



# THE PULSE

## A Monthly Look Into Ministry at CPC



### Ministry Moments

"Windows on Grace," personal testimonies of how God has worked in the lives of individuals in the CPC family, highlighted the new Covenant Renewal Service on Sunday evening, Jan. 4, at the church.

Together with prayers, songs of praise and communion, the interview-style testimonies were reminders of how God moves in big and small ways through life's joys, changes and challenges for people of all ages and stages.

"Sometimes in all our busy service to the Lord, we lose sight of how God is working in the lives of people all around us," said Pastor Hugh Barlett, who plans to continue the renewal service each January. "What a great way for us to begin a new year, encouraged to follow the Lord with all our heart."



### Single Vision Creates Community

by Lynn Norfleet

With many activities centered around couples and families, it can sometimes be hard for single adults to find community within a church. With that in mind, several years ago, a group of individuals who found themselves single in the middle stages of life began meeting for lunches and discussion at CPC.

The group has grown, and now, Single Vision regularly includes around 30 people who meet for a social outing every second Saturday, and for lunch and conversation every fourth Sunday at The Commons. This year, they are discussing a devotional book titled *Hope: Living Confidently in God*. They also meet regularly for impromptu events and service projects.

"Being single and trying to interact socially with married people can be intimidating," explained Dierk Copeland. "When I feel isolated, it's easy for me to pull back and not want to be involved. Single Vision offers a chance to spend time with people that are all wrestling with similar thoughts and emotions around singleness and how God is using that for his plan and our good."



## CPC Up Close

### New CPC Offices

CPC staff received a very special Christmas gift with the completion of new office space at The Commons in December. Having outgrown the prior office in the Lighthouse, and working from both locations for the past couple of years, pastors, ministry leaders and service staff are now working together again throughout the week.

The new, two-story office features two meeting rooms and dedicated space for the printer and supplies, along with a coffee/meal prep room for the office and events in the adjoining banquet room.

"As we continue to grow the ministry impact and outreach of The Commons, it is such a blessing to have our staff be a part of the weekly activity here," said Pastor Hugh Barlett. "We are so incredibly thankful for the team of professionals and volunteers coordinated by Elder Kent Whitaker that made this vision a reality." In February, an open house will allow everyone to see the new space.

## Single Vision Creates Community (cont.)

"The purpose of Single Vision is to create a community for adults who find themselves single for any number of reasons," added Rick Miller.

"Participants regularly comment on how much they appreciate the sense of understanding they feel within our group. I am humbled to see God ministering to us through each other."

With eagle watching, a day trip to Elephant Rocks, hiking at Mastodon State Park, and peach picking at Eckert's Farm on the list of planned outings, along with simple game nights or cookouts, the group stays active. A schedule of their upcoming events can be found on the Single Vision table in the church entry.



A poster for Men's Ministry Bible Study. It features a background image of hands holding a Bible. The text "MEN'S MINISTRY" is in large, bold, white letters, and "Bible Study" is in a smaller, cursive font below it. At the bottom, it says "STARTS JAN 5 &amp; 6 | THE COMMONS" and "MONDAY MORNINGS AT 6:30AM TUESDAYS 6:30AM &amp; 5:30PM".

A poster for Women's Ministry Jan Term. It features a small image of a tapestry with a tree and animals. The text "WOMEN'S MINISTRY" and "JAN TERM" are in white, and "A Tapestry of Grace" is in a large, cursive font. At the bottom, it says "TUESDAYS, JANUARY 6, 13, 20, &amp; 27 | THE COMMONS" and "MORNING SESSION: 9:30 - 11 AM (CHILDCARE AVAILABLE) EVENING SESSION: 7 - 8:30 PM".