

The Lord's Service

September 28, 2025

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

Prelude

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.

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 Worship

Psalm 104.33-34

LEADER: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

PEOPLE: **May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

*Invocation

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

*Hymns of Adoration & Praise

How Great Thou Art
Hymnal No.44

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

Behold Our God
music on page 8

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus: Behold our God seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? *Chorus*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave;
Jesus Savior risen now to reign. *Chorus*

You will reign forever!
Let Your glory fill the earth! *Chorus*

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 32.3-5

LEADER: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long. For day and
night your hand was heavy upon me; my
strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I
did not cover my iniquity;

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.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

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

PEOPLE: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Corporate Confession of Sin

from Psalter Hymnal (1987)

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love.

Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Psalms 103.8-13

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."

Passing of the Peace

LEADER: The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

**Please stand and extend God's peace to those around you.*

*Hymn of Assurance

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Hymnal No.264

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
free to all — a healing stream —
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star
shed its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 90(p.496)
read by Elder Will McDaniel

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Passing of the Peace

In Christ, we are one family. In this moment, we extend His peace with a handshake, a smile, or a simple greeting. We do this to remind one another of the grace we have received and now share with each other.

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.

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.

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.

Offertory

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever,
even the spirit of truth.*

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Tracy Wright

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2.19-30(p.981)

Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

JOY IN EVERYDAY EXAMPLES

*Hymn of Response

Come All Christians, Be Committed
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Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord;
Make your lives for Him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness,
Each his sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye,
They are gifts from God above;
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim His wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior,
Tithes and offerings with you bring.
In your work, with Him find favor,
And with joy His praises sing.

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis (1505-85), Text: John 14:15-17 (KJV)

Sanctuary Choir

TALLIS' CANON
(Hymnal No.732)

God's command to love each other
Is required of every one;
Showing mercy to a brother
Mirrors His redemptive plan.
In compassion He has given
Of His love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven;
Joy and peace are fully thine.

Come in praise and adoration,
All who in Christ's name believe;
Worship Him with consecration,
Grace and love you will receive.
For His grace give Him the glory,
For the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story
Till mankind His name has heard.

***Confession of Faith Westminster Confession of Faith 11.1**

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: Those whom God effectually called, He also freely justified: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

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.

***Gloria Patri**

GREATOREX

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

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.

***Benediction**

Postlude

Behold Our God

Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

[Verse]



1. Who has held the o - ceans in his_ hands? Who has num - bered ev - ry grain of_ sand?
2. Who has gi - ven coun - sel to the_ Lord? Who can ques - tion a - ny of His_ words?
3. Who has felt the nails u - pon his_ hands, bear - ing all the guilt of sin - ful_ man?



Kings and nat - ions trem - ble at His voice; all cre - a - tion ri - ses to re -
Who can teach the one who knows all things? Who can fa - thom all His wond - rous
God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave; Je - sus, Sa - vior ri - sen now to

[Chorus]



joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His throne; come, let us a - dore Him. Be -
deeds?
reign!



hold our king; no - thing can compare; come, let us a - dore _____ Him!

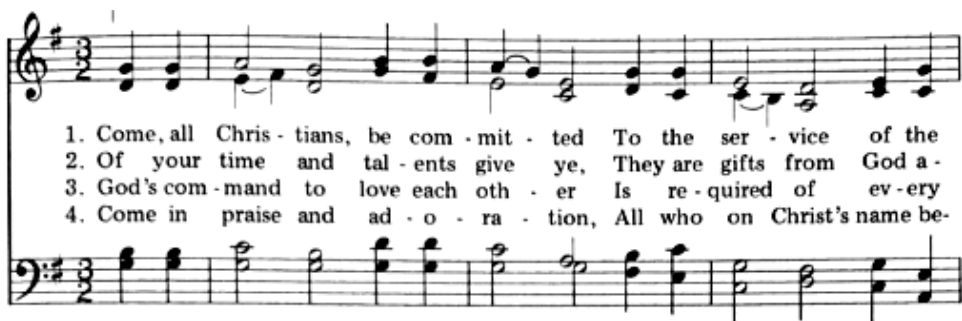
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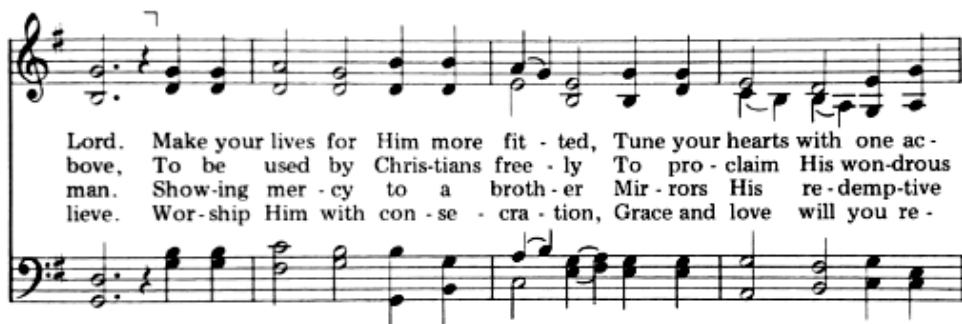
Let your glo - ry fill the Earth!
You will reign for - ev - er!

*(Repeat as directed, then
repeat Chorus to end.)*

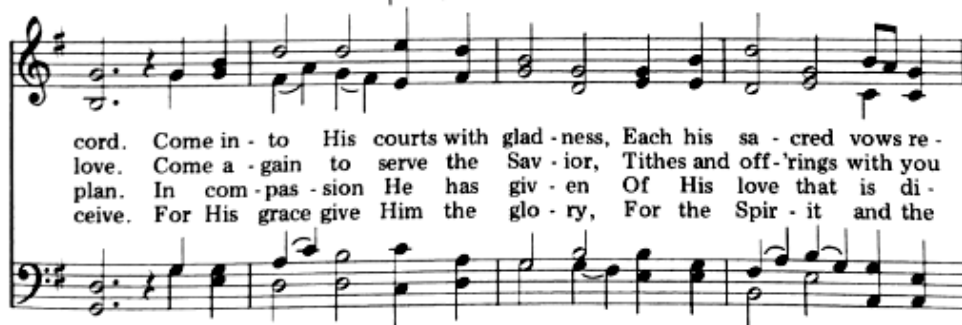
Come, All Christians, Be Committed



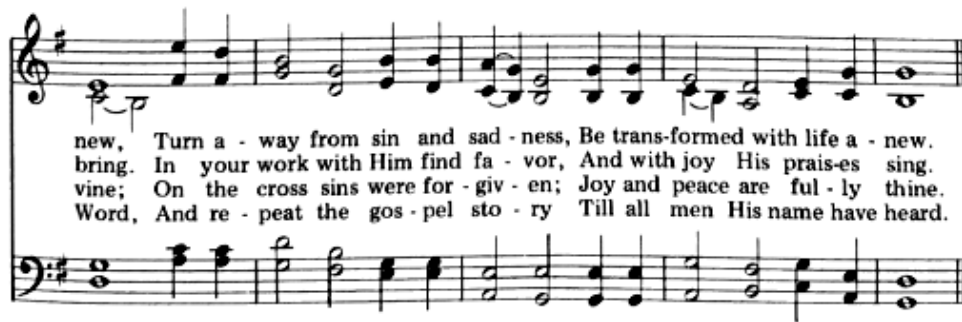
1. Come, all Chris - tians, be com - mit - ted To the ser - vice of the
 2. Of your time and tal - ents give ye, They are gifts from God a -
 3. God's com - mand to love each oth - er Is re - quired of ev - ery
 4. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, All who on Christ's name be -



Lord. Make your lives for Him more fit - ted, Tune your hearts with one ac -
 above, To be used by Chris - tians free - ly To pro - claim His won - drous
 man. Show - ing mer - cy to a broth - er Mir - rors His re - demp - tive
 lieve. Wor - ship Him with con - se - cra - tion, Grace and love will you re -



cord. Come in - to His courts with glad - ness, Each his sa - cred vows re -
 love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, Tithes and off - 'rings with you
 plan. In com - pas - sion He has giv - en Of His love that is di -
 ceive. For His grace give Him the glo - ry, For the Spir - it and the



new. Turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, Be trans - formed with life a - new.
 bring. In your work with Him find fa - vor, And with joy His praises sing.
 vine; On the cross sins were for - giv - en; Joy and peace are ful - ly thine.
 Word, And re - peat the gos - pel sto - ry Till all men His name have heard.

TEXT: Eva B. Lloyd
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844;
 harmonized by James H. Wood

BEACH SPRING
 8.7.8.7.D.

SERMON NOTES

Title: Joy in Everyday Examples

Text: Philippians 2.19-30

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you.²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me,²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

²⁵ I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need,²⁶ for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.²⁷ Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.²⁸ I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.²⁹ So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men,³⁰ for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

Mission Statement of CPC

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

CPC Pastors

David Stephenson (*Senior Pastor*), Bill Massey (*Assistant Pastor of Discipleship*),

Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth & Families*)

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WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please fill out a Connection Card (located in each pew).

Join us in the Lobby for coffee and fellowship before Sunday School. If you are visiting or are wanting to become a member of Covenant, consider attending the *What Is Presbyterian?* Class that meets in Room 120.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor David preaches from Philipians 3.

Finding your way:

Scan the QR code to view a map of our campus. Printed maps can be found on the bulletin board just off the Lobby and outside the Nursery.



For those with children:

Your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. Please take advantage of these helpful tools:

- **Special Bulletin** - designed for our Little Theologians (available in Narthex)
- **Family Worship Room** - where children can be a little louder and more active (windowed room in Sanctuary)
- **Family Restroom and Nursing Mother's Room** (in Family Worship Room)
- **Nursery** - available to children born after September 1, 2022 (deacons can direct you)
- **Calm Kit Bags** - borrow fidgets and tools to help soothe the wiggles during worship (in the Family Worship Room)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 28

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

Tuesday, September 30

Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am

Ladies' Study (*Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*) - Room 119 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 1

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm

Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -

Visit cpcchatt.org for class list

Session Meeting - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, October 2

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200
(*Youth Suite*) - 9:30 am

Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

Friday, October 3

Men's Proverbs Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am

Saturday, October 4

Men's Breakfast - Room 100 - 8:30 am

Sunday, October 5

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am

Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

Website: cpcchatt.org

Online Directory: Contact the church office to request access

Prayer Requests: Email your request or update to prayer@cpcchatt.org

COVENANT LIFE

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sat, Oct 4 • 8:30 am • Room 100

Men, mark your calendar and plan to join us as Will McDaniel shares his personal testimony of God's work in his life. Young men in High school are also invited to join us. Cost: \$5

LADIES' HIKE AND FELLOWSHIP

Sat, Oct 11 • 8 am • Enterprise South

Ladies, you are invited to join us for a hike on Poe Run Path to Hidden Lake and back. Hike options range from 1-3 miles. After the hike, we'll have breakfast at Oaks Coffeehouse. We will meet at Enterprise South Visitors Center, 190 Still Hollow Loop. Email Ginger Holler (gingerholler@yahoo.com) with questions.

Sign-up online
by October 10 ,



YOUTH FALL RETREAT

Oct 17-19 • Camp Vesper Point

Scan the QR Code for more
information and to register.

Registration deadline Oct. 8.



CONGRATULATIONS

The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Lillian Ava Cross, daughter of Brandon & Annabelle Cross born September 17.

CREAMER BABY SHOWER

Sun, Oct 19 • 2 pm • Room 100

McKellan and Rebecca Creamer are expecting a baby boy in December.
Let's celebrate and help them get ready!
They are registered on Amazon.

OCC PREP DAY

Tue, Oct 21 • 9 am • Rooms 121-122

Everyone is invited to help prepare for this year's Operation Christmas Child outreach. We will count and separate items for packing day, fold OCC shoeboxes, and decorate the OCC Christmas tree.

MARRIAGE MINISTRY RETREAT

Fri, Mar 13 - Sun, Mar 15
Oak Haven Resort in the Smokies

Save the date! More details to come.

CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The October birthday/anniversary calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

COVENANT LIFE

LADIES' Fall Fellowship

October 17-18 at CPC



Speaker:
Lois Ann Atkinson
"Gospel Hospitality"

**Sign up
Online
by Oct 15**



Childcare: Nursery provided
**Cost: FREE (bring dessert
& recipe on Friday)**

Questions? Email:
jaynelea@comcast.net

Join us as we explore gospel hospitality with short talks by Lois Ann Atkinson, and as we fellowship with food, discussions, and games around the table. There will also be an interview with our pastor's wife, Kelly. On Friday night, soup will be provided by the WM team. Bring a favorite dessert (and recipe) to share, if you are able. Breakfast will be provided Saturday morning

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry is collecting individually wrapped candy to give away during our upcoming Reformation Celebration on Wednesday, October 29. Please leave the sweet treats in the church office by Wednesday, October 22.

ASL INTERPRETER

For the deaf community, we are now offering an ASL interpreter in our Sunday morning services. Please spread the word.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Want to become a member of our Covenant Presbyterian family? Please contact the office at office@cpcchatt.org to make an appointment.

COVENANT LIFE

UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

- Oct 1:** Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole, Peas, Salad Bar, Brownies & Ice Cream
- Oct 8:** Boneless Wings, French Fries, Salad Bar, M&M Cookie Bars
- Oct 15:** Minestrone Soup, Homemade Bread, Salad Bar, Oatmeal Pie Squares
- Oct 22:** Chicken Cobbler, Salad Bar, Cherry Pie Bars

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online (cpcchatt.org/give or scan QR code)



The cost per meal is suggested only. If you don't have the full amount, don't worry. Pay what you can. Visitors enjoy a free meal.

FOOD ALLERGY INFO

If you have food allergies/dietary restrictions and want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at ECalloway@cpcchatt.org.

RUNNING LATE FOR SUPPER?

If you realize that you will be arriving late for our Midweek meal, you can text Emily by 6:15 pm at 423.432.1743 with your name and ask for a boxed meal to be set aside for you to pick up when you arrive.

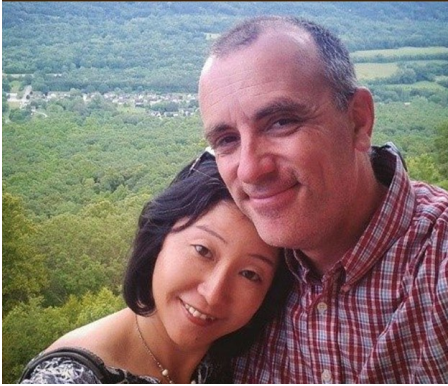
NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Tammy Bacon	Jayda Bradley Barbara Leach Sarah Wade	Jeannie Hall Abby Sotelo Kristin Sotelo	Bev Fowler Bekah Gernhard	Abby Knecht Sarah McCurry

NURSERY SCHEDULE - OCT 5

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Stacy Collins	Grace Durgin Marie Horton Dawn Reynolds	Camille Ambrose Wesley Durgin Debby Gardner	Brooke Lieving Timothy Lieving	Ryan Hostetler Lily McDaniel Peyton McDaniel

MISSIONS



Dan & Mako Gilcrist

Ministry Focus:

Dan serves full-time with ELI and has primary responsibility for three training partnerships in Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania. He is also responsible for receiving and processing requests from prospective faculty members as well as Christian leaders seeking leadership training partnerships. Mako is responsible for ELI's social media communications in addition to her full-time responsibilities as a mother and registrar at a local school.

Prayer:

- For wisdom and skill of God's grace as Dan takes on new responsibilities as ELI's inaugural Director of Operations;
- For the remaining funds needed for the coming year of ministry, our growing partnership with Bishop Gitonga in Kenya, establishing new partnerships, coordinating our various teams in East Africa



**Amani/Livingstone Café
Chattanooga**

Ministry Focus:

Amani ya Juu (“peace from above” in Swahili) is a sewing and reconciliation program for marginalized women established in Nairobi, Kenya, with a sister center in Uganda.

Joanna and Pete Vaughn team-lead the Chattanooga center. Amani Chattanooga houses the US Warehouse and is specifically dedicated to coordinating the Sale Program and managing Amani's Online Shop. A lovely store and coffee shop are located at 420 S Willow Street.

Prayer:

- For Pete and Joanna Vaughn, their children, and the staff at Amani Ya Juu
- For success of the Livingstone coffee shop and Amani store in Chattanooga
- For the makers of all the crafts in Kenya and their growth in Christ