

# The Lord's Service

November 26, 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

2 Samuel 22.47

LEADER: The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,

PEOPLE: **And exalted be my God,  
the rock of my salvation.**

\*Hymn of Adoration

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*Text: Henry Alford (1844, 1867)*

*Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey (1859)*

*Hymnal No. 715*

### 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.

\*Invocation

by Elder Jim Hildebrand

## God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 6.4-6

LEADER: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

PEOPLE: **And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.**

### 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.

Private Confession of Sin

## Corporate Confession of Sin

written by Henry Smith, London (16<sup>th</sup> century)

**O Lord, let not your law be a cursing to our consciences. Give us grace under this extreme and heavy burden of sin, to be fully persuaded that you by your death have taken away all our sins, and fulfilled the law for us, and by this means have delivered us from the curse of the law and paid our ransom. And then, being thus fully persuaded, may we have quiet and settled hearts, and a free conscience, and glad desiring wills to forsake this wicked world. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32.1-2

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE:** And also with you!

\*Hymn of Assurance

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*Text: Henry W. Baker (1868)*

*Music: ST. COLOMBA, traditional Irish hymn melody*

*see Page 7*

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 93 (p. 498)

read by Elder Woody Brauer

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

## 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.

## Scripture Lesson

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

## Baptism

In baptism, ordinary water represents God's work in the covenant of grace to forgive sins through spiritual washing and the blood of Jesus. It cannot save. It symbolizes that we belong to Jesus and is commanded of every Christian. A child of Christian parents may be baptized because "household" baptism of the New Testament is similar to circumcision of the Old Testament.

## 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.

## Sacrament of Baptism

by Pastor Jake Bennett

*Hans and Rachel Anderson present Elisheva Winifred for baptism.*

## Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

*God is Seen*

*Music: CAPTAIN KIDD, arranged by Alice Parker (1967)  
Chancel Choir*

Through all the world below  
God is seen all around,  
Search hills and valleys through,  
There He's found.  
The growing of the corn,  
The lily and the thorn,  
The pleasant and forlorn,  
All declare, God is there,  
In meadows dressed in green, God is seen.

See springing waters rise,  
Fountains flow, rivers run,  
The mist that veils the sky  
Hides the sun.  
Then down the rain doth pour,  
The ocean, it doth roar  
And beat upon the shore,  
And all praise, in their ways,  
The God who ne'er declines His designs.

The sun with all his rays  
Speaks of God as he flies  
The comet in her blaze 'God' she cries;  
The shining of the stars,  
The moon, when she appears,  
His awful name declares;  
See them fly through the sky,  
And join the solemn sound  
All around, all around.

## \*Doxology

*OLD HUNDRETH*

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 Pastor Travis Hutchinson

## Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 4.25-32 (p. 978)

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

## Sermon

by Pastor Jake Bennett

### A RENEWED LIFE

#### \*Hymn of Response

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

*Text: Kate B. Wilkinson (1925)*

*Music: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould (1925)*

*Hymnal No. 644*

#### \*Confession of Faith

1 Corinthians 8.6

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.**

## 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.

## 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

CORONAE

Glory be to God the Father!  
Glory be to God the Son!  
Glory be to God the Spirit!  
God Almighty, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!

## 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

2 Corinthians 13.14

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

# SERMON NOTES

**Title:** A Renewed Life

**Text:** Ephesians 4.25-32

**Intro:** In this passage, Paul continues to describe the new life in Christ. This new life changes everything for believers, transforming us from self-oriented patterns of sin to Christ-focused patterns of unity. Paul describes these patterns in very tangible applications for the Church.

Putting on the new life in Christ:

1. *Renewed speech* with one another

Truthful Speech (vs. 25)

Timely Speech (vs. 26-27)

Edifying Speech (vs. 29)

2. *Renewed integrity* with our lives

Honest Work (vs. 28)

Exhilarating Work (vs. 30)

3. *Renewed desires* towards one another

Compassionate Care (vv. 31-32)

Forgiving Care (vs. 32)

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## **Mission Statement of CPC**

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

### **CPC Pastors**

Bill Massey (*Interim Senior Pastor*), Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth Ministry*),

Jake Bennett (*Executive Pastor*), Eric Mullinax (*Elder Emeritus-Volunteer for Congregational Care*)

### **CPC Officers**

ELDERS: Jake Bennett, Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither,

Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Bill Massey (Moderator),

Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, Rex Wagner, Mike Walker, Tracy Wright

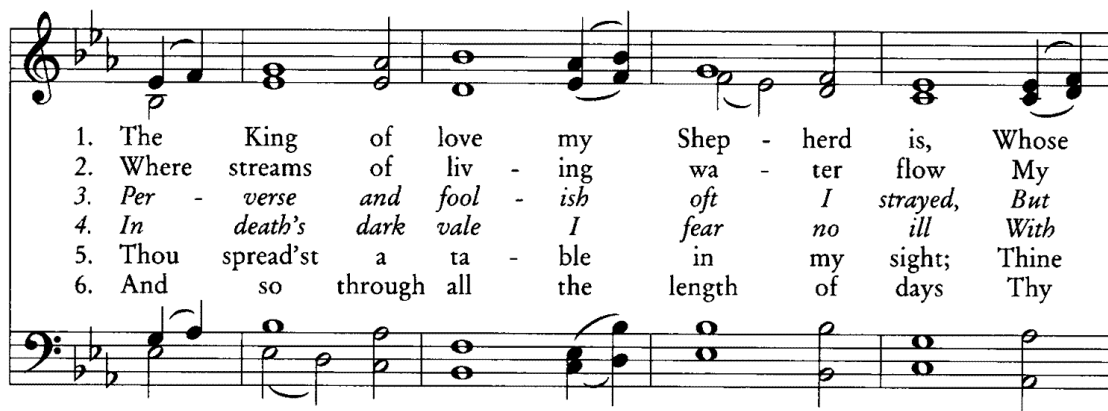
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Jason Collins, Rich Denkinger, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall, Steve Leach,

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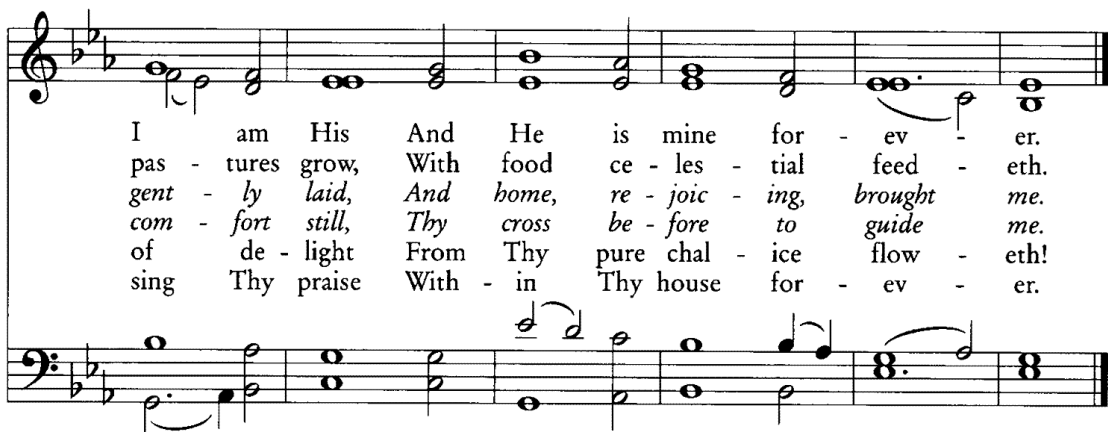
# The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My  
 3. *Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But*  
 4. *In death's dark vale I fear no ill With*  
 5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; Thine  
 6. And so through all the length of days Thy



good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 ran - somed soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant  
 yet in love He sought me, And on His shoul - der  
 Thee, dear Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my  
 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; And O what trans - port  
 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 of de - light From Thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
 sing Thy praise With - in Thy house for - ev - er.

# 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 newer to Covenant, consider attending the Visitor's Class that meets in Room 105 (just off the Lobby).

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We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Massey preaches from Luke 1.39-56.

## 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, 2020 (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, November 26

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School

## Tuesday, November 28

Ladies' Connect Group - Room 119 - 10 am  
Moms of Teens Study - Room 120 - 10 am

## Wednesday, November 29

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm  
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes

## Thursday, November 30

Ladies' Hymns & Carols Pop-Up Fellowship - Linda Lander's home - 6:30 pm  
Mom's Night Out - Catherine Coffey's home - 7 pm

## Friday, December 1

Men's Proverb Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am  
First Friday Fellowship - Zaxby's - 11:30 am

## Saturday, December 2

Men's Breakfast - Room 100 - 8:30 am  
MS Jesus' Birthday Party - Linda Summer's home - 6 pm (*meet at CPC at 5 pm*)

## Sunday, December 3

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary - immediately after worship  
CPC Christmas Fellowship - Room 100 - immediately after worship

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# MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

**Website:** [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org)

**Online Directory:** Contact the church office to request access

**Prayer Requests:** Email your request or update to [prayer@cpcchatt.org](mailto:prayer@cpcchatt.org)

**Pastoral Care Line:** Call/text your request or need to 423-521-2142



# COVENANT LIFE

## OCC PRAISE TO GOD!

To the glory of God, we were able to fill 274 boxes on Packing Day, and, this year, CPC packed a grand total of 693 boxes (4 of these were online)!!! You can continue to build shoeboxes online for the Covenant total through November 26 (scan QR code). If we build 7 more, we will hit 700!



Thank you for all you have done this entire year to help share the gospel around the world.

Special thanks goes to the OCC Committee, Collection Site volunteers, everyone who throughout the year packed at a packing party or brought items to fill shoeboxes, those who baked cookies for Collection Week (*which were very well received*), the FCA young people who loaded the U-Haul truck, and especially those who prayed! Many children will hear the gospel because you helped. Praise the Lord!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY POP-UP HYMNS & CAROLS NIGHT

**Thurs, Nov 30 • 6:30 pm • Lander home**

We will be singing a mix of sacred and secular festive music to kick off the Christmas season.

Bring a favorite finger food to share.  
RSVP to Linda by Tuesday, November 28.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sun, Dec 3 • Sanctuary**

Please plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting directly after worship. Sunday School will be canceled for this meeting. During this time, we will receive our annual report and vote on CPC's 2024 Board of Directors.

Following the meeting, please make plans for your whole family to join us for our annual churchwide Christmas Fellowship. We will enjoy good food and conversation in Room 100.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Sat, Dec 2 • 8:30 am • Room 100**

Our speaker, General B.B. Bell, is one of the foremost experts on military and public policy due to his extensive background serving our country. He will share insights into current world events (Ukraine, Israel, China, etc.). Cost: \$5.

## MITCHELL MISSIONS UPDATE

**Sun, Dec 10 • 11 am • Sanctuary**

Pete and Ruth Mitchell, MTW missionaries in France, will share about their ministry CPC helps to support in France. With more than twenty years of service, they have seen the long reaching arm of God at work.

# COVENANT LIFE

## LADIES' STUDY ON ACTS

**begins Thurs, Jan 4 • 10 am**

Bev Mealor is going to be leading a Precept study on the book of Acts. If you would like to attend and have not yet let her know, please contact her at [mealor555@gmail.com](mailto:mealor555@gmail.com).

Books cost \$28.00

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## COAT CLOSET DONATIONS

Donate extra coats and jackets to our Coat Closet. Items like socks, gloves, etc. are also welcome. Place them in the marked green bins located in the Youth stairwell.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Through November 19:

2023 Budget:	\$1,720,000
Giving To Date:	\$1,192,771
Diaconate Fund Balance:	\$ 24,967

CPC budgeted income is weighted by month and considers that a large percentage of giving is received in December. Diaconate account funds are managed by the Mercy Committee and are used to care for individuals within our church and community.

If you have questions, please contact these individuals:

- CPC Treasurer: David Gernhard  
[treasurer@cpcchatt.org](mailto:treasurer@cpcchatt.org)
  - Mercy Committee Co-Chairs:  
Geff Adams & Tim Sotelo  
[mercy@cpcchatt.org](mailto:mercy@cpcchatt.org)
  - Administrator: Becky Pearce  
[bpearce@cpcchatt.org](mailto:bpearce@cpcchatt.org)
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## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

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

## MEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE

**Jan 19-20 • CPC**

Mark your calendars to join us for our annual Men's Conference. We will gather Friday night for dinner, fellowship and teaching and reconvene Saturday morning for breakfast and additional sessions. Be watching for more information and registration.

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## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Please be in prayer for our committee as they serve our congregation through this process:

*Pat Barber, Jason Coffey, Jason Collins,  
Gary Cosby, Justin Martin, Will McDaniel,  
Susan Miller, Hannah Pittman, Lisa Wright*

Please direct any questions about the pastor search to Jason Coffey or Ken Henry.



*Please join us as we celebrate,  
in simplicity and contentment, the arrival of*  
***Immanuel: God With Us***

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Friday

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December

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***6:30-8:30 pm at CPC - Room 100***  
***Festive Attire***

Adults: \$8, Girls (12 & under): \$5, Family Max: \$20



Register by Sunday, December 3  
Questions? [women@cpcchatt.org](mailto:women@cpcchatt.org)

### Donation

This year our missionary recipient for a year-end love gift is Josiah & Miriam who serve in Central Africa in a sensitive location. He is a Bible translator, and she is an R.N. They have six children.

To learn more about their ministry visit:

[cpcchatt.org/missionary-spotlight/josiah-and-miriam/](http://cpcchatt.org/missionary-spotlight/josiah-and-miriam/)

# MIDWEEK

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU



**November 29:** White Chicken Chili, Biscuits, Salad Bar, Apple Cobbler and Ice Cream

**December 6:** Butter Chicken, Grilled Naan Bread, Broccoli, Spice Cake

**December 13:** Beef Burgundy, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Challah Bread, Chocolate Peppermint Layer Dessert

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online ([cpcchatt.org/give](http://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 Kitchen Services

Coordinator, Nicky Lewin, at  
[NLewin@cpcchatt.org](mailto:NLewin@cpcchatt.org).

## CPC BLOOD DRIVE

**Wed, Dec 6 • 4:30 pm • Parking Lot**

CPC is partnering again with Blood Assurance to host the Bloodmobile in our parking lot. Register online at [www.BloodAssurance.org/cpc](http://www.BloodAssurance.org/cpc) or scan the QR Code to sign-up!



## CAROLING & DESSERTS

**Wed, Dec 20 • 5:30 pm SHARP • Room 100**

All ages are welcome to gather at CPC and break into small groups to go caroling at homes and in various neighborhoods. Everyone will meet back at the church for desserts and hot drinks. Join us in heralding the good news!

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## DEC 3 NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Front Desk

Tammy Bacon

### Worship - 9:15 am

Carmen Duke & Lauren Warren (Little Lambs)  
Marianne Doran & Ann Kistner (Busy Bees)

### Sunday School - 11 am

--- No Sunday School ---

## 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.

## MOM'S NIGHT OUT

**Thurs, Nov 30 • 7 pm • Catherine Coffey's home**

Moms of nursery and elementary age children are invited for an evening of fun and fellowship. We will enjoy dessert, a devotion, conversation, and a craft to make and take home.

## FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

**Fri, Dec 1 • 11:30 am • Zaxby's**

Youth homeschool students and families are invited for a time of fellowship at Zaxby's (7643 East Brainerd Road).

## JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

**Sat, Dec 2 • 6 pm • Summer home**

Linda Summer (the director of Agape Puppets Ministry) has invited our Middle School students to attend Jesus' Birthday Party.

Transportation is provided; meet at CPC at 5 pm. Scan the QR Code to register.



# OUTREACH

## ALLIANCE STAMP MINISTRY

For many years now, during the Christmas season especially, we remind you to save the stamps you receive in the mail. Some members save them throughout the year. They trickle in by fives or tens, but sometimes they come in by bulging bags full. Do you ever wonder what becomes of those stamps that the church asks you to collect?

The Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers, Florida, has found a way to turn ordinary postage stamps into a resource for spreading the gospel. They turn what most of us throw away as trash into income to help advance God's Kingdom. This ministry is based out of Shell Point Retirement Community. Below are edited excerpts from a Fort Myers' *The News Press* article that will explain how this started and happens:

*For 50 years, Shell Point volunteers have gathered, sorted, clipped, and placed untold numbers of canceled stamps into plastic bins. This sounds like busy work and a way for a bunch of senior citizens to get out and socialize. "You can't believe the number of problems we've solved in here," joked group leader Treva Crump. They've also solved a big one when it comes to spreading God's Word.*

*By doing this simple yet laborious task, the Alliance Stamp Ministry in July 2018 passed the \$1 million mark in money raised for the publication of Sunday School material and sharing of God's Word on radio in Central and South America. Ben Crump, Treva's husband, calls it "doing the Lord's work."*

*Shell Point has a long history of being a haven for religious and spiritual leaders. The community has been home for retired pastors and missionaries almost from its opening 54 years ago.*

*Dr. Robert Searing, the stamp ministry's original founder, came to Shell Point in 1971. He brought his business with him. In the old days, he and his employees soaked the licked stamps off paper, sorted, and sold them. Working with the H.R. Harris Stamp Company, profits made supported H.C.J.B., a Christian radio station that reached into Central and South America. A total of \$4,100 was raised that first year. Word quickly spread to local and national churches as well as other organizations, which sent canceled stamps to the group's headquarters.*

*Radio time became so expensive that missionaries in Argentina asked if the monies sent could be used for the publication of Sunday School material. They agreed, and Publicaciones Alianza in Buenos Aires now prints the materials.*

*The trimmed and sorted stamps are sold to collectors in 25-pound boxes.*

Please leave a large border around each stamp and deposit them in the marked box near our missionary table in the office hallway.



**Ben & Treva Crump,  
current organizers**

