

# The Lord's Service

January 15, 2023

*\*Standing together is our ordinary practice,  
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

## God Calls Us

### Call to Worship

Only God Himself can call us into worship. He sets the terms for worship because, through His Son, He makes worship possible.

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 100.1-5

**LEADER:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**PEOPLE:** **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

**LEADER:** Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**PEOPLE:** **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

**LEADER:** Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**PEOPLE:** **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

*Words and Music: Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse, 1989*

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?

Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,

Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,

Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)

\*Invocation

by Elder Woody Brauer

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 5.6-15, 6

LEADER: I am the Lord your God, who brought you  
out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of  
slavery.

PEOPLE: **You shall have no other gods before me.**

LEADER: You shall not make for yourself a carved  
image, or any likeness of anything that is in  
heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath,  
or that is in the water under the earth. You  
shall not bow down to them or serve them;  
for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,  
visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the  
children to the third and the fourth  
generation of those who hate me, but  
showing steadfast love to thousands of those  
who love me and keep my commandments.

### Invocation

This prayer addresses God  
in three persons, asking  
Him to be present with  
us in worship to help  
us worship Him according  
to His will.

### Call to Confession

As we see God in His  
invitation and our praise,  
we cannot help but see  
how we have fallen short.  
God's Holy Scripture has  
the authority to reveal us  
to ourselves and transition  
our hearts to confession.

**PEOPLE:** You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

**LEADER:** Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son or your daughter or your male servant, or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

**PEOPLE:** I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

### Private Confession of Sin

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. This prayer begins with silent confession, followed by corporate confession as people equally in need of God's grace.

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Book of Common Prayer*, London (1789)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2.4-5

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

\*Hymn of Assurance

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1739*

*Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829;*

*arranged by Lowell Mason, 1839*

*Hymnal No. 164*

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 51.1-15 (p. 611)

read by Elder Dee Hobbs

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Sometimes a Light Surprises*

*Words: William Cowper, 1779*

*Music: John Hullah, 1867; arranged by John Wykoff, 2022*

*Sanctuary Choir*

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;  
it is the Lord, who rises with healing in his wings:  
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again  
a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue  
the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new;  
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,  
"Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may."

## Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

## Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

## Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

We set aside a tithe and additional offering of our resources for the purposes of God, for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than ourselves.

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through;  
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too:  
beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;  
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit shall bear,  
though all the field should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;  
yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice,  
for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

### **Doxology**

A doxology is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

### **Prayer of the Church**

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands elders to pray with and for God's people, not just publicly, but privately.

### **Scripture Lesson**

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

### **Sermon**

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Word by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **\*Doxology**

*LASST UNS EFREUEN*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **Prayer of the Church**

by Elder Ken Henry

### **Scripture Lesson**

2 Corinthians 1.3-7 (p. 964)

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. <sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. <sup>6</sup> If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. <sup>7</sup> Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

### **Sermon**

by Pastor Jake Bennett

## **THE SOURCE OF OUR COMFORT**

\*Hymn of Response

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*Text: Joseph Scriven, 1855*

*Music: WHAT A FRIEND, Charles C. Converse, 1868*

*Hymnal No. 629*

\*Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, 2.1  
(1647)

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **There is but one only living and true God,  
who is infinite in being and perfection,  
a most pure spirit, invisible, without body,  
parts, or passions, immutable, immense,  
eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most  
wise, most holy, most free, most absolute,  
working all things according to the counsel  
of His own immutable and most righteous  
will, for His own glory, most loving,  
gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in  
goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity,  
transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them  
that diligently seek Him; and also most just  
and terrible in His judgments; hating all sin;  
and who will by no means clear the guilty.**

\*Gloria Patri

*MEINEKE*

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

## God Commissions Us

\*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13.14  
by Pastor Jake Bennett

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of  
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Postlude

## Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith  
together using statements  
believed by Christians  
over the ages, we join  
in the sweep of Christian  
history even as we await  
the return of Jesus.

## Benediction

Just as God calls us to  
worship at the beginning of  
the service, He graciously  
sends us into our week  
with a blessing (good  
word) founded on the  
redeeming work of Jesus.

# SERMON NOTES

**Title:** The Source of Our Comfort

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

How do I comfort others when I'm afflicted?

The Lord comforts His people.

The source of our comfort

The purpose of our comfort

The endurance of our comfort

## **Mission Statement of CPC**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.*

## **Vision Statement of CPC**

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ, the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.*

## WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please take a moment to fill out one of the Connection Cards located in each pew.

Join us in the lobby for coffee and fellowship before Sunday school. If you are visiting or are newer to Covenant, consider visiting the Essentials class designed for you that meets in the Sanctuary.

We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Bennett preaches from 2 Corinthians 1.8-11.

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For those with children:

Here at Covenant your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Understandably, little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. We have a special bulletin designed for these Little Theologians. They are available in the narthex (don't forget the crayons!). A window-enclosed Family Worship Room (on the right side of the sanctuary) is also available for you to use. It is a place for children to be a little louder and more active. A family restroom and a nursing mothers' room are located in the back of this room. A nursery is available to children who were born after September 1, 2019. Any deacon can direct you there.

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the office at [office@cpccchat.org](mailto:office@cpccchat.org) to make an appointment.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 15

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School Resumes  
Connect Facilitator Meeting - O-100 - 12:15 pm  
Deacons Mtg - O-105 - 12:30 pm

### Tuesday, January 17

Men's Ministry Team Mtg - Lobby - 7 pm

### Wednesday, January 18

CPC Blood Drive - Bloodmobile in Parking Lot - 4:30 pm  
Midweek Meal - O-100 - 5:30 pm  
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes - see website for class list  
Session Mtg - O-105 - 8:15 pm

### Thursday, January 19

Ladies' Titus Study - O-105 - 10 am

### Friday, January 20

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 - 8:30 am  
Five Love Languages of Teens Study - E-111 - 10 am  
Men's Ministry Retreat - Camp Johnston Woods

### Saturday, January 21

Men's Ministry Retreat - Camp Johnston Woods

### Sunday, January 22

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School

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## MORE INFORMATION

Our church website and calendar are updated daily. Visit [cpccchat.org](http://cpccchat.org) for resources, activities, and information about the life of our church.

Contact the church office to request access to our online directory.

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.



# SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Essentials:** Led by Pastor Jake Bennett | Sanctuary

Essentials is an ongoing class designed for visitors who wish to learn more about Covenant. This class addresses our distinctive life, doctrine, and worship as a conservative, Presbyterian, and Reformed church. Essentials is taught by our Pastor and repeats every semester. Each Essentials class opens with a sermon discussion and frequently introduces an officer, ministry leader, or member of staff.

**College-Age/Young Adult Fellowship:** Led by Tim & Bonnie Schoap | O-207

Study: The Spiritual Gifts - to understand what purpose they play in our lives, in ministry to the church, and especially, what our own particular gifting is. The College-Age Fellowship will have a four-fold focus: fellowship, encouragement in prayer, practical application of Scripture, and a foundation in a gospel-centered worldview.

**Every Good Endeavor:** Led by Jason Coffey | E-106

The book *Every Good Endeavor*, by Tim Keller, views our pre-fall mandate to work and how we do that for the glory of God by applying work theology to everyday life as workers, employers, etc. This is a mixed adult class of all ages and is open to everyone.

**The Westminster Confession of Faith:** Led by Ernie Brown/Dee Hobbs | Choir Room

A church history class covering the content and context of the formation of the Westminster confession of faith, which serves as part of the PCA's constitution representing the system of doctrine to which we adhere. This is a mixed adult class of all ages and is open to everyone.

**Hosea:** Led by Judy Foster, Christine Morrison, and Lois Crenshaw | E-111

Structured around five cycles of judgment and restoration, the book of Hosea makes clear its repetitious theme: though God will bring judgment on sin, He will always bring His people back to Himself. The Hosea study class is a ladies-only class.

**Second Corinthians:** Led by Ken Henry | E-104

Second Corinthians encourages believers to embrace and follow the way of Jesus that transforms lives and values generosity, humility, and weakness. This is a mixed adult class and is open to everyone.

**The Gospel of Mark:** Led by Dr. Lamar Allen | O-105

The study will stress key themes from Jesus' ministry. You may attend this class via Zoom, contact [RFox@cpcchatt.org](mailto:RFox@cpcchatt.org) for more information. This study is a mixed adult class of all ages and is open to everyone.

# COVENANT LIFE

## MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Today is the final day to register for the Men's Ministry Retreat next weekend at Johnston Woods (January 20-21). The cost is \$50 to attend. Scholarships are available.

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## LADIES' STUDIES

You are invited to join us as we gather together on Tuesdays and Thursdays around God's Word to encourage one another in our love for Christ and our love for one another.

**Titus:** Begins Thursday, January 19 at 10 am in O-105; led by Bev Mealor

You will see how Paul, entrusted with the proclamation of the Word, passed the baton to his true child in the faith - Titus, who would then in turn entrust God's truths to faithful men. So, what responsibility do you have?

**Continuing in God's Grace: Discussions on Aging:** Begins Tuesday, January 24 at 10 am in E-106; facilitated by Polly Henry

The group will discuss how aging is a part of God's good plan for us and His work of continuing grace in our lives. They will loosely follow the book *Aging Faithfully, The Holy Invitation of Growing Older* by Alice Fryling. You may purchase a copy of this book on your own if you desire.

## 2022 GIVING STATEMENTS

Like last year, all giving statements will be sent digitally to the e-mail address we have on record in ShelbyNext. If you would like your giving statement to be mailed or have any questions, please contact Becky Pearce at [BPearce@cpccchatt.org](mailto:BPearce@cpccchatt.org).

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## CONVERSATIONAL GATHERINGS

Scan the QR Code to sign-up for a Conversational Gathering with an elder. One will contact you and set up a time to meet. You will have the option of meeting one-on-one or with a small group. If you'd prefer, contact the church office to sign up for a Conversational Gathering.



## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Lou Ann Allen on the loss of their wife, mother, and grandmother.

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Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Glen Getz on the loss of their husband, father, and grandfather.

# COVENANT LIFE

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting scheduled for February 19 after worship in the Sanctuary. During this time we will vote to “receive TE Dan Steere’s retirement and, pending Presbytery’s review and approval, to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Dan Steere and Covenant Presbyterian Church.”

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## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The church staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous gifts and love offering this past Christmas season. It is a pleasure working for and with such a loving and supportive congregation.

We eagerly await to see where the Lord directs our steps together for His glory.

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## RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

The Book Resource Ministry would like to draw your attention to a title which is well know to long-time CPC attenders but may be new, and of interest, to recent attenders and members.

Pastor Render Caines (who preached on New Year’s Day) has written a rich resource based on his study and preaching on 1 Corinthians 13 titled *The Most Excellent Way*. It is now available on the resource shelves in the Lobby.

## HEARING ASSISTANCE

If you have trouble hearing or catching all that is spoken during a worship service, we have some hearing assistance devices to help you hear more clearly. The deacons sanitize and distribute these in the Narthex each Sunday and can familiarize you with how to use them.

We are also excited to now offer another hearing assistive technology called *Listen Everywhere*. It is an app that will allow a person’s phone or tablet to connect to a special wifi network at the church. A person will then be able to listen with their own headphones or earbuds that are connected to their wifi device.

The *Listen Everywhere* app can be found in the iOS App Store or Android Google Play Store. You can also scan this QR Code to be directed to download the app.

Once you have launched the app, it will want to set up the connection. Please see one of the deacons in the Narthex to have them finish configuring your connection.



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL/MIDWEEK TEACHER NEEDS

The Children's Ministry is in need of a few teachers for this upcoming semester in both Sunday School and Midweek.

Please contact Sara Southard at [SSouthard@cpccchatt.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpccchatt.org) if you are willing and able to volunteer.

## CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK RESUMES

- 6:00-8:00 pm: **Nursery** (Birth -2 Yrs.)
- 6:15-6:45 pm: **3 & 4 Yrs.** - enter through Nursery  
**Children's Choir (K-5<sup>th</sup>)** - E-201
- 6:45-7:30 pm: **Children's Classes** - E-201-204
- 7:30-8:00 pm: **Children's Activities** - O-100

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Consider volunteering for nursery duty. Contact Bekah Gernhard at [nursery@cpccchatt.org](mailto:nursery@cpccchatt.org) and let her know when you are available to serve.

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

It is almost time to start registering for Youth Summer Camps. How is this even possible!!

Dates and details for the Middle and High School camps will be posted soon. Be watching for more information.

## YOUTH MIDWEEK RESUMES

- 6:30-6:45 pm: **Youth Worship** - O-210
- 6:45-7:30 pm: **Youth Small Groups** - O-210
- 7:30-8:00 pm: **Youth Activities** - O-210/Front Lawn

NURSERY - TODAY	NURSERY - JANUARY 22
Front Desk: Lauren Warren	Front Desk: Tammy Bacon
Worship Volunteers / 9:15 - 10:45 am	
Camille Ambrose (Infant Room) Betta Cook (Infant Room) Capps Brown (Toddler Room) Ezra Harris (Toddler Room)	Leanna Cathey (Infant Room) Ann Kistner (Infant Room) Adam Cathey (Toddler Room) JT Cathey (Toddler Room)
Sunday School Volunteers / 10:45 - 12:15 pm	
Catherine Coffey (Infant Room) Bonnie Folkening (Infant Room)	Sherlyn Hobbs (Infant Room) Bryonie Wykoff (Infant Room)

# MIDWEEK

## ADULT MIDWEEK RESUMES

- 5:30-6:30 pm: **Dinner** - O-100
- 6:00-6:30 pm: **Orchestra** - Sanctuary  
**Bell Choir** - E-102
- 6:45-7:30 pm: **Adult Classes** - see descriptions of the three classes on this page
- Prayer Group** - O-104 and Zoom
- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal** - Choir Room
- 7:30-8:00 pm: **Festival Choir** (for special music events) - Choir Room
- Adult Class Fellowships**

## IRON MAN CLASS

Men are invited to join us for a time of prayer and study in O-207. Scott Barber will facilitate a discussion on the book *Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges. The book looks at the question, “*Have Christians lost a sense of the seriousness of sin by becoming so focused on major sins of our culture that we fail to address our own, more subtle sins?*” Books will be made available during the first class meeting.

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

Join us for a unique class on Temperaments, Character, and Spiritual Gifts led by Dr. Lamar Allen. He is trained and certified in temperament assessment. Class material is based on Scripture, the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator, and the Keirseley Temperament Sorter. Everyone is welcome. This class will meet in O-105. It will also be available via Zoom.

## CPC BLOOD DRIVE

CPC is partnering again with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot this Wednesday, January 18 from 4:30-8:30 pm.

Please be sure to sign-up for your appointment time by visiting [bloodassurance.org/covenant](http://bloodassurance.org/covenant).

You can also scan this QR Code or contact Sherry Baiertl (email: [love2walk@comcast.net](mailto:love2walk@comcast.net) or call: 423-899-5377).



## MATTHEW STUDY

Pastor Bennett will be teaching us how to utilize a manuscript Bible study to read deeper into Scripture. Manuscripts are copies of a passage without verse numbers or chapter divisions. Using the Gospel of Matthew as the primary text, together we will observe, interpret, and apply God's Word. This class will meet in E-111.



**January 18 Soup Night:** Cream of Tomato Soup, French Onion Soup, Cheesy Dipping Bread, Salad Bar, Chocolate Bread Pudding

**January 25:** Honey Mustard Baked Chicken, Creamy Polenta, Green Beans, Homemade Sourdough Bread, Chocolate Pudding

# OUTREACH

## CPC MISSIONARIES TO GREECE



**Mark & Denise**

Mark and Denise serve with TEAM. They are currently serving in Greece. They are using a tent-maker approach to spread the gospel into their field. They use a coffee roasting business as their access into this area of the world. They are relatively new to the field--less than 5 years. Covid really restricted their movements and ability to grow their business in Greece due to the government's restrictions. This excerpt is from their most recent update letter:

*And during this time we were also able to work out an arrangement with Marc's business partners in Knoxville to acquire their interests in Watauga Coffee Company...it was incredible to see God bring this together so quickly. And in addition to the business in Knoxville, God (via a local manufacturer) also delivered a beautiful little coffee roaster which will allow Marc to get things started here in Greece. For His own purposes God seems to be closing 2022 with a bang!*

Please pray for them and their ministry in these particular ways:

- We are seeking an arrangement with Marc's former employer, Vienna Coffee Company, to provide roasted coffee under the Watauga brand. Not only will this allow Watauga to pass muster with the Greek government, it will also provide a bit of income to support our new venture here.
- The Lord is giving us opportunities to encourage others to follow Christ. Some of these include relationships with our landlords, and neighbors. Denise has growing relationships with other moms (non-believers and new believers). Marc is meeting with several young guys (early 30's) as well as with the middle school boys of the youth group.

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## AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE OF UGANDA



The chief aim of all institutions within African Bible Colleges, Inc. (ABC) is to train Christians in Africa for pastoral ministry, Christian service, and leadership skills relevant to the continent. This campus in Uganda offers quality education from a Christian perspective to the surrounding countries of Sudan, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia.

Please pray for this ministry in these particular ways:

- For Dr. Palmer and Joanna Robertson's family and their leadership of ABU Uganda
- For Christian men and women who will transform Africa
- That God would supply student body, faculty, facilities, and finances



