

This year marked my third visit to the Montreat conference center in North Carolina and its annual youth conference. For those of you have not been there before, Montreat is bit of a throwback in terms of its look, layout and culture. The scenery is breathtaking and probably the only place on the East Coast that truly reminds me of growing up in Oregon. The people are kind, walk everywhere and generally move at a slower pace. They also embrace the fact that there is a large ever-present bear population which is only defended against by sophisticated locks on their trash cans. From its iconic arched entry to its wonderful Lookout Mountain, Montreat is the epitome of a location designed to encourage rest for the weary, a retreat from the worries of the world and reconnection with our God in Heaven.

The conference's theme both in motto and song was "Let Love Lead." Our group very quickly determined we liked the theme, but the song would need to grow on us, which eventually it did. The schedule for each day is broken up into four main sessions: 1. A morning keynote address which is always opened up by Montreat's signature "Energizers" (an effective wake up tool for both teens and adults) 2. Two small group sessions of 90 minutes with a lunch break in the middle. 3. An afternoon and late evening recreation time. 4. An evening worship service which mostly follows the format of our traditional liturgy while using many contemporary versions of that liturgy.

The "Let Love Lead" theme drew from biblical passages such as the Prodigal Son, the woman with the alabaster jar, and showing love to your sibling before you can love to the world. The small group sessions are designed to provide a safe and comfortable environment for students to share their experiences, struggles and the realities of their faith. Students are broken up into groups with various students from the conference, which not only gives them an opportunity to meet other students from other churches, but gives different views and perspectives from students outside their group. While small groups are generally everyone's favorite part of the week, factors such as how comfortable the small group leader makes them or the combination of students are all important in shaping each students small group experience. Overall our students were very pleased with their small group time and immediately gained several new Instagram followers to show for their week of relationship building.

The biggest difference at this year's conference was the music. What was once the highlight of the trip for many of the teens left them found wanting. This was largely due to the fact that our contemporary service at CCPC is now ahead of the curve in terms of reaching students and encouraging them in a way that combines their current culture with a love for Jesus. A big thanks goes out Sam and Rick for spoiling our students with excellent music that fills that need for them.

Another difference that was reflected both in the music and the conference was the diversity within the conference. The conference was both multicultural and multidenominational; they played global music and Zion Baptist church was one of the participating denominations. This was a welcome sight for our diverse group of students.

Lastly I want to mention the highlight of everyone's night, our conference preacher Rev. Amos Disasa. From a small village in Ethiopia, Rev. Disasa was able to weave personal experiences into individual stories and connect them in a way we had never heard before. Two of his most memorable concepts was how he introduced a 4th character in prodigal son story – home and how the concept of home is what makes this story so relatable. Rev. Amos was also adamant that we can't begin to say we love God without being able to show love to one another. He challenged us to make sure that everyone knew that following Jesus meant having a "seat at the table" for everyone; not just for those that are popular or wealthy. If you're ever in Dallas be sure and check out his home church.

This year's Montreat Youth Conference was a fulfilling and worthwhile experience for all 13 of our students and our adults. I want to thank our incredible volunteers Skip Oates and Kristen McDermott for all of their hard work throughout the week and the congregation for its continued support of this wonderful event.

In Christ,
Justin Devine

Back to Our Regular Schedule!



On Sunday, September 8, we go back to our regular schedule:

Two Worship Services:

9:00 am — This is a **Contemporary Service**, led by a worship band, and includes congregational singing, special music, scripture reading, sermon and prayers of the people. Children's Church for ages 3-12.

11:00 am—Following the Presbyterian Order of Worship, the **Blended Service** includes several music styles. Congregational singing is led by the Celebration Choir. Children's Church for ages 3-12.

Both services will celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Baptisms and special congregational observances take place at both services. An audio recording of the Scripture readings and the sermon is available online each Monday morning.

**Children's Handbell Choir
Rehearsals at 9:30 am**

**Children's Choir Rehearsals at
10:00 am**

**Sunday School and
Adult Education at 10:00 am**

Adult Education!

Adult Education classes are at 10am and held in the Adult Education Conference room

September 8

Living Waters for the World team report

September 15, 22, and 29, 2019

Independence 401: Independent Living Alternatives

This 3-session course is designed to foster awareness among older adults (50+), as well as for the concerned children of older adults, about independent living alternatives for those transitioning into "retirement". Attendees will explore the pros and cons of popular and lesser-known options, plus real-life experiences. Also, attendees will probe the finer points of the decision process of where and how to continue to live as independently as possible. Additionally, for those preferring to age-in-place in their own homes, the instructor will guide a discussion about the nuances of how to prepare a current or new home in which to joyfully thrive.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 25 at the 10:00 am service we will be "Blessing the Backpacks"
(and the students and teachers who are wearing them!)

Bring your children and grandchildren for our annual blessing before the school year begins.

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. Our private group will remain for our internal announcement and prayer concerns.

Thank You

Dear CCPC Family,

Although this is long overdue, our family wishes to thank everyone so much for all the cards of sympathy and get well cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and especially the prayers. They all help brighten a "down day". Our Collington neighbors were a special blessing so close by. We thank all who helped with the Memorial Service and the very special luncheon; also the Deacons with all their planning to consider Cal's interests. I especially want to thank James for his guidance and being there when we needed him. I feel blessed to be a part of such a caring and supportive Church family.

Lois Pals and family

Dear CCPC Family,

On behalf of my family I wish to express my sincere thanks for all that was provided to honor the memory of Lorraine Donoian. The service was outstanding and the reception was wonderful. I would like to thank Reverend James Brassard for his help and insight in planning the service, to Shirley Cooke and the Deacon's for their help in setting up Dodd's Hall and preparing the tasty lunch that we shared, to Jan and John Butler for the creative centerpieces, to Olivia MacMillan for the beautiful solo that she performed and to Betsy Lord who provided the wonderful organ and piano music.

I would also like to add thanks to Dennis Evans and the way he coordinated the music to the slides and to Robin Seekford for all of her work on the memorial program. Robin was a big help to me in just getting through the process. Personally, I wish to thank all of our church family for the compassion, sympathy cards and prayers for me and the rest of my family.

With love: Steve Donoian, David and Donna Werner, Billy Werner and John Rieder

Got Choir?



I would like to invite you to consider joining our choir for the fall months without making any commitment for the entire season. The fall could provide an opportunity to discover whether or not my direction of the choir feels like a “good fit” for you.

Additionally, you would have the opportunity to experience our fellowship and discover some of the exciting new anthems that are being prepared in the coming months.

The Celebration Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening
beginning August 28th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
If interested, please contact Rick Osborne.

If you feel you cannot join our choir at this time, you can still be a valued asset by praying for our efforts as we begin this new season of the music ministry at CCPC.

I hope to see you in our choir sometime this fall!

Blessings,

Rick Osborne





The Coffee Crew Needs You!

We have been blessed with a dedicated rotation of members who come in an hour before the first service to set up our coffees and tea. If you appreciate their efforts and want to help, but are just not a morning person, do we have the volunteer opportunity for you! We are recruiting a rotation of volunteers to clean up our coffee service after the last service - or sometime before Tuesday morning.

If you are able to help, please call or text Ann Fleming at 301-233-1694 or email at ann@annspeacefulpractices.com.

Contribution Statements

Due to a lack of interest in our midyear contribution statements we will not be printing them this year. A lot of time and effort goes into producing them and giving them out.

If anyone wishes to still receive a statement please let me know by email at donoi-an@verizon.net. If you do not have email please call me at 301-261-7941.

We will of course prepare statements at the end of the year.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Steve Donoian, Financial Secretary

**JOIN
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Sunday, August 18
2:30 pm — 3:30 pm
AND

Saturday, August 24
10 am — 11 am

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**Let us continue to grow and serve
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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.*



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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

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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.

