

# Church Creek Presbyterian

## CHARLESTON, SC

“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.”

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### *Organic Christian Living in the Local Church*

The New Testament gives us more than enough commands for believers to live out the Christian life organically among the members of the congregation to which we belong. There are 59 "one another" passages in the New Testament that we can only understand and carry out in light of the relationship each believer has to other believers in the same worshiping community. Here are a few of the commands through which God reveals how He desires for believers to live out their Christian lives organically with other believers in the local church:

- “Bear with the failings of the weak” (Rom. 15:1)
- “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another” (Rom. 12:10)
- “Serve one another through love” (Gal. 5:13)
- “Bear one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2)
- “Share all good things with the one who teaches” (Gal. 6:6)
- “Do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10)
- “Bear with one another in love, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering” (Eph. 4:2)
- “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” (Eph. 4:32)
- “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord.” (Col. 3:16)
- “Increase and abound in love to one another and to all” (1 Thess. 3:12)
- “Exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb. 3:13)

- “Consider one another in order to stir up love and good works” (Heb. 10:24)
- “Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account” (Heb. 13:7)
- “Visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world” (James 1:27),
- “Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed” (James 5:16)
- “Love one another fervently with a pure heart” (1 Peter 1:22)
- “Have compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous” (1 Pet. 3:8)
- “Be hospitable to one another without grumbling” (1 Peter 4:9)
- “Minister to one another, as each one has received a gift” (1 Peter 4:10)
- “Love one another” (1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12; 2 John 1:5).

These are merely a few of the recurrent apostolic imperatives that God has given to the members of His church. All of them require prayerful and purposeful pursuit. They involve personal commitment, sacrifice, and diligence. They will only truly happen in a spiritually organic manner. They will never occur through programs or organizational structure in a local church.

We love the local church of which we belong because it is God’s sphere of special, redemptive blessings in Christ (Eph. 3:10). Accordingly, we should all want to see believers giving the better part of their lives to the growth, provision and nourishment of the local church. God never intended for programs or community organization to serve as replacements for the organic acts of love and service that are of the essence of the Christian community of believers. The church exists to bring glory to God, to spread and defend the Gospel, to build up and equip the saints unto mutual edification in love, and to perform the good works for which Christ has redeemed a people (Eph. 2:10; 4:11-16). To this end, the Christian life and Christian ministry requires personal commitment, sacrifice and diligence.

There is always the danger that believers will grow weary in well doing (Gal. 6:9). When this happens, many begin to look for alternatives that they believe will make them feel like a fruitful Christian. When church members cease “giving all diligence” to living out the Christian life personally and in the context of service to others in the local church, they become susceptible to start trusting in programs and extracurricular activities. Many turn to programmatic churches or parachurch ministries for solutions. A mechanistic church mindset is a counterfeit to an organic church mindset. Adopting a mechanistic view of the church has detrimental consequences. Burk Parsons makes the important observation that often “the local church programs its people with so many activities that people have no time left to spend with their families and friends to enjoy life together and rest together—let alone take care of widows and orphans.” It is altogether possible to be *involved* in activities in a local church without being a spiritually active member of the body. Both pastors and congregants can fall into the error of embracing a mechanistic ministry mindset and start to trust in programs or external accommodations to do the work of ministry for them. This is one of the more difficult errors to identify and expose, since those who have begun to do these things are usually not aware that they have begun to do so. It is a subtle *modus operandi*.

To be sure, there is a proper place for church programs and parachurch ministries. In fact, the more a church is a growing *organism*, the more *organization* it will necessarily require. The implementation of programs and ministries must come as a corollary of the developing organic Christian living in the body. The more we desire what God desires for His church, the more we will better understand the blessing of the organic love and service of the members of the body. When we understand the blessing of the organic ministry among the members of the congregation, we’ll rightly utilize programs and organizational structure for the encouragement of the members towards one another.

As we enter a new year with new personal goals and desires, the Lord wants His people to commit to Christian living among the members of the body. We must resist the urge to look to practices and programs in the local church to live out the Christian life or do the work of ministry for us. Our God has given us the enormous privilege and responsibility of diligently living out, daily, our Christian lives in Christ. Let’s commit ourselves to the practice of seeking to live the organic Christian life in the context of the local church to which we belong.

## 2023 Ministry Progress

*The session of Church Creek has thought it wise to give the congregation an annual report of ministry progress for the past year; together with desires and goals for the upcoming year. Pastor Batzig and the officers of Church Creek are exceedingly grateful for each and every member that the Lord has knit together in this fellowship. As we enter this new year together, it is our earnest prayer that the Lord will make us increase and abound in faith toward the Lord Jesus and in our love for one another.*

### Worship

- ❖ Pastor Batzig completed a sermon series on Ephesians for the Morning service and began a new series on the book of Romans. We did a Thanksgiving Sermon and an advent series on “The Songs of Christmas.” In the evening, we finished our series on “Glimpses of the Son” (a biblical-theological reading of select Old Testament passages); then, we worked through a sermon series on the book of Daniel and the book of Jonah.
- ❖ Participated in 50<sup>th</sup> PCA Anniversary Evening service at Redeemer Presbyterian on January 29
- ❖ Added additional string musicians for the morning worship services
- ❖ Easter Service (April 9)
- ❖ Christmas Eve Morning Service and Candlelight Evening Service (Dec. 24)
- ❖ Added new Trinity Hymnals and Bibles to the Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Continued integration of the choir in regular and special worship service. Amy Cummings has done an incredible job over this ministry

### Discipleship

- ❖ Received 32 new members (communicant and non-communicant)
- ❖ New Children’s and Youth Sunday School curriculum.
- ❖ Finished Adult Sunday School “Foundations of the Faith” course with rotating teachers
- ❖ Carried out a pre-communicant “Foundations of the Faith” class to help prepare our covenant children to come to the Lord’s Supper
- ❖ Reorganized and updated Officer Care groups and membership rolls
- ❖ Held Joint Youth Fellowship Meetings with Redeemer PCA
- ❖ Continued our Men’s Theology bi-weekly meeting
- ❖ Developed book table resources – added more theological books to our Sanctuary bookshelf
- ❖ Continued bi-weekly morning and evening Women’s Bible Studies
- ❖ Welcomed Dr. Jonathan Master, President of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Jacob Lee, RUF minister at College of Charleston, and Matt Tyler, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC
- ❖ Hosted a women’s conference with Megan Hill

### Special Events/Fellowship/Outreach

- ❖ January 15 - Annual Vision Banquet
- ❖ January 29 - Participated in 50<sup>th</sup> PCA Anniversary Evening service at Redeemer Pres
- ❖ March 17-18 - Women’s Conference w/ Megan Hill
- ❖ April 9 - Easter Service
- ❖ April 23 - Fellowship Meal
- ❖ May 21 - Congregational Meeting
- ❖ July 16 - Church Ice Cream Social
- ❖ August 6 - Installation Service for assistant pastor
- ❖ September 16 - Youth Beach Day

- ❖ September 17 - Charleston Christian School (CCS) Day
- ❖ October 20 - Joint Youth Event
- ❖ November 11 - Church Workday
- ❖ December 10 - Congregational Meeting to Approve Building Project Grant Application
- ❖ December 11 - Officers and Staff Christmas Dinner
- ❖ December 24 - Christmas Eve Service
- ❖ Monthly Ladies Nights Out
- ❖ Increased our support of current and newly added missionaries
- ❖ Hosted missionaries on furlough
- ❖ Sermon Audio Media Outreach (11,000 sermon plays from 59 countries)

### **Service/Organization**

- ❖ Continued developing the use of Planning Center, and improved communication channels. We wish to highlight the important role that this will play in ease of communication in the life of our church.
- ❖ Continued restructuring ministry teams (committees) for more efficient member ministry
- ❖ Updated Memorial Service Policies, Procedures and Application
- ❖ Completed first Quarterly Newsletter (Oct-Dec)
- ❖ Began the process of taking and uploading photos of all members for CCP's new Member Directory on Planning Center
- ❖ Continued seeking to develop policies and procedures for ministry teams (committees)
- ❖ Redesigned evening bulletins
- ❖ Implemented new employee financial accountability software (PEX system)

### **Facilities**

- ❖ Building/Property Committee meetings throughout the year – ongoing planning for future development with regard to worship space and additional building
- ❖ Began process of applying for building expansion grant. Held a congregation meeting to obtain the support of the congregation
- ❖ Congregationally approved the grant application process for the building renovation project
- ❖ Began working on developing an audio/video team
- ❖ Obtained quotes for new audio and video equipment in the main worship building and Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Continued working with company to secure new Church Creek signage
- ❖ Acquired new parking signs
- ❖ Purchased Nursery sign-in system to improve the safety and professionalism necessary for child care
- ❖ Purchase new toys and equipment for the Nursery
- ❖ Replaced lighting throughout Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Acquired a pulpit for Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Re-stuccoed the worship building
- ❖ Pressure washed the entire property
- ❖ Installed new air conditioning units in the offices

### **Officers/Staffing**

- ❖ Completed diaconal training, examination, and election process for 3 new deacons (Erik Menanno, Jordan Frizzell, and Ron Vanderwey)
- ❖ Joint Officers' Retreat (Sept 28-30)
- ❖ Nominated men to come through the elder training, examination, and election process

- ❖ Hired a Nursery Coordinator (Brook Rhodes)
- ❖ Added evening service Nursery workers
- ❖ Hired a Property Manager (Jordan Frizzell)
- ❖ Hired an Assistant Pastor (Pastor Caleb Willingham)
- ❖ Increased Administrator's role to full-time position starting in January 2024 (Claire Gottshalk)
- ❖ Hired a part-time music coordinator to begin in January 2024 (Claire Gottshalk)
- ❖ Increased on-site Police Officers to weekly Sunday morning and evening services
- ❖ Hired String Musicians on a bi-weekly basis

## 2024 Planning and Ministry Goals

### Events

- ❖ Spring Theology Conference – March 9–10 (G.K. Beale is coming to talk on “Symbols of Revelation: Interpreting Apocalyptic Literature)
- ❖ CCP to host Presbytery on January, 23, 2024
- ❖ Fred Greco (our current moderator of the PCA General Assembly and pastor of Christ Church Katy, TX) is scheduled to do an officers' conference for the deacons and elders of Church Creek, as well as other officers from other local PCA churches. Fred will also be preaching on Sunday morning, April 20, 2024 at Church Creek and will be preaching at a joint worship service that evening at Redeemer PCA
- ❖ Plan out special seasonal services and events

### Officers/Staffing/Training

- ❖ Train, elect, and install new elders. Our desire is to have this process complete by May of 2024
- ❖ Work toward filling part-time staffing needs (Children's Ministry Coordinator, Event Planning Coordinator, etc.)
- ❖ Continue defining elder/deacon roles, responsibilities, and standing rules
- ❖ Appoint and train diaconal assistants to come alongside ordained deacons in helping with regular needs
- ❖ Form a Personnel Committee to manage all non-pastoral staff
- ❖ Continue developing musical accompaniment and choral participation for worship services
- ❖ Complete drafting policies and procedures for special building use

### Communication

- ❖ Finish onboarding for Planning Center Software and encourage all members to fill out their profile information
- ❖ Relaunch all Sunday School classes and evening worship on Sunday, January 14, 2024
- ❖ Develop monthly prayer list for congregation, prayer meetings, and other small group settings
- ❖ Continue quarterly church newsletter

### Ministry/Service/Outreach

- ❖ Encourage member service on ministry teams/committees (e.g., Nursery, Children's Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, Greeter's Ministry, Food/Fellowship, Hospitality, Events, Christian Education, Lord's Supper Setup, etc.)
- ❖ Highlight one missionary each quarter and encourage the congregation to be praying for that missionary
- ❖ Begin the process of forming small groups to help accommodate the growing needs of our congregation

- ❖ Finish the process of committees drafting policies and procedures for their respective ministries
- ❖ Plan New Members classes
- ❖ Consider ways to reach to the neighboring communities around the church property
- ❖ Produce a pastoral/congregational welcome video for website and social media
- ❖ Develop a social media strategy for propagating Audio/Video resources as well as theological writing
- ❖ Expand our biblical and theological ministry new media ventures

### **Discipleship/Fellowship**

- ❖ Encourage members to pick a Bible reading and memorization plan
- ❖ Pursue ways to encourage members to exercise the grace of hospitality – specifically in welcoming new members and regular attenders into our fellowship
- ❖ Continue quarterly fellowship meals
- ❖ Continue semi-regular joint Friday Night Youth Fellowships with Redeemer
- ❖ Work toward structuring and implementing community groups
- ❖ Continue adding resources to our theological book ministry
- ❖ Develop a middle school/high school discipleship program
- ❖ Consider launching men’s morning book studies throughout different areas of Charleston

### **Facilities**

- ❖ Install fully operational security system
- ❖ Secure new CCP signage on front lot and remove old CCS signage
- ❖ Work on Audio/Video needs in both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- ❖ The Building Committee will continue planning for the demolition of the old school building, the approval of architectural designs for a potential additional ministry facility, and accommodations for greater capacity in the worship space
- ❖ Replace water fountain in the Fellowship Hall



## Ministry Needs/Opportunities

- ❖ Nursery workers – There is always a need for more nursery workers to help free our young mothers up to be a part of the worship service of the church. If you are not already doing so and would like to be a part of a rotating schedule on Sundays, please email our Nursery Coordinator, Brook Rhodes, at [nursery@church-creek.org](mailto:nursery@church-creek.org). Background checks are required.
- ❖ Skilled musicians – As we continue to develop our music ministry, we will be looking for men and women who wish to use their musical gifts. If you would like to explore the possibility of serving in the music ministry, please email our Administrator/Music Coordinator, Claire Gottshalk, at [office@church-creek.org](mailto:office@church-creek.org).
- ❖ Children’s Ministry Teachers – K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade - One of the biggest service needs at CCP presently is for more individuals to help serve on a Sunday School teaching and assisting rotation. If you are interested, please reach out to Anna Batzig at [agbatzig@gmail.com](mailto:agbatzig@gmail.com).
- ❖ Social Media Development – If you are proficient in the use of social media platforms, graphic design, or photography and have the desire to volunteer in this ministry, please email Claire Gottshalk at [office@church-creek.org](mailto:office@church-creek.org).
- ❖ Audio/Visual Team – The A/V team assists in the various needs during the Sunday morning and evening worship services. They are in need of more volunteers who have an ear for sound levels and mixing and who are gifted in working with technology. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please email Josh Stone at [stone282@gmail.com](mailto:stone282@gmail.com).
- ❖ Lord’s Supper Volunteers: This team works together for monthly Lord’s Supper set-up, scheduling, etc. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Cris Dickason at [cdickason1126@comcast.net](mailto:cdickason1126@comcast.net).
- ❖ Missions Committee – As we have begun supporting new missionaries, we are always looking for more volunteers who are excited about partnering with our foreign missionaries for the spread of the gospel. If you are interested in serving in any number of capacities with the missions committee, please contact Richard Cooper at [richardgarycooper@yahoo.com](mailto:richardgarycooper@yahoo.com) or Ron Vanderwey at [ron.vanderwey@gmail.com](mailto:ron.vanderwey@gmail.com).

## Committee/Ministry Teams

*The congregation of Church Creek relies heavily on the involvement of its members for the many ways in which the worship, discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, and service is carried out in the life of our church. Please take time to read the various reports from some of our committees below:*

### Audio/Video Team

The audio/video team makes sure that the sound for music, sermons, and the other elements of the worship service is amplified well so that everyone can hear comfortably, and it is thus a vital help to the ministry of the word. Additionally, the team ensures that the service is livestreamed and recorded with both audio and video so that those who are unable to come to a service may still listen to sermons and Sunday School lessons.

The A/V team is continuing to seek ways to improve the quality of our sound and video setup, particularly in the fellowship hall, so that Sunday School, conferences, evening services, and other events have the highest audio and visual fidelity, both live and in recordings.

Team Members: Josh Stone, Jordan Frizzell, Pastor Caleb Willingham

### Building Committee

The Building Committee was tremendously blessed and encouraged to see significant progress over the last year. Here are some specific accomplishments from 2023:

- Worked with GJS Architecture and ESP Engineering to develop a preliminary conceptual design for a potential multipurpose facility following demolition of the school buildings.
- Met multiple times with GJS Architecture and George Kanellos (Historic Preservation Officer for the White House) to discuss options for seating expansion in the sanctuary building, with 10 different options and iterations developed and evaluated throughout the year.
- Worked with ESP Engineering to consider options and develop plans for increased parking on site.
- Met with City of Charleston planning and stormwater representatives to present and receive feedback on preliminary site plans, paving the way for demolition of the school buildings and ensuring flexibility for future potential site development.
- Coordinated demo prep of the school buildings, including asbestos surveys and mitigation, permit applications, and utility shutoff. We anticipate demolition work to begin during January 2024.
- Prepared and submitted applications for financial grant to support seating expansion in the sanctuary building, with potential of securing over \$300,000 in grant funding for the project.
- Presented latest conceptual design and rendering of balcony additions for sanctuary seating expansion to the congregation during vote on the grant application
- Contracted a signage company to design and install a new sign for the church along Hwy 61. Evaluated and provided feedback on multiple sign options.

We greatly appreciate your prayers through 2023, and ask for your continued prayers and support heading into 2024! We look forward to presenting more information to the congregation for consideration as preliminary designs and proposals take further shape.

Committee Members: Matthew Guffey (Chair), David Walters, Sr., Jeff Beall, Jessica Clark, Ron Vanderwey, Erik Menanno

## Christian Education Committee

*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deuteronomy 6:5-7 ESV)*

The mission of the Christian Education Committee is to support, encourage, plan, and oversee the teaching ministry activities of Church Creek Presbyterian Church under the authority of the session for the benefit of the congregation to the glory of God.

The committee will seek to take special care in verifying that all teaching materials, authors, and sources are in accord with the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament and sound doctrine.

Committee Members: DB Cummings (Ruling Elder, Chair), Nick Batzig (Senior Pastor, Co-Chair), Amy Cummings (Women's Ministry Representative), Anna Batzig (Children's Ministry Representative), Jordan Frizzell (Middle/High School Sunday School), Robin Cooper (Women's Morning Bible Study Leader)

## Children's Ministry

We continue to use The Gospel Project as our curriculum spine for preschool, elementary, and our middle school youth. We currently have 2 age groups for our children's Sunday schools in addition to the nursery. A special thank you to those who helped teach our infants, preschoolers (ages 4-5) and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders in 2022! We also appreciate all of those who serve in the nursery on a regular basis during the worship hour!

Our greatest need in the children's ministry is committed and able bodies who are willing to serve in the areas of teaching or being in the nursery during the Sunday School hour. It would be ideal to have teachers commit to an entire semester of teaching or co-teach with another person. If you are interested in learning more about this curriculum and teaching either preschool or elementary age children or serving in the nursery please contact Anna Batzig at [agbatzig@gmail.com](mailto:agbatzig@gmail.com).

## Food/Fellowship Committee

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,  
I was a stranger and you welcomed me. ~Matthew 25:35*

We believe fellowship amongst congregants is crucial to a healthy church! One way we can foster fellowship is through church dinners. Over the past year, we have been able to host 3 congregational dinners and an ice cream social. This upcoming year, Lord willing, we will add biweekly ice cream socials for the summer months of June, July, and August, in addition to our three congregational dinners. As we grow, our space is becoming limited and challenging to host large crowds. Potluck dinners are nearly impossible because all available space is needed for seating. PRAISE THE LORD for this "problem"!

In order to better serve you, our church family, we are always looking for ways to improve. To this end, we have begun forging a relationship with a caterer (Too Good Foods). Our first meal with them was a wonderful success. We have also begun replacing our folding tables and chairs from large bulky wood topped tables to lighter weight plastic ones. Our reasons for this are multifaceted.

- 1) We would like to have enough tables and chairs to accommodate all of our congregants and visitors.
- 2) The tables and chairs need to be easy to move and arrange as we continue to have more of them to set up. This helps with time utilization and makes it possible for more people to help with set up and break down.

3) Having uniform size and material makes for ease of storage/organization, uniformity in set up, and maximization of our limited space.

Please pray for our committee as we continue to serve the Lord by serving you and any visitors we may have!!

Committee Members: Jessica Clark (Chair), Missy Stone (Clerk), Tammy Vanderwey (Treasurer), Kendall McKoy, Robin Cooper, Grange Walters

## Greeter Ministry

*The Greeter's Ministry mission is to provide a warm and enthusiastic welcome for all visitors and members who attend Church Creek and begin to establish relationships with visitors while helping to secure the necessary information to stay in contact with them.*

We now have 17 greeters in this ministry. Each Sunday, we have at least two greeters to meet members and visitors at the entrance on Sunday mornings before the worship service. The greeters assist with giving out bulletins and directing visitors where to go, whether that be the nursery, training room, or sanctuary. We have also begun giving out Church Creek Presbyterian mugs to first-time guests. Going into 2024, this ministry's goal is to have 3 greeters meeting members and visitors at the entrance to better welcome first time visitors to Church Creek Presbyterian Church.

Committee Members: Tripp Wiles, Lindsay Wiles, James Casey, Robin Cooper, Jordan Frizzell

## Missions Committee

*The Missions Committee goal is to carry out the Great Commission by sending missionaries to foreign countries who will evangelize and gather believers into local churches for discipleship and worship.*

Our missions team facilitates our support of missionaries in various countries. The team corresponds with missionaries on a regular basis, taking prayer requests and learning about needs, offering prayer and encouragement, and even visiting missionaries when possible. They ensure that the missions we support are in line with the convictions of Church Creek and the PCA, and they give missionaries opportunities to come and speak to our church when they are in the United States.

Committee Members: Richard Cooper, Robin Cooper, Mack Cornette, Libbie Cornette, Ron Vanderwey, Tammy Vanderwey

## Nursery Ministry

In 2023, we have focused on growing our pool of nursery volunteers, and we have been blessed in more than doubling the number of volunteers we averaged in the previous year! We are extremely grateful for those who serve our families in the nursery, and we are always looking for more volunteers so that the workload is spread out among more people and is less of a commitment to all involved.

We are also excited to enter into 2024 with other improvements. We have recently acquired new toys and equipment for the nursery, and will continue to look for ways to care for our children well. We are also rolling out a new check-in system, which will provide better security and more helpful information to our nursery team. Thank you again to everyone who has faithfully served. Please see Brook Rhodes if you are interested in volunteering for the nursery.

## Women's Ministry

*Our mission is to encourage and equip the women of Church Creek to be active disciples of Christ by offering bible studies, prayer meetings, and fellowship opportunities.*

The CCP women's ministry team added three new members in the fall, including Robin Cooper, Ashley Chandler, and Danielle Benn.

We provided a Bible study on Ruth with both morning and evening options to the women of Church Creek. We also organized the annual cookie exchange.

In 2024, the team will continue providing an evening and morning Bible study that will cover the book of Esther. We are working on new opportunities for fellowship for the women of CCP, so be on the lookout for more details coming soon!

Committee Members: Katie Guffey, Robin Cooper, Ashley Chandler, and Danielle Benn

## Committee Chairpersons

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## International Missionary Highlight

January 2024 | Aaron and Rachel Halbert



Aaron and Rachel Halbert serve in Tegucigalpa, Honduras with Mission to the World. Aaron was born and spent the early part of his life in Honduras. Rachel is a Mississippi delta girl who fell in love with missions through short term trips to Haiti. Because of the impact missions had upon each of their lives there was always a deep desire to live overseas. God, in His kindness, opened the door for them to do church planting in Tegucigalpa after seminary. In 2017, Aaron, alongside a national partner, planted Iglesia Presbiteriana Gracia Soberana. Rachel and the kids enjoy serving alongside Aaron while opening their home through hospitality and finding ways to build relationships in the church, the kids' school, and with neighbors. The hope and prayer for the coming years is to continue church planting, establish a seminary, develop an internship program for potential church planters, start campus ministry, and open a publishing house.

### Prayer Requests:

- 1) Please be praying for one of our national partners who is continuing his studies at Puritan Reformed Seminary in Grand Rapids. He is getting his ThM and will be there for another 1.5 years. Pray for wisdom and diligence with his studies. Also, pray it will be a fruitful time of preparation for the work he will be doing with the seminary here!
- 2) Pray for the ongoing process with our church building. We have purchased the building, but now we have to work through reasoning and future building plans. Pray for patience for us as we have to deal with the government here, which isn't the easiest.
- 3) Pray for us as we have one missionary who is finishing up RTS online and looks to be heading toward ordination next year. Pray for his continued diligence and wisdom as we think about what the future might hold when he finishes.
- 4) We are very grateful that Josh and Liz Johnson will be joining our team. Josh will be coming to plant a church and help with the seminary. They are currently in the fundraising process and Lord willing will be here next year. Pray for their transition and fundraising.
- 5) Finally, we give thanks to God for all these wonderful things and bless His name and ask you to rejoice with us. And at the same time, there are lots of moving parts. Please pray for diligence and wisdom for me and the leadership of the Church.

## Local Ministry Highlight

The Charleston Christian School | Ashley Chandler, Head of School



### THE CHARLESTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

[www.charlestonchristian.org](http://www.charlestonchristian.org)

The Charleston Christian School celebrates 41 years of God's faithfulness this year. Specifically, we praise God for the following:

- ❖ CCS serves 148 students in West Ashley in grades K-8.
- ❖ CCS is committed to partnering with families and churches in West Ashley. CCS serves families in over 30 different churches in West Ashley.
- ❖ Our Faculty and staff members are devoted Christians who are dedicated to helping students grow academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Of our 21 faculty and staff members, 8 are members of Church Creek Presbyterian or our sister church Redeemer Presbyterian.
- ❖ CCS is accredited through the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA)
- ❖ CCS offers two high school credit classes, Algebra 1 and Spanish 1.
- ❖ Our weekly chapel services provide opportunities for our students to worship together and grow in discipleship. Our chapel speakers include current and former CCS teachers, as well as local pastors and youth pastors. Students recite memory verses and catechism questions during chapel. Our middle school students have monthly small group chapels with their teachers to foster spiritual growth.
- ❖ Sports offerings include: Jr. Girls Volleyball, Sr. Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Jr. Boys Basketball, Sr. Boys Basketball, and Co-Ed Soccer.
- ❖ Due to the generous support of Church Creek, Grace on the Ashley, and individual donors, we are able to make Christian education affordable to families across different economic backgrounds. Approximately half of our students receive some form of financial assistance.
- ❖ Church Creek members receive a 20% discount on tuition.

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