



# THE PULSE

## A Monthly Look Into Ministry at CPC

### Ministry Moments

Unseasonably warm temperatures welcomed church family and friends who gathered for CPC's annual Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Oct. 25. Fire pits, hay bales, and bluegrass music from "Rump Roast and the Taters" provided the atmosphere as everyone enjoyed sampling chili, kettle corn and other treats.

A photo backdrop was a popular new addition to the traditional festival attractions: pony rides, a petting zoo and pumpkin decorating. Chili Cookoff prizes went to Anne Branch (best tasting), Matt Kreutzer (most unusual) and Kyle Fulton (biggest kick).

"Fellowship events like the Fall Festival are such great opportunities for us to connect as a church and reach out to our community," said Rev. Tony Howard. "We love it when the weather cooperates and we can enjoy being outdoors together before winter sets in."



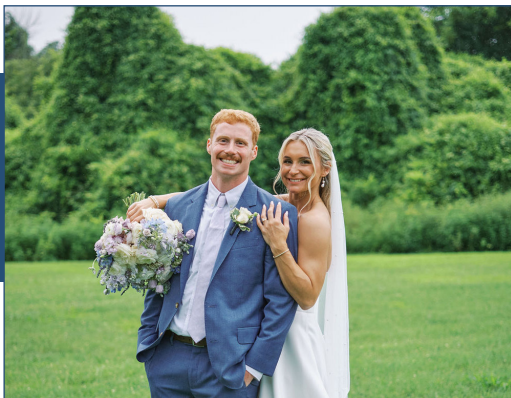
### CPC Interns Help Reach Next Generation

by Lynn Norfleet

In a growing church, pastors need help to effectively lead large ministry groups, reach more students and ministry members, and build relationships that lead to deeper connections with Christ. At CPC, interns serve this vital role, making Next Generation programs happen and pursuing the broader goal of seeing the gospel take root and grow in the lives of individuals and families.

For many years, CPC has utilized interns to support our CRASH (middle school) and KREW (high school) ministry leaders. More recently, interns are assisting leaders in Crossfire (4th and 5th grade), Kairos (college), and Mosaic (young adult) ministries. In addition to helping plan and run weekly and special events, trips and retreats, interns help by leading small groups, teaching, and pursuing individuals through contact work and discipleship. Interns also often help with welcoming on Sunday mornings, and with larger church events like the Fall Festival, Christmas Gathering and Spring Picnic.





## CPC Up Close

### Jake & Ellie Broyles

Jake and Ellie Broyles are CRASH ministry interns who began their married life in a ceremony at CPC just two months ago. While both grew up in the St. Louis area (Jake in Chesterfield and Ellie in Eureka), they didn't meet until both were students at Missouri Baptist University.

Jake first came to CPC while still in college, and quickly got involved in youth ministry, working with high school students in KREW. After leaving briefly for a job in the MBU Athletic Department, he returned to the church as a CRASH 8th grade boys leader, and began working on the CPC Facilities team, as well. Ellie, who leads an 8th grade girls group, is continuing her studies in MBU's physical therapist assistant program and working at Athletico Physical Therapy, while Jake is pursuing his Masters of Divinity degree at Covenant Seminary.

"We have been so blessed by working with our students and seeing them grow in their faith," Ellie said. "They have so much energy, ask great questions and are such deep thinkers, so it's never a dull moment."

## CPC Interns Help Reach... (cont.)

"Our interns are more than crowd control or a workforce to manage our ministries," said Adam Delaplane, assistant pastor of Student Ministries. "They each bring their personality, creativity, insight, and experiences to our team. We get to see this in the way they pursue and relate to students, and in the way they shape our events and activities. Over the years we have been blessed by giving our interns a seat at our ministry table, and seeing how their perspectives and ideas improve and sharpen the ways we bring, nurture and equip individuals to know Jesus and love being a part of the church."

Interns are often seminary students who are looking for ministry experience while they work on their degrees, but some come through networks or recommendations from other churches, or have previously served at CPC. Our current team of interns includes: Jake and Ellie Broyles, Alex and Ellie Cravens, Thomas and Marybeth Gibbs, Marcus Graves, Sarah Applebaum, Griffin Manning, Joe Roseman, Zoe VanderMaas, Avery Bartlett, Owen and Tess Merrell, Will Cremeens, Sarah Blizard, Lydia Miller, and Nathan Eye.

