

I think this is my eighth mission trip with CCPC. Five to West Virginia, one to Pittsburgh, a Living Waters trip to Honduras, and now a trip to Johnson City, Tennessee. All of these trips are unique. Each is part retreat with the intergenerational team of volunteers who you work with, share meals and fellowship with, and get to know. Justin always has some great group activities to make everyone feel welcome and connected. Nightly trips to Dairy Queen add levity. They are also work trips. We either frame and enclose a new house or repair an older structure. We usually work side by side with members of the family who will be making it their first real home.

This year we did not get to meet the Trusty family. This family unit consists of a grandmother, her daughter and husband, and two grandchildren. They will share this 1000 sq. ft four bedroom, two bathroom, house with a great, north facing front porch. This porch will be the place to be in the hot summers.

This was our first trip working with Appalachian Service Project (ASP). ASP is a Methodist affiliated group founded in 1966 by a man who wanted to bring hope and opportunity to the working poor in Appalachia. Most of ASP's work is in repairing homes (oftentimes trailers) that have become unsafe.

The founder believed that Christians from more prosperous parts of the country would come to know and love the people who lived in a region known for its grinding poverty. ASP has done amazing work over the years building homes and hearts.

Going to Johnson City was less a culture shock than I expected. The communities we visited were prosperous. They had the same food franchises you find in Maryland suburbs. The kids noticed the massive American flags flying alongside Interstate 81 and the astonishing number of churches. There were more fireworks stores and gun shops than you can count. The one that caught my eye was "Gunrunners Inc" located in a large building with a huge picture of an AK-47 next to large Cross that said, "Jesus is Lord." Praise God and pass the ammunition.

Our accommodations were great. We stayed in the Bones Trail Baptist Church. Most everything in the area was named after Daniel Bone. Ironically, the house we worked on was located at 607 Jackson Ave. Jackson is a short street named after the nation's seventh President, Tennessee native, Andrew Jackson. We had a cook who provided robust southern breakfasts and delicious evening meals. He also had a food truck we visited at the Kingsport Fourth of July Celebration. His truck advertised "southern BBQ." He served what we affectionately referred to as Hipster BBQ --- pulled pork in a style more commonly found in Seattle than in Memphis. Delicious. It prepared us for the great fireworks display.

I love visiting different parts of our country. Alexis de Tocqueville makes the point in his classic *Democracy in America* that everywhere he visited in America he noticed how intrigued people were with travel, with the possibilities it might open up, especially if they felt stuck or found themselves in a broken situation. Psalm 27 says that each of us is seeking after the same thing, "to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, and to behold the beauty of the Lord."

Henri Nouwen once wrote that home is the place where you discover your true belovedness --- the place God meets you, just as you are. We take these trips because we believe God has the power to make something wonderful and beautiful out of all the broken pieces in our homes, so they can become places where we discover our true belovedness.

Grace and peace,
James Brassard

Deacons Need Knitters!

We send prayer shawls to CCPC members who are sick and need comfort.
For more information, please contact Priscilla Bouie at 301-262-4906.

Directory Photos

We will be taking pictures before and after the 10:00 am worship service through July and the first Sunday in August. If you cannot make it in to have your pictures taken, please send one in jpeg format to Robin at ccpcbowie@verizon.net.

Farewell!

Dearest CCPC Friends,

We have been a part of CCPC forever and we will miss everyone and everything about it! As many of you know, we were both raised at CCPC. We met through Youth Group. We were married right there in Dodds Hall (before it was called Dodds Hall - it was the sanctuary). We returned home from wherever we were stationed to have our boys baptized with their grandparents. We returned to raise them. Now we are back in Arizona and loving the clear blue skies, the pine trees and the lack of humidity. We still miss you all and will be back soon to visit. Our home is open to visitors so let us know when you want to come see us! Thank you for helping our parents raise us and for helping us raise our kids!

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Memorial Brick Ceremony

The Annual Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held at **12 Noon on Sunday, September 29, 2019**

The deadline for brick orders is by 9 AM, Friday, July 31st .

Bricks are \$50.00 each.

The order forms are in the church office or you can contact Robin in the church office (301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net) and she can assist you with the form over the phone or email it to you.

Social Media Changes

We are upgrading our social media presence, shifting from a closed Facebook group to a public page that is more easily shared with the community. Look for [Christian Community Presbyterian Church – CCPC](#), and Like and Follow us on [Facebook](#) and ccpcbowie on [Instagram](#). Private group will remain for our internal announcement and prayer concerns.

Thank You!

Dear CCPC,

On behalf of my entire family, I wish to pass along a message of sincere thanks and gratitude for all that was provided to our family and friends as we mourned the passing and honored the memory of our mother Margaret Lu Miller. Specifically, Rev. James Brassard for his support, compassion, patience and leadership and Jan Butler and the deacons who worked so hard to set up Dodds Hall and make our luncheon special. Thanks also to Rick Osborne for providing us with music for the service, Dennis Evans for coordinating the song lyrics, scriptures and slide show on the big screen for all of us to see and enjoy and Robin Seekford for providing us with the memorial program. Personally, we would like to thank all of our church family for their outpouring of prayers and compassion in our time of loss in the form of sympathy cards, personal messages and in-person hugs! We have been truly lifted up and humbled.

With love and gratitude: Barry, Linda & Cory Miller, Rhiannon and David Brown

JULY 13—31, 2019

Saturday, July 13, 2019

7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread
9:00 AM Spiritual-based Health Program -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Sunday, July 14, 2019

10:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary
2:00 PM Youth Pool Party -- The Brassard's Home

Monday, July 15, 2019

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
12 Noon 80's Bash Luncheon -- Olive Garden - Bowie Town Center

Thursday, July 18, 2019

No Events Scheduled

Friday, July 19, 2019

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, July 20, 2019

9:00 AM Spiritual-based Health Program -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Sunday, July 21, 2019

10:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary
6:00 PM Combined Youth Group -- Dodds Hall

Monday, July 22, 2019

8:00 AM Bolden Fields Arts Academy Summer Camp -- Dodds Hall

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

8:00 AM Bolden Fields Arts Academy Summer Camp -- Dodds Hall
10:30 AM Lady Tigers -- Parlor

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

8:00 AM Bolden Fields Arts Academy Summer Camp -- Dodds Hall
8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
6:00 PM Southern Comforters Quilt Guild -- Dodds Hall

Thursday, July 25, 2019

8:00 AM Bolden Fields Arts Academy Summer Camp -- Dodds Hall

Friday, July 26, 2019

8:00 AM Bolden Fields Arts Academy Summer Camp -- Dodds Hall

Saturday, July 27, 2019

7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread
9:00 AM Spiritual-based Health Program -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Youth Retreat Begins -- Montreat
10:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary

Monday, July 29, 2019

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom

August 1—15, 2019

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Youth Retreat -- Montreat
7:00 PM BSA Troop 1009 Meeting -- Dodds Hall Classroom

Friday, August 2, 2019

Youth Retreat -- Montreat

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Youth Retreat -- Montreat
9:00 AM Spiritual-based Health Program -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Sunday, August 4, 2019

10:00 AM Blended Worship Service w/Communion -- Sanctuary

Monday, August 5, 2019

7:00 PM Straight from the Source Bible Study -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

7:00 PM BSA Planning Meetings -- Dodds Hall Classroom

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom
7:00 PM B&G Committee Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Thursday, August 8, 2019

7:00 PM BSA Troop 1009 Meeting -- Dodds Hall Classroom

Saturday, August 10, 2019

7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread
9:00 AM Spiritual-based Health Program -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Sunday, August 11, 2019

10:00 AM Blended Worship Service -- Sanctuary
6:00 PM Combined Youth Group -- Dodds Hall

Monday, August 12, 2019

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

10:30 AM Lady Tigers -- Parlor

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

6:00 PM Southern Comforter's Quilt Guild -- Dodds Hall

Thursday, August 15, 2019

7:00 PM BSA Troop 1009 Meeting -- Dodds Hall Classroom

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Please remember CCPC in your will

CCPC, the first Protestant church in Levitt Bowie, was born from a passion for Christian mission in the local community, and this focus continues.

Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community, and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.



Belair Cooperative Nursery School

The school is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization. It's located in the CE Building of Christian Community Presbyterian Church.

Call 301-464-5782 or Email info@belaircoop.org

www.belaircoop.org



Imagine - Yoga & Wellness Center

Located in the CE building, offers yoga and a variety of wellness programs to CCPC members and the community. For more information, visit www.ImagineThePlace.com, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail info@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

