



THE PULSE

A Monthly Look Into Ministry at CPC



Ministry Moments

After two years of being retired as president of Covenant Seminary and enjoying more time with family and CPC ministries, Mark and Beth Dalbey embarked on a ten-month interim pastorate at Rocky Mountain Community Church (PCA) in Billings, Montana last fall. The church was struggling to find pastoral leadership and invited the Dalbeys to serve while they conducted a search for a new pastor.

While it wasn't in their plans, the couple sensed God calling them to this opportunity. The ministry involved weekly preaching and teaching Sunday school; involvement in Bible studies; informal counseling, visiting families and small groups in homes; and advising church leaders.

"We had a front row seat to a 'grace awakening' that included healing of broken relationships and a renewed hope for the future," Mark related. "Our last Sunday there the congregation voted unanimously to call a new senior pastor who will be just right for this church."



Care Ministry Modeled on Christ's Care for Us

by Lynn Norfleet

CPC's Care Ministry is at work on Sundays and throughout the week, often without us even realizing it. "People feel its impact in the big and small, happy and sad moments of their lives. The ministry is so impactful because we ground our care in a way that points people to the love and compassion of Jesus," said Care Director CJ Norton.

The ministry's mission is to care for others because Christ cared for us: he healed, fed, entered peoples' stories, moved toward the sick, poor, widows, and sinners, wept with the grieving, served, and celebrated.

"Christ's life is not just a model of how we should care, but the source of why we care," CJ continued. "We have a God who came to live in his own creation and didn't just show up to do the 'big stuff' and then leave, but attended to the basic needs of the humans he created."



CPC Up Close

Nathan Eye

Since he started coming to CPC as a sixth grader, and began working as part of the Facilities team and serving in youth ministries in 2020, Nathan Eye has a familiarity with the church that is now helping him earn internship credit toward a college degree.

After beginning his studies and playing baseball at Greenville University, Nathan will graduate this fall with a Business Management degree from UMSL. His CPC internship is split between church business (participating in financial meetings and meeting with contractors on various building and maintenance projects) and assisting with organization and planning of the CRASH (middle school) after-school program.

In addition to the internship, Nathan continues to work doing facilities set-up and cleaning at the church and The Commons, serves as a Crossfire small group leader and as a PE teacher for the Homeschool Network. In the rare moments he is not studying or working, he enjoys golf and hanging out with friends.

Care Ministry Modeled (cont.)

Even in a congregation full of joy, hope and life, there is hurt, suffering and loss. The Care Ministry requires the help of volunteers to join in the redemptive work of caring for others communally as one body of Christ. There are many ways to provide prayerful, personal and practical assistance to those in our congregation and community in times of special need.

CJ and Care Administrator Ellie Cravens are looking for individuals to help provide transportation, visit the homebound, make and deliver meals, join a prayer team, write cards, and help people with moves, home maintenance, or other acts of service. If you are interested in serving as part of the Care Ministry team, please contact CJ (cjn@chespres.org) or Ellie (elliec@chespres.org).

