farms Park.

Residents who call Olive Branch home enjoy a blend of small-town living with big-city advantages.
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-sized church
- Experience serving with a Session

**Marital Status**
- Married
- Wife supportive of ministry and participates alongside congregation according to her interests/gifts

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

Contact Our Committee

**To Apply, Email PastoralSearch@cpcms.org**

Committee Chair - Jim Yates  
Vice-Chairman - Jeff Price

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