

## CPC Congregational Meeting Fall 2023

### **Abiding as the Body of Christ**

*Colossians 3:12-17 - "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

- Centrality of Christ - from vv.1-4
- Transformed Relationships

### **1 | What Specifically Do We Want to Strive For?**

- **From the Shepherd Leader retreat**
  - "Joyful"
  - "Relational"
  - "Vulnerable"
  - "Deep yet humble"

### **2 | How Do We Hope God Will Work Toward This Culture?**

#### **Majoring in the Majors:**

#### **1. Sundays**

#### **1. Worship**

#### **1. Sermon Series:**

1. September 10-Oct. 8: Total Christ (with "Abiding in Total Christ" Journals)
2. Fall: Ephesians (with Scripture Journals)
3. Spring: Exodus (with Scripture Journals)

4. *New Weekly Podcast: BEYOND the Sunday Sermon*, with pastors and lay folks discussing the sermon during the week.

**2. Music:**

1. Add 1-2 songs per Sunday
2. Led by new Music Coordinator, yay!

**2. Adult Sunday Studies**

1. "What We Believe: Knowing and Loving our Doctrines" - Confessional Theology 2.0

**3. Children's Sunday School**

**4. Fellowship Lunch Every Week**

1. With occasional hymn sing

**2. Small Groups**

1. **Life Groups** - our way of doing church in the small with all sorts of people engaged in prayer, teaching, fellowship and care.

1. Downtown New Haven Wednesday - Colleen Rice
2. Downtown New Haven Thursday - Joshua Kebaran
3. Shoreline Saturday - Cliff Bogue
4. Trumbull Saturday - Stacy Roney
5. East Rock Sunday - Kaitlyn Jessee
6. Hamden-Cheshire Sunday - Julie Walker
7. West Side (Woodbridge/Westville) Sunday - Miranda Healy

2. **Discipleship Groups** - focus on the application of the gospel to every aspect of life and on living and sharing truth through mutual accountability, study, and prayer.

1. Men's - David Taylor
2. Women's - Diane Miller
3. Mom's - Meg Bogue
4. Young at Heart (60+) - Stacy Roney

**3. Pastoral Care**

**1. Regular pastoral care visits**

1. 1x/year - About 70 "units" of members
2. Intentional Relational Growth Chart (draft)

## **2. Pastoral Counseling**

1. 1-4x/month for counseling, or teaching, or touching base - for anyone, as needed/wanted

## **3. Weekly "drop-in" time with Pastor Craig Friday 7-10am**

## **4. Mercy**

1. Hospital visits
2. Care and communion for shut-ins

## **Minoring in the Minors**

### **1. Target Ministries**

#### *1. By Demographics:*

1. Children
2. Youth
3. College
4. Grad
5. Men's
6. Women's

#### *2. Pastor's Book Selection -*

1. Fall - Scazzero, *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*
2. Winter - Thompson, *The Soul of Shame*

#### *3. New Haven Outreach Team*

#### *4. Short Term Missions - form a team for Summer 2025 Trip*

#### *5. Other*

1. Worship Bulletin Under Construction
2. Additional Events (see Calendar)

### **2. Leadership Updates**

1. Session/WLB Schedule - every other month, with smaller monthly prayer times
2. Elder Tweed
3. Elder Levesque on one-year Sabbatical
4. New Elders to be Ordained in the Fall, God willing!
5. New Women Leaders to be Commissioned in the Fall, God willing!

### **3. Finance Report**

1. Praise God for the generosity of His people these last 6 months!