



CPC QUARTERLY

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Summer 2010



9:30 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Sunday Studies

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Welcome by the Pastor:

Perhaps you heard me say it prior to one of our worship services, or right before we shared sacred bread and wine together, but we really do mean it when we say, “you are safe here!”

CPC is not about a denomination to exclude you by, or a set of rules to judge you or a place for people that think they have it all together! CPC includes all of us regardless of our spiritual context or history that are in some way in journey toward being in communion with Christ! So relax and enjoy the journey with us toward Jesus Christ.

Oh and one more thing, would you join us for our popular “CPC Café”? It's free to all who are visitors and/or just don't have any change on them for whatever reason.

Hope to see you there!
Preston

Our Study on the Book of Romans

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

The epistles are letters to congregation to remind them of the gospel that they might not follow false teachings. We too are one of those congregations who must study the scriptures that we might not go astray. In Acts 17, Paul flees an angry mob in Thessalonica in order to bring the gospel to Berea. Verse 11 states, “Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” The Bereans were praised for their faithfulness, not to their own understanding, but to the holy scriptures. They were able to see the necessity of Christ's suffering and being raised from the dead from the scriptures. Consequently they believed Paul's message and many were saved. This very understanding of how all of scripture points to Christ was exposed by Jesus himself in Luke 24. There we see him, on the day of his resurrection, walking with two of his followers on the road to Emmaus, “And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

So as we continue in our study of Romans, I exhort you to read ahead, to contemplate the sermon, and to hold everything said up against God's holy word. Take note in the weekly email where will be in the next service and let us examine the scriptures together. During the summer, we will be having sermon discussions following the service. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and to further explore the passage with the preacher.



Summer Schedule

9:30am Worship

May 30th to August 29th

**Christian Faith & Practice
With Dr. Drew Trotter**

June 6th

Congregational Meeting

June 13th

**Sermon Discussion & Sunday
School at 11:15am**

June 20th to July 25th

Summer Wednesday Nights

June 16th to July 28th

Live at 135

June 17th

**Theology Camp Celebratory
Church-wide Picnic**

July 9th

Church Welcome Picnic

August 29th

Haiti Missions Trip

A team from CPC will be serving in the town of Mirebalais with Great Commission Alliance (GCA), a Christian missions and relief organization that has been working in Haiti since 2000. GCA is associated with Mission to North America and has a long-term vision for church planting and meeting physical needs through working with local civic and church networks. In recent months refugees from Port au Prince have tripled the size of pre-earthquake Mirebalais. The team will be helping distribute food trucked to Mirebalais in shipping containers, serving at a GCA-sponsored orphanage, helping with VBS with local kids, and possibly doing ESL with the people of Mirebalais. Prayer needs include traveling mercies, adjustment to the heat and humidity of the Haitian rainy season, and especially that their time in Mirebalais would serve to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those they meet.

WEDNESDAYS AT CPC

5:30 pm Vespers & Kids Club 6:30 Dinner 7:30 College Study

Kids Club

Get ready for a summer of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and all-around fun! Hannah Chen will be leading the kids through *Paul's Race, God's Grace*, part of the *Walk With Me, Jesus* curriculum.

College Bible Study

Following dinner, the college students will be studying the book of Hebrews. They will be led by Craig Luekens as they are all encouraged to continue in the grace of Jesus Christ. This is for all college students, incoming and current, in New Haven for the summer.

Vespers: A Service of Prayer and Song

Do wish you spent more time in prayer? Does rush hour get under your skin? Don't spend it in traffic, come to vespers!

The name "vespers" come from the Latin word for evening. Evening prayer has long been a part of church life and we are excited to be opening our doors to the city of New Haven for a mid-week service of prayer and song. This will be a liturgical service lasting about 45 minutes which will lead us through prayers, music, scripture, and homily. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your co-workers, to take a break in your busy week, and to enjoy the communion we share with Christ.

Live at 135

June 17 at 7

During the Arts and Ideas Festival, we will be hosting a concert featuring Grammy award-winning dobro and fiddle player Stacy Phillips. Together with Paul Howard, he will be playing Americana and original music ranging from jazz to Caribbean to Hawaiian. This will be followed by a Hot Off the Press reception.

Grad/Pro Summer Study

Thursdays at CPC at 7:30

This summer the Grad/Pro group will come together to study one of the most powerful teachings of Jesus. The Sermon on the Mount may be the most familiar and yet least understood parts of the Bible. It is theologically rich yet eminently practical, covering most of the pressing topics of the Christian life: prayer, anxiety, lust, marriage, discipline, hypocrisy, and forgiveness. The study will be pastor led but very interactive as we see to apply this to our lives today.

Theology Camp

July 5-8, 9 am—12:30 pm

A camp full of summer fun and an opportunity to discover God and His redeeming presence, that's what theology camp is all about. The high school students will once again be working their way through J.I. Packer's *Concise Theology*, studying the church and defending their beliefs against Rev. Graham's atheist alter ego. We will also be heading to Boston and the North Shore for a tour through our Puritan heritage with a bit of fun on the side on Thursday and Friday.