



Christ the King  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# PASTORAL CANDIDATE PACKET

# WHO WE ARE

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**We are** an eclectic group of believers united in our love of Christ, and our desire to share the Gospel with our community.

**We believe** God calls us to worship Him through our liturgy, music and the sacraments.

**We worship** with music that not only proclaims the truths of Scripture, but also incorporates a style that reflects our local culture.

**We value** theological depth that is practical and applicable to our lives.

**We are** a regional church located in Joplin, MO. Over 25% of our congregation live outside of Joplin.

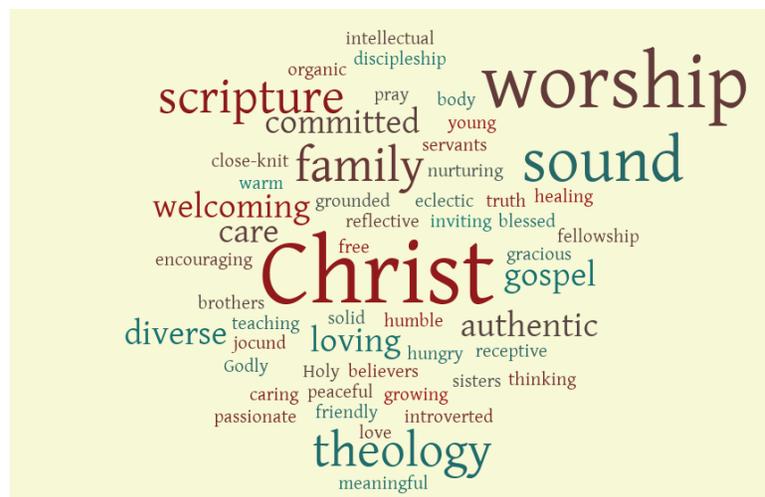
**We are** a congregation comprised of families in all stages of life and representing many sectors of the workplace.

**We insist** that children are welcome in our services as families worship together.

**We strive** to encourage and support each other through prayer, fellowship and provision of physical needs.

**We are** an informal congregation that values humor and light-heartedness.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17*



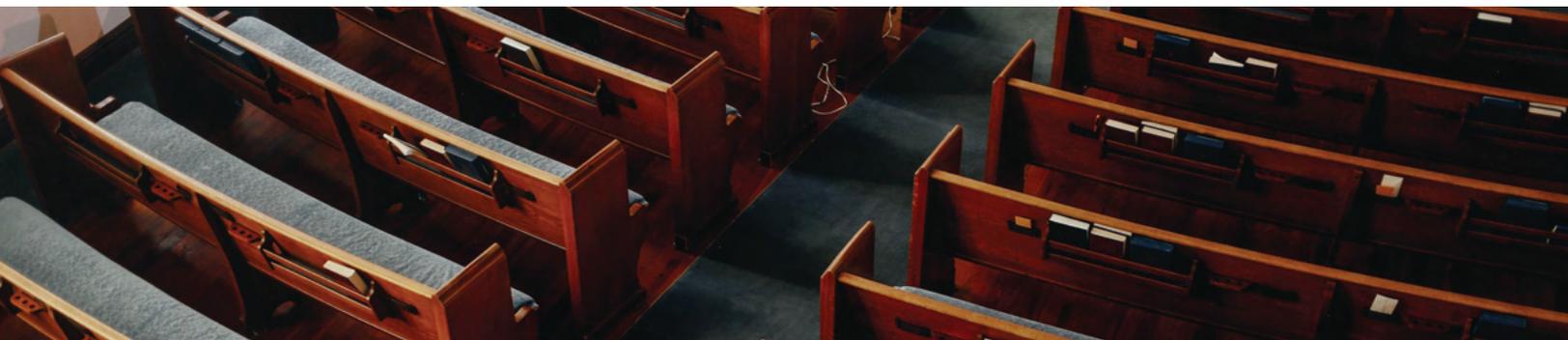
# OUR HISTORY

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**Christ the King** began as an informal gathering of a few families who longed for a Reformed witness in Southwest Missouri. In 2006, Reed Dunn was called by the presbytery to plant the church in Joplin and we started the plant with five families that met in living rooms. As we grew, we moved from living rooms, to hotel conference rooms, to a strip mall for a number of years. We particularized at the end of 2010 and, just a few months into 2011, a massive tornado descended on Joplin and significantly altered our community. Our church partnered with MNA and many local ministries to participate in the rebuilding of our town. We celebrated with many who came to know the Lord and experienced His grace in that dark time.

In 2013, we moved into our current building—one we rent from a PCUSA church. We coexist well with that congregation and have enjoyed the relationships we've been able to build with them. It's a hallmark of Christ the King that we can function alongside those who don't share our same convictions. Our church family weathered the pandemic better than many. Our Session sought to strike a balance between unity and liberty of conscience, while our congregation faithfully loved each other as physical and emotional needs arose. This spring, our pastor announced that he would be moving to New Jersey to replant a church there. He stayed for several months to help us get started on our search and he leaves Joplin with our thanks and prayerful support.

*Come and see what God has done; he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. Psalm 66:1*



# HOW WE MINISTER

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*Let each of you look not only to his own interest but also the interests of others. Phillipians 2:4*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**We encourage** families to worship together with their children during the church service.

**We provide** an optional nursery for children younger than 5 years during that time.

**We offer** Sunday School classes for all ages of children after the church service.

**At various times** during the year, we offer catechism classes for younger children on Wednesday evenings.



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## YOUTH MINISTRY

**We offer** Sunday School classes after the church service for both junior and senior high youth.

**Youth groups** meet on Wednesday evenings for Bible Study and fellowship throughout the year.

**We offer** special activities for youth throughout the year such as backpacking/camping trips, movie nights, nerf wars, etc.



## ADULT MINISTRY

**We have** one Adult Sunday School class on Sunday mornings after the service. This is an opportunity to study and discuss a variety of topics related to Scripture and being a Christian in today's society.

**We offer** both a Men's and Women's Bible study on Wednesday evenings at the church with childcare provided. In addition, there are several who participate in home Bible studies with other members as well.

**We have** various Women's and Men's fellowship activities that take place throughout the year as well as church wide gatherings such as potluck lunches, cookouts, picnics, etc.

**Members** can opt to participate in dinner fellowship groups that meet once a month.

# WHO WE SERVE

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## LOCALLY

**Joplin and Southwest Missouri** is in the heart of the Bible Belt. With Jesus on billboards and in the drinking water, nominal Christians abound. As a result of this, pain and hopelessness is rife, even within the rosters of local churches. Too many pursue a partial gospel and too few know the life altering realities of life in Christ.

**CTK is the only PCA church in the region**, and possibly the only harbinger of reformed theology as promulgated in the Westminster Confessions of Faith. There is a tremendous opportunity in this area for outreach with this solid biblical teaching.

**The outreach ministry** of CTK has not been programmatic, but rather it is focused on preparing and equipping our members to minister to their neighbors and coworkers in the ordinary course of their lives.

**Children's Haven** - Joplin, MO Volunteers from the congregation provide meals once a month to the staff and children.

**We support RUF** staff and Interns for several colleges in the Hills and Plains Presbytery.

*...honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:15*



# WHO WE SERVE

## GLOBALLY

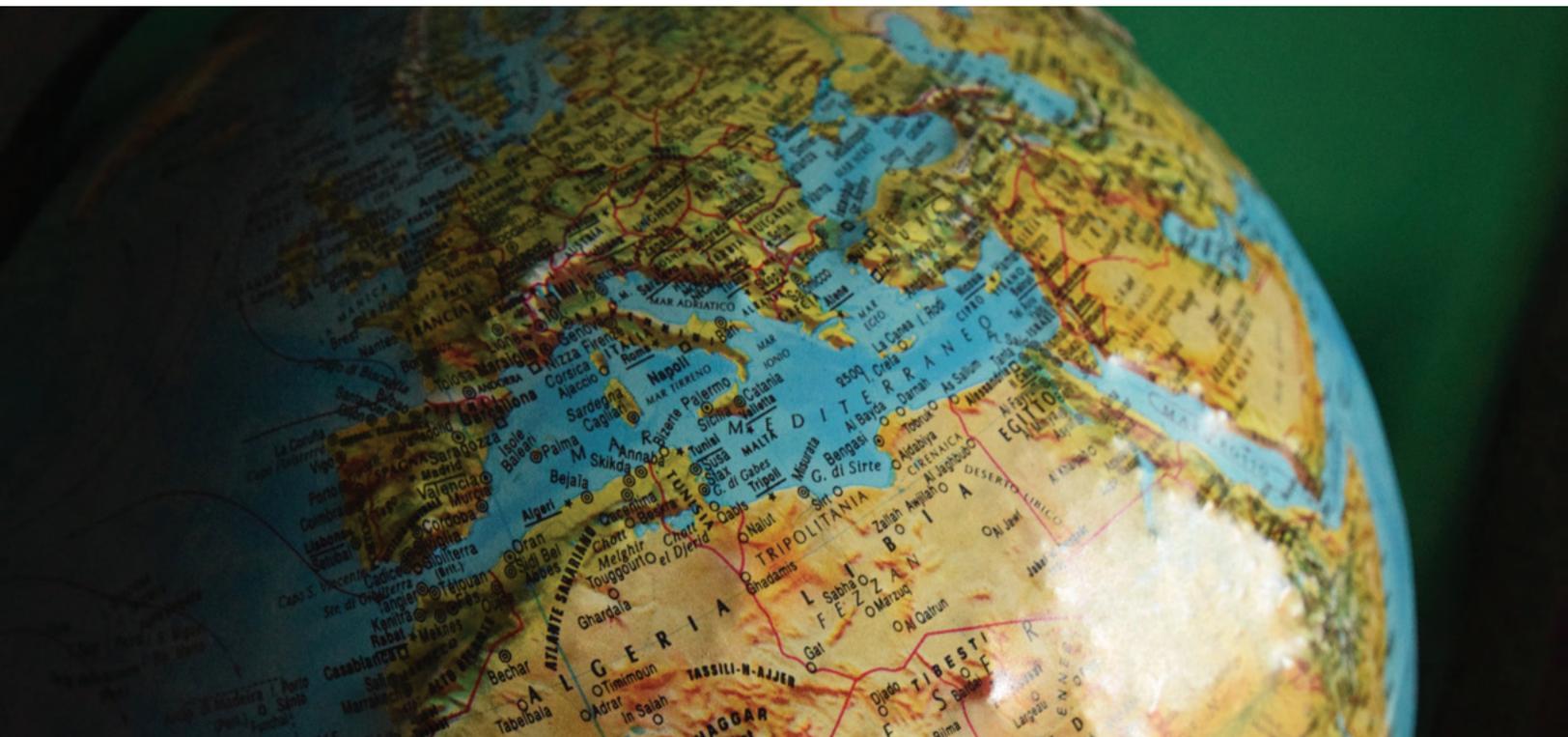
Our congregation supports the efforts of missionaries in various parts of the world through prayer and financial support.

Jared and Jeannine Birdsell  
Indonesia



Angi and Remy Ngumbu  
Democratic Republic of Congo

*Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.* 1 Chronicles 16:24



# WE ARE PRAYING FOR A PASTOR WHO WILL

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- Rightly divide the word of God and faithfully portray Jesus Christ as exalted and mighty to save.
- Shepherd and counsel members of the congregation as we deal with the brokenness of daily life in a fallen world.
- Disciple and develop the spiritual lives of members and their understanding of the rich doctrines of our faith as found in Scripture and distilled in our tradition.
- Encourage genuine fellowship and community among the people in our congregation.
- Teach theological concepts and the history of the Church.
- Equip the body to negotiate current events from a biblical perspective.
- Lead in the development and instruction of church officers.
- Work to develop a rich corporate worship life, cultivating meaningful participation.
- Provide vision and direction as our church continues to grow.
- Recognize and facilitate potential in members, encouraging them to active involvement.

*We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thes 5:12-13*



# SEARCH COMMITTEE BIOS

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## **Ginger Brown | Member since 2006**

Ginger is a high school math teacher and lives on a farm 20 miles north of the church. Her husband David is an elder in the church. They have been married for 28 years and have 3 boys ages 19, 21 and 23. She enjoys playing and watching sports with her family, reading and bluegrass music.



## **Stephen Townley | Member since 2019**

Stephen is a southwest Missouri native currently living with his wife Katryna in Webb City. They have 3 children: Evelyn(7), Luke(5) and Soren(2). They have been attending CTK since 2019. He works as an automotive technician for Stellantis and enjoys reading, hiking, the mandolin, and old houses as well as a good cup of coffee.



## **Letitia Hickerson | Member since 2011**

Letitia is part time secretary for the church and also works from home as a seamstress. She and her husband, Joshua have been married 15 years and they have 2 boys ages 8 and 3. She loves singing in our church worship band.



## **Tyler Green | Member since 2008**

Tyler has been a member of CTK since 2008. He and his wife, Lanie, live in Webb City, MO. Tyler works for the Missouri Department of Conservation as a Conservation Agent. He loves the outdoors where he enjoys God's creation.



## **Rosemary Newman | Member since 2006**

Rosemary is a retired RN and has been married to Glen for 53 years. They have 2 married children and 5 grandchildren. Rosemary is a volunteer in Pastoral Care at Mercy Hospital in Joplin.



## **Cody Chapman | Member since 2019**

Cody is the Pastoral Intern at CTK. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry from Ozark Christian College in Joplin, MO in 2019. While working at Christ the King, Cody is also pursuing his Master's degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. Cody works with the Youth at CTK and is passionate about our students finding where Christ intersects with their daily lives.



## **Clint Loy | Member since 2014**

Clint has been a member since 2014 and became a Ruling Elder in 2021. He and his wife Cathy Jo have been married 42 years and have five adult children and eight grandchildren so far. Clint is an emergency medicine physician and enjoys pretending to be a carpenter in his spare time.

# HOW TO APPLY

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**Step 1: Please prepare a cover letter, resume and a response to the questions below.**

1. What interests you in pastoring a church in Joplin, MO? What concerns or questions do you have about living in this area?
2. What delights you about the gospel?
3. Describe your ministry with 3 words or short phrases
4. How do you care for your spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being?
5. What about the Christ the King church profile do you resonate with? What concerns you?

**Step 2: Please use the following format to label all attachments: FirstnameLastname\_Resume.**

Examples: JohnSmith\_CoverLetter, JohnSmith\_Resume, JohnSmith\_Questions

**Step 3: Send all attachments as PDFs to [PastorSearchCTKJoplin@gmail.com](mailto:PastorSearchCTKJoplin@gmail.com).**

Thank you for your interest. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

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To see more about Joplin Area, visit these websites:

[Joplin Visitors Bureau](#)

[Joplin Downtown Alliance](#)

[Joplin Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Joplin Public Schools](#)

