



We are thrilled to have you as a guest at Christian Heritage. Visiting a new church can be an intimidating experience, so we want you to know more about us and feel free to ask questions.

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Our Vision

To be a vibrant and visible community of Christian faith, full of grace and truth.

Our Purpose

To lead people to a life of faith and then on the journey to full devotion - one life at a time

Our Values

- **Prayer & Divine Direction**
(Philippians 4:6-7)
- **Worship - the act & attitude**
(John 4:23-24)
- **Biblical Integrity**
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- **Lost People**
(Luke 15:7)
- **Authentic Relationships**
(Ephesians 4:14-16)
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(1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
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(Galatians 6:2)
- **Giving**
(Malachi 3:8-10)
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(Colossians 3:23-24)
- **Cultural Relevance**
(Neh. 8:8, Acts 17:22-34)



Our Statements of Faith

Our statements of belief are consistent with the Nicene Creed (AD 381)

We believe the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit and is God's Word - a revelation of Himself to man, a flawless witness to His perfect plan to redeem humanity and the final authority for all true Christian faith and practice. (Psalm 119, Luke 8:21, John 17:17, II Tim.3:16-17, II Pet.1:20-21).

We believe there is one God revealed in the relationship of three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Triune God or Trinity. (Gen. 1:26, Deut.6:4, Mt.28:19, John 10:30, 17:11, 22)

We believe Jesus of Nazareth was fully man and is fully God, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles with unlimited power by the Holy Spirit, and sacrificed himself in obedience to the Father for our salvation. He was resurrected from death and ascended to the Father's side. (Mt. 1:21, 23, John 1:1-2, 14, 3:16, 34, Acts 1:2-3, 9, 2:22, Eph. 2:14-18, Col 1:20, Heb. 4:15)

We believe in the sinfulness of all mankind and in our need for salvation. Salvation is available only by the grace of God through personal faith in Jesus Christ, by whose death the guilt for our sins is removed and by whose resurrection we have eternal life with Him. Salvation, which involves confession and repentance, is followed by baptism in water, a powerful symbol of death and spiritual rebirth. (Rom. 3:23, 6:3, 23, 10:13, Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:4-7, Acts 2:38)

We believe in sanctification, the process of being separated from sinfulness and dedicated to God to do good works produced by faith. This process begins at salvation when the believer receives the Holy Spirit and continues throughout his/her lifetime. (I Cor. 6:11, Gal. 5:22-23, I Thess. 4:3-5, 5:23, II Pet. 3:18, James 2:26, Hebrews 10:22)

We believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an initiation into spiritual life and relationship with God by His indwelling Spirit. Furthermore, we believe that subsequent filling by the Spirit is available to all believers, which releases His power through us in the "fruit" and gifts of the Spirit and thereby enabling us to be and to do what he desires. (Joel 2:28-29, Lk. 3:16, Acts 1:4-5, 8, 2:4, 38-39, 10:44-47, I Cor. 12:4-11, 13)

We believe the Church of Jesus Christ, founded on the prophets and apostles with Jesus as the chief cornerstone, is the hope of the world when it is functioning according to God's Word. (Mt 16:18, 28:19-20, Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:10, Col 1:27, 1 Tim. 3:15)

We believe in the personal return of Jesus Christ, who is coming to justly judge the living and the dead and to establish a new heaven and a new earth. (John 5:24-29, Acts 1:11, I Thess. 4:16-18, Titus 2:13, I Peter 4:5, 2 Peter 3:7,13)

We believe the faithful will inherit eternal life from their heavenly Father and the faithless, who have no father, will have no inheritance and be separated from God for eternity. (Mt 19:29, 25:46, John 3:18, 5:29, Acts 24:15, I Cor.15:20-24, Rev. 20:4-6, 12-15, 21:7)

We believe the finished work of Christ on the cross provides for spiritual and physical healing. (Isa. 53:4-5, Mt. 8:16-17, I Pet. 2:24, James 5:14-15)

We believe that the responsibility of every believer to partner in reaching the world with the good news of Jesus Christ is fundamental to faith. (Mt. 28:19-20, Mk. 16:15-20, Acts 1:8, 2:40-41, 47)



Our Leadership Team

Rev. Bradley Cox, Team Pastor

Pastor Bradley has been at Christian Heritage since January of 2005. He grew up in the Greenville area and attended Shannon Forest Christian School. He went on to attend Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, GA where he graduated with a BA in Biblical Studies in 1999. Bradley has been devoted to full time ministry since then. He served as music minister, associate pastor, and youth pastor in two churches; one in NC and one in SC. He served as Director of Music Ministries at Emmanuel College for 2 years. During this time he traveled with ministry groups all over the US and in the UK. Bradley met his wife, Mary, at Emmanuel College and they married in 1999. Mary is a graduate of Emmanuel College with a BA degree in Elementary Music Education. She is a native of Franklin Springs, GA. Mary works alongside Bradley in all areas of ministry, especially music. She is a gifted singer and keyboard player. Bradley and Mary have two children, Thomas ('06) & Ella Cate ('09).

Rev. Seth Cain, Team Pastor

Pastor Seth has been at Christian Heritage since November of 2005. A native of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Seth graduated from Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, GA with a BA in English in 1999 and then went on to complete his MA in Biblical & Theological Studies/ Evangelism at Wheaton College in 2004. Seth has been in ministry on college campuses and in local churches since 2000. He has been to the global missions front in South America, Europe and Africa. Seth and his wife, Ashley, were married in 1999. Ashley, also a graduate of Emmanuel College, has worked in finance and has a counseling career in her sites. She currently leads the women's ministries and is involved in various other efforts alongside Seth. They have two children, Silas ('05) and Augustine ('07). Seth enjoys outdoor sports, reading, music, golf and the Frisbee.

Rev. Ernest Barr, Pastor Emeritus

Pastor Barr was born in Moncks Corner, SC and grew up in Myrtle Beach, SC. After receiving God's call to full-time ministry, he graduated from Holmes College of the Bible. He has served as a full-time pastor for various churches in Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina. He believes the leadership of the Holy Spirit is necessary in the ministry of the Church, and he has a deep passion for the preaching of God's Word. He and his lovely wife, Betty, began their ministry at Christian Heritage Church in December, 1988. Ernest and Betty have two children and four grandchildren. Pastor Barr Served as Lead Pastor at Christian Heritage Church through June of 2006 when he passed the baton. He and Betty continue to serve Christian Heritage Church through their ministries of preaching, teaching and pastoral care.

Board of Elders/Trustees

Pete Adams, Bill Cox, Eric Faulk, Darryl Kelly (Treasurer), Barron Saxon, Anton Thomas and Robert Watson.



4 Important Questions and Answers about Christian Heritage Church

Who leads this church?

At CHC, a team of pastors who have individual gifts of leadership, teaching and pastoral care combine their efforts to “prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up” (Ephesians 4:12). Christian Heritage follows the Biblical model for church leadership set out in Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 12, which establishes apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to ultimately lead the church. Though the titles are not important, these specific callings are. Pastors Bradley and Seth these serve as the “sent ones” to this church (“sent ones” is the simple meaning of the word “apostles” in the New Testament). Leadership and ministry decisions are made in partnership along with Ernest Barr, our Pastor Emeritus, who has been at CHC for nearly 20 years and with the input of ministry leaders throughout the church. Bradley Cox has the prayerful responsibility of final authority on all decisions.

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Is Christian Heritage a part of a denomination?

For purposes of ordination, Christian Heritage Church is connected to the Upper South Carolina Conference of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church. For more information on our Pentecostal faith tradition, check out *“What Does It Mean.... That We Are Pentecostal?”* on the next page.

Do members of the church vote?

No, although input from members is always sought after and encouraged. Voting is divisive and has no Biblical precedent whatsoever. The Bible encourages the Ephesians 4 leadership mentioned above to humbly make decisions that will best build the community and fulfill Jesus’ commission to lead people into an ever-growing relationship with Him (Matthew 28:19-20), not to serve the interests of themselves or any one particular group.



What Does It Mean...

That We Are "Pentecostal?"

The Pentecostal "movement," as it has been called, is about God's power in us and for us, not just speaking in tongues. So what you're reading is meant to help clarify what we're about at CHC and follow the Apostle Paul's lead in teaching on this topic. God gives many "spiritual gifts" (1 Corinthians 12:1) to the Church so that we can be powerful in life. This is for the ultimate purpose of knowing God better, living life with hope, and telling others the good news of Jesus. At no time in history has God stopped giving these gifts, but there have been times when believers have not been open to them. The gift of speaking in tongues is an important gift, but it is no more important to us than other gifts (see pg. 12). Speaking in tongues is the way that the disciples first declared the good news of Jesus at Pentecost in Acts 2, miraculously speaking the actual languages of foreigners visiting Jerusalem. Many first converts responded to being instantly "filled" with the Holy Spirit by speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues is how some Christians edify or encourage themselves by the Spirit (1 Cor. 14:4) and communicate thanksgiving (1 Cor. 14:16-17). You might call this a "prayer language." These, tongues can be interpreted so that others can know what is being said, so they too can be encouraged and give thanks. Paul writes in his first letter to the Corinthians that he "would like everyone to speak in tongues," although he would rather have them prophesy, speaking a message to everyone from God that they can understand without the need for interpretation (1 Cor. 14:5).

Historically, there's been a lot of confusion about tongues. Over time, some cultural traditions have developed in the Pentecostal movement. Here are a few:

- Tongues as a form of prophecy (a "message in tongues") that is understood as God himself speaking through tongues to the church.
- Speaking in tongues disruptively during worship, often doing so without interpretation. We believe that speaking in tongues is perfectly appropriate in worship, but according to Paul, it is ideally expressed personally.
- Speaking in tongues has been described as the "evidence" to tell whether or not someone has been filled with the Holy Spirit. While we believe that being filled is a wonderful, separate experience from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at salvation, we do not believe that the Bible teaches speaking in tongue is necessary evidence of it.
- Being Pentecostal has often meant avoiding order, clarity, education or intellectual thinking just because the gifts are mysterious.

We believe it is good to move beyond these cultural traditions that are not anchored in the Bible. In fact, we want to learn from the Corinthians' mistakes, as they were firmly corrected by Paul for an overemphasis on tongues. We are excited that God's people can be filled with the Holy Spirit, an awesome experience that is available to all Christians when they've come to faith in Jesus. Not all will speak in tongues as a result (1 Cor. 12:30) and not all have to, but we should desire to receive whatever spiritual gifts God wants to give us. This "filling" can happen sooner or later, it can happen often and it can happen anywhere. In the Bible, it often occurred when great power was needed for a task, for facing trouble, for encountering God more deeply, or for overcoming areas of personal sin or doubt. Being "filled" with the Holy Spirit, however, is different than baptism in (or with) the Holy Spirit. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is an initiation into the new life and indwelling presence of God, promised by Jesus before he ascended to the Father's side (John 16:7, 1 Cor. 12:13).

Conclusion: This topic has a way of raising lots of questions, so please understand that what you've just read isn't everything there is to know, but hopefully it will help you begin to see what being Pentecostal is all about.



What Does It Mean...

To Have Spiritual Gifts?

As mentioned on the last page, God gives many “spiritual gifts” (1 Corinthians 12:1) to the Church by the Holy Spirit so that together, we can be powerful in life. This power is for the ultimate purpose of knowing God better, living hopeful lives, and telling others the good news of Jesus. At no time in history has God stopped giving these gifts, but there have been times when believers have not been open to receiving and using them. We simply believe that there are spiritual gifts from God that are waiting to be used by you for the “common good.” Read what Paul has to say in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11:

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.”

After he wrote this in his letter, Paul went on to explain that the Church is like a body with different parts working together in unity toward one purpose, all of the parts being important. So you and your gifts contribute to the way the body works. And because spiritual purpose in the world is the greatest motivation for a believer, you might say that God *gives you to your gift!*

How do I get spiritual gifts?

Paul told a young minister, Timothy, that the gifts were given to him when Paul and others laid their hands on him, a sign of connection and agreement, and prayed for him to receive them (1 Tim 4:14, 2 Tim. 1:6). At CHC, we are excited to agree with and pray for believers to discover the gifts God wants them to have. Because we believe that being “filled” with the Holy Spirit who dwells in your life is a vitally important part of the Christian life, we encourage you to desire the Spirit’s filling on your way to discovering and using your gifts. It’s as simple as agreeing together for God to do it. And he will!

How do I know what my gifts are?

We should desire to receive whatever spiritual gifts God wants to give us. It seems that most often, our gifts are discovered when we begin working together with other believers, applying ourselves to the greater purpose. Apparently, some gifts are more personal in nature, such as speaking in tongues, and others are more community-oriented, such as encouragement. Paul encourages believers to seek to have gifts that “build up” the church, that is, the whole community (1 Cor 14:12). Many people have more than one gift. Here are the spiritual gifts identified in the Bible, specifically in 1 Corinthians 12. They are all very important:

- Appointed Leadership (Apostles, Prophets, Pastors & Teachers)
- Messages of wisdom (special inspiration to know and communicate the right things)
- Messages of knowledge (special and specific knowledge of certain matters)
- Faith (apparently, a special degree of belief, trust and expectation)
- Healing (special faith for physical or emotional restoration)
- Miracles (special grace to perform what would seem otherwise impossible)
- Discernment (deeper insight into matters of life and Spirit)
- Speaking in tongues (for special personal edification)
- Interpreting tongues (for making a personal tongues edification available to all)
- Helps (special grace to meet the needs of the hurting or lacking)
- Administration (managing affairs of the Church)



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The Members Section of our Website

A complete and updated church directory, along with other resources, is available online under the "Members" tab of our website. The username is: "member@chcgreer.com" and the password is "chc."

The Church Calendar

A detailed interactive calendar of events is kept up to date on our website.

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Matthew 28:19-20



We are thrilled you are interested in membership at Christian Heritage Church. It's an important commitment and we know you probably have some questions. Our hope is that this packet will answer those questions and start you on the journey of understanding fully what being part of the body of Christ at Christian Heritage is all about.

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2 – “Membership at CHC”

This is a brief description of what the Bible teaches us about membership. Here you'll find the “7 Expressions of Membership” that are a normal part of being in community at CHC.

3 – “5 Action Steps toward Membership”

This is a description of the steps we ask each person seeking membership to take toward being affirmed and celebrated as a member.

4 – Vision, Purpose, Values

5 – “Why Serve?”

Following Jesus is a movement and it gains momentum when people are actively united in purpose. Find out more details about serving at CHC on page 5.

6 – “Why Give?”

It's a touchy subject, but giving financially is a Biblical expression of worship. We don't withhold any form of worship from God at CHC. You can read our perspective on page 6.

7 – Four Important Questions (& Answers)

8 – Contact Information / Website Info

9 – “I Want to Be a Member” Form

This is a form we ask you to complete so we can help you find your place with us here at CHC.



Membership at CHC

The meaning of “membership” in America is different depending on who you talk to. It could mean something as simple as having your name included on a common list, access to swim or golf at a private club, being a monetary donor to an organization or owning a subscription. But for a Christian church, it’s something far more significant and is understood only by hearing what the New Testament has to tell us.

A member is a part of a whole; specifically a functional part like an eye or a kidney is to a physical body. That’s exactly what the Apostle Paul meant in Romans 12:4-5:

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Membership is about belonging to a community, or body, of **shared value and responsibility**. Simply put, Christians value Jesus, love him, and share the responsibility to bring glory and honor to him by fulfilling his desires, ultimately to fulfill his “great commission” to the Church in Matthew 28:19-20:

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Based on Scripture, a member of the Church expresses his or her membership in the 7 ways outlined below. We call these our...

“7 Expressions of Membership”

- **Worshipping together regularly**
(Hebrews 10:25, Acts 2:42, 46-47, Psalm 95:6)
- **Being unified through authentic relationships**
(Colossians 3:12-15, Acts 2:44, 1 Thessalonians 5:13b, Romans 15:5)
- **Learning the Word of God**
(Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 6:17, Acts 15:35)
- **Giving financially**
(Acts 2:45, 2 Cor 9:6-7, Matthew 10:8b, 23:23)
- **Working to serve the mission**
(Ephesians 4:16, Colossians 3:23-24, Romans 12:6-8)
- **Encouraging one another**
(1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 3:13)
- **Honoring leadership**
(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:7, 17)

This is not a comprehensive list, but it’s a mutual starting point built on our core values (pg. 4). We’ve assembled this list as our membership criteria. We’re not asking you to do these things to earn membership from the church. Our goal is not to force anyone to uphold these commitments, though the Bible does encourage us to confront idle members (1 Thess. 5:14). We’re saying these are “7 Expressions” of what members do *in* their community of faith *because* of their commitment to Christ.



5 Action Steps toward Membership:

If you are committed to the “7 Expressions” of membership listed above, then you are a member at Christian Heritage. Here are some action steps we ask everyone to take as we further welcome you into the community:

1. Attend CHC services and gatherings for 3 months...

...to decide if this is truly the community of faith to which you want to belong. Membership is a significant commitment and this will allow you the time to really assess your feelings, experience a broad range of community interaction and to ask important questions.

2. Come to one of our “One Faith” luncheons...

...for Q&A about CHC. Dates will be posted on the church calendar at www.chcgreer.com and are advertised regularly during weekly events.

2010 One Faith Luncheon Schedule:

February 21st, 2010

April 18th, 2010

June 20th, 2010

August 15th, 2010

October 17th, 2010

3. Fill out an “I Want to Be a Member” form...

...which will acquaint us with you and your family and help us help you find a place to serve. This form is on page 13 at the back of this packet.

4. Begin giving a percentage of your income...

...to God toward the efforts of his Church, with ten percent as your goal (1 Corinthians 16:2, Malachi 3:10, 2 Cor. 9:6-7). Ten percent is a generous mark we are all reaching for and beyond. For more on this, see page 6 entitled “Why Give?”

5. Be celebrated and affirmed...

...at a quarterly Sunday AM membership celebration. We are excited to let the whole church know you’re with us on the faith journey and united in the effort to fulfill the call of Jesus Christ on your life in partnership with this church.

Affirmation Schedule:

January 17th, 2010

April 11th, 2010

July 11th, 2010

October 10th, 2010



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Why Serve?

Ephesians 4:16 tells us that "from him (Jesus) the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, **as each part does its work.**" Anything worth having or accomplishing requires some hard work, wouldn't you agree? The tendency in our culture is to think of the church as simply a weekend event, sort of a religious "product" made available by a hired staff of pastoral professionals that provides inspiration and information for religious people. But that's just not it. Not even close.

Expressing Love - The Church of Jesus Christ is a truth movement courageously carried through the generations by people who have experienced a passionate relationship with the Truth himself. It's not a religion, with hoops to jump through and a system to adhere to so we can be accepted by God into heaven. It really is a relationship of love that makes life here *powerful* and the life after *glorious*. Like every relationship that involves humans, it has its ups and downs, but it ultimately works on the same principles as our friendships and marriages. In those relationships, we express our love and value and the relationship becomes healthier and deeper. So, like every great relationship, it's dynamic and growing, not static and stagnate. Serving God's people as God's church is part of how the relationship grows. Simply put, if you care, it shows.

"But we're just too busy!" We get it. We're all busy. Too busy. But we can't afford not to love Jesus in this way, who loved us first, doing so with our time, focus and our energy. He said in John 14:15, "If you love me, you *will* obey what I command." He's not saying to do things to prove you love him. He's saying loving him *results* in that proof. It expresses itself. We obey by loving people enough to join together in this effort to let them know that they too are loved and were made for eternal purpose. 1 Thessalonians 1:3 says, "We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

So the Bible tells us that faith produces work, love prompts labor and hope inspires endurance. It's cause and effect!

Using Your Gifts - Everything we do at Christian Heritage, whether it's handing out programs, sweeping floors, teaching or playing an instrument, is service to the commission Jesus gave us to invite people to follow him. Not to mention, God has given you gifts to do just that.

And remember this...

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

Hebrews 6:10



Why Give?

We know. This is such a touchy subject. Let's be honest - money and the church have a strained history. From the "super-apostles" in 2 Corinthians who exploited early believers for money, to the sale of indulgences that ignited Martin Luther and the Reformation in the 16th century, to our modern day when TV evangelists find ways to turn everything into an appeal for money (and then spend it on their own luxuries), it's evident that we in the church haven't always gotten it right. But the Bible always has. And so it's to the Bible we appeal. Here are 6 Biblical reasons to give financially to the church:

1. **To avoid worshipping money** (Luke 16:13, Heb 13:5, Matt. 13:22)
The Bible says wealth is deceptive and money is the single greatest potential idol in our lives, whether you have lots of it or not. Because it is our basic human resource, it begs us to love and trust it. Jesus challenged the wealthy to balance their lives by being more generously sacrificial and less entitled to personal luxury.
2. **To express thanks to God** (2 Corinthians 9:10-12)
Paul wrote that our generosity results in thanksgiving to God. If we as individuals or the church receive something, then we thank God for it! And the end result acknowledges and blesses God. Not only that, giving out of what you've been given is a direct expression of how you feel about the gift itself and the Giver.
3. **To demonstrate our eternal values** (Luke 8:14)
In one story, Jesus described people who were so concerned about riches and pleasures as "seeds" that did not mature when they were planted. Giving realigns our focus and demonstrates that we are most driven by and toward eternal, spiritual blessings.
4. **To demonstrate to God we are trustworthy** (Luke 16:9-12)
God really wants to bless us. We believe that at CHC. But how we use what we have, whether it's money, time or relationships, is a reflection of how much we can faithfully handle.
5. **To obey God, who expects his people to give** (Mal 3:8-10)
There is really no better reason. If we believe in God, our goal is to be able to simply say, "God expects it. I want to do it." But along with the command in Malachi 3 comes a promise of great blessing.
6. **To help the Church fulfill its call** (Mal 3:10, 1 Cor 16:2, Philippians 4:18-19)
The Church's only income stream flows from God's people investing in that which they value. The Church's focus must remain on its far-reaching mission while relying on a "storehouse" stocked with the necessary resources to fulfill that mission.

How much should I give?

Maybe the better question is, "How much should I keep?" It's interesting that we all tend to ask how much is "enough," with minimums in mind. Christian giving is based on pursuing an attitude like Jesus' - humility, utter generosity and sacrifice. Though giving a tenth of one's income, or tithe, is rooted in the Old Testament and has been adopted as a standard in many church traditions, the spirit of the New Testament teaching is not mathematical. We do believe that 10% is a great goal and we encourage it because it is sacrificial for most people. We also encourage graduated giving that asks folks with increased income who do give 10% to go further and express sacrificial generosity "in keeping with (their) income," a principle from 1 Corinthians 16:2. This makes Christ-like giving an experience that is shared, no matter how much you make. So how much should you give? 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 offers insight:

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."



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No, although input from members is always sought after and encouraged. Voting is divisive and has no Biblical precedent whatsoever. The Bible encourages the Ephesians 4 leadership mentioned above to humbly make decisions that will best build the community and fulfill Jesus' commission to lead people into an ever-growing relationship with Him (Matthew 28:19-20), not to serve the interests of themselves or any one particular group.

Is Christian Heritage a part of a denomination?

For purposes of ordination, Christian Heritage Church is connected to the Upper South Carolina Conference of The International Pentecostal Holiness Church. For more information on our Pentecostal faith tradition, check out "*What Does It Mean That We Are Pentecostal?*" on our website.



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The Members Section of our Website

A complete and updated church directory, along with other resources, is available online under the "Members" tab of our website. The username is: "member@chcgreer.com" and the password is "chc."

The Church Calendar

A detailed interactive calendar of events is kept up to date on our website.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20



I Want To Be a Member

You may use one form for your entire family. Please turn this form in to the Church Office or give it to one of the pastors at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Occupation(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Children's Names & Ages:

Please give us a brief description of your Christian experience:

How did you find Christian Heritage?

Describe why you desire to be a member at CHC?

Are you comfortable with the "7 Expressions" of membership listed on page 2 of this packet?

Please Circle: YES NO

If not, why?

Areas in which you would be interested in serving (*please circle*):

Children's Nursery Ushers/Greeters Seniors Teens Media

Music Hospitality/Helps Men's Women's Married Life Choir

Prayer Ministry

Other: _____