



PORT CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

reaching people and helping them walk with God

information book

This is the place for all the information you
ever needed to know about Port City Community
Church and the ministries we represent.

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what we believe

In essential beliefs - we have unity. "There is one Body and one Spirit...there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of us all..." Eph. 4:4-6

In non-essential beliefs - we have liberty. "Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters... Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls... So then each of us will give an account of himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God." Romans 14:1,4,12,22

In all our beliefs - we show charity. "...If I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all." 1 Corinthians 13:2

the Bible

The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, composed of 66 books of the Old and New Testament. We believe that Scripture in its entirety originated with God and that it was given through the instrumentality of chosen men. Scripture, thus at one and the same time, speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles, and vocabularies of the human authors. We hold that the Scriptures are infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts. They are the unique, full, and final authority on all matters of faith and practice, and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God.

God

We believe that there is one, true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- each of whom possess equally all the attributes of deity and the characteristics of personality. In the beginning God created out of nothing the world and all the things therein, thus manifesting the glory of His power, wisdom, and goodness. By His sovereign power He continues to sustain creation. By His providence He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purposes.

salvation

The central purpose of God's revelation in Scripture is to call all people into fellowship with Him. Man defied God, choosing to go his independent way, and thus was alienated from God and suffered the corruption of his nature, rendering him unable to please God. The fall took place at the beginning of human history, and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God.

The salvation of mankind is, then, wholly a work of God's free grace, not the result, in whole or in part of human works or goodness, and must be personally appropriated by repentance and faith. When God has begun a saving work in the heart of any person, He gives assurance in His Word that He will continue performing it until the day of its full consummation.

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the eternal second person of the Trinity who was united forever with a true human nature by miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father and voluntarily atoned for the sins of all by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of the Father, where He, the only Mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own. He shall come again to earth, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God.

what we believe continued

the Christian life

The essential accompaniment of a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of holiness and obedience, attained by believers as they submit to the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. He was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to apply to mankind the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakens in them a recognition of their need of a Savior, and regenerates them. At the point of salvation He permanently indwells every believer to become the source of assurance, strength and wisdom, and uniquely endows each believer with the gifts for the upbuilding of the body. The Holy Spirit guides believers in understanding and applying the Scripture. His power and control are appropriated by faith, making it possible for the believer to lead a life of Christ-like character and to bear fruit for the glory of the Father.

human destiny

Death seals the eternal destiny of each person. For all mankind, there will be a resurrection of the body into the spiritual world and a judgment that will determine the fate of each individual. Unbelievers will be separated from God into condemnation. God's judgment will reveal His justice in consigning them to perpetuate in eternal retribution their own rejection of God. Believers will be received into eternal communion with God and will be rewarded for works done in this life.

the church

The corollary of union with Jesus Christ is that all believers become members of His body, the Church. There is one true church universal, comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands believers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, the teaching of the Word, the observance of baptism and Communion as the sacramentarian ordinances established by Jesus Christ, fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world.

Wherever God's people meet regularly in obedience to this command, there is the local expression of the church. Under the watch care of elders and other supportive leadership, its members are to work together in love and unity, intent on the one ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ.

faith & practice

Scripture is the final authority on all matters of faith and practice. This church recognizes that it cannot bind the conscience of individual members in areas where Scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be led in those areas by the Lord, to whom he or she is ultimately responsible. We believe the Statement of Faith to be an accurate summary of what Scripture teaches. All members shall refrain from advocating doctrines that are not included in the Statement of Faith in such a way as to cause dissension.

grow zone birth - pre K

Grow Zone, our Sunday morning Birth through Pre-K ministry, is where it all begins. Our mission is to come alongside families as we teach our littlest ones the basic truths of who God is, confident His image will make a lasting impression. Our goal is far more than just childcare on Sunday morning. In everything we do, from rocking tiny babies to leading 4-year-olds in song, we are intentional about teaching the children about our Great God.

Everything we teach the toddlers and preschoolers reflects our four principles:

- * God made me.
- * God loves me.
- * Jesus wants to be my friend forever.
- * The Bible is God's story and everything in it is true

A note on the long lines and why some can't be let in...

To ensure the safety and quality of care for all children, Grow Zone Rooms close when the physical space has reached its maximum capacity and when the volunteer to child ratio cannot be exceeded.

Grow Zone's ratios are:

Babies: 1:1, max: 8
 Cruisers 2:1, max: 12
 Ones 3:1, max: 12
 Twos 4:1, max: 12
 Threes 4:1, max: 16
 Fours 4:1, max:16

Check in Times:

For the 9:00 service, the Volunteer Line is open from 8:30-8:40 (General Line is open from 8:40-9:10)

For the 11:00 service, the Volunteer Line is open from 10:30-10:40 (General Line is open from 10:40-11:10)

For the 4:00 service, the Volunteer Line is open from 3:30-3:40 (General Line is open from 3:40-4:10)

For the 6:00 service, the Volunteer Line is open from 5:30-5:40 (General Line is open from 5:40-6:10)

When should first time visitors get in the grow zone line?

the line will begin to form 30-40 minutes before each service starts

grow zone
birth - pre K

treasure island

k-5th

Treasure Island Mission: Reaching kids and coming alongside families to help them walk with God.

Treasure Island is the ministry at PC3 that is responsible for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. We believe that your kids matter to God, and so they matter to us! During their time at TI, we want them to come away with three principles:

1. I need to make the wise choice.
2. I can trust God no matter what.
3. I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

We believe that God wants us to show kids how relevant His word is to our everyday lives, and how we can walk with Him each day. Our kids need to be reminded that God can be trusted. We use a different virtue each month to communicate the unchanging character of God to the kids and their families. And it's a blast! Through small group leaders who care, worship leaders who inspire, and crazy characters driving the point home, we are a community that will do whatever it takes to communicate the greatness of God to children. Our hope is that each and every child who attends Treasure Island develops a relationship with Jesus Christ that is growing and strong.

tilt:

T.I.L.T., also known as Treasure Island Live Theater, is an awesome time of ministry and fun for K-5th grade kids and their families. Come out for some hilarious hijinks, high energy music, and a positive and entertaining environment for your whole family in the Treasure Island Theater--whichever time of the evening works best for you.

check-in:

9:00 Service

Early Check-In Begins: 8:15

Classroom Doors Open at: 8:35

11:00 Service

Early Check-In Begins: 10:15

Classroom Doors Open at: 10:35

4:00 Service

Early Check-In Begins: 3:15

Classroom Doors Open at: 3:35

6:00 Service

Early Check-In Begins: 5:15

Classroom Doors Open at: 5:35

tsunami middle school

Tsunami is a ministry designed to help middle school students learn about God, grow in their relationship with Him, and get connected with their peers. At Tsunami we strive to create an environment in which the music, madness and message bring middle school students to a place where they can be reached and helped in their walks with God.

Tsunami meets at 9am and 4pm Sunday in Studio 3.

The 7 checkpoints:

What we teach at Tsunami is based on The 7 Checkpoints for Students. Throughout the year, we take the following seven topics and creatively communicate these truths in a way that students can relate to:

- 1) Authentic Faith - Principle: God can be trusted; He will do all He has promised to do. Key Passage: Proverbs 3:5-6
- 2) Spiritual Disciplines - Principle: When you see as God sees, you will do as God says. Key Passage: Romans 12:2
- 3) Moral Boundaries - Principle: Purity paves the way for intimacy. Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
- 4) Healthy Friendships - Principle: Your friends will determine the direction and quality of your life. Key Passage: Proverbs 13:20
- 5) Wise Choices - Principle: Walk wisely Key Passage: Ephesians 5:15-17
- 6) Ultimate Authority - Principle: Maximum freedom is found under God's authority Key Passage: Romans 13:1-2
- 7) Others First - Principle: Consider others before yourself Key Passage: Philippians 2:3-11

ripple effect high school

PC3's high-school ministry. Our mission is crystal clear: "to reach students and help them walk with God." We don't believe that teenagers are merely the future of the church; we believe they ARE the church! And our goal here is to help each student realize who God has created him or her to be.

Ripple Effect meets at 6:00pm every Sunday in Studio 3.

Ripple Effect also goes through the 7 checkpoints:

- 1) Authentic Faith - Principle: God can be trusted; He will do all He has promised to do.
Key Passage: Proverbs 3:5-6
- 2) Spiritual Disciplines - Principle: When you see as God sees, you will do as God says.
Key Passage: Romans 12:2
- 3) Moral Boundaries - Principle: Purity paves the way for intimacy.
Key Passage: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
- 4) Healthy Friendships - Principle: Your friends will determine the direction and quality of your life.
Key Passage: Proverbs 13:20
- 5) Wise Choices - Principle: Walk wisely
Key Passage: Ephesians 5:15-17
- 6) Ultimate Authority - Principle: Maximum freedom is found under God's authority
Key Passage: Romans 13:1-2
- 7) Others First - Principle: Consider others before yourself
Key Passage: Philippians 2:3-11

ripple effect
high school

overflow twenty somethings

Overflow meets on Tuesday nights at 7pm in Studio 3.

We are passionate about helping college students and twenty-somethings see God as He is and helping them walk with Him in this complicated life-stage of being single and searching for purpose in life. Every week a group of dedicated volunteers gives their time and energy to make Overflow happen.

Volunteer opportunities within overflow:

Saturday Feedings

On the first and third Saturdays of each month, PC3 teams prepare and serve a hot lunch meal to those who in need. Through this ministry, many people have received encouragement and have witnessed the love of Christ. Areas of service in this mission include shopping for food/supplies, meal preparation, transport, serving, visiting with guests, and clean-up.

Cape Fear Volunteer Center:

The Cape Fear Volunteer Center connects people with service opportunities in the community. If you would like more information or are interested in serving through this organization, [click here to visit their website.](#)

Good Shepherd Center

Individuals and groups serve in a variety of ways at Good Shepherd. There are opportunities in the day shelter, soup kitchen, overnight shelter, office, and help is needed with grounds maintenance and transporting shelter residents to their jobs. If you have any questions or are interested in participating in this ministry, [click here to go to their website.](#)

Participate in a Short Term Mission Trip

We feel short term missions at PC3 should be an extension of our mission: to reach people and help them walk with God. Through short term missions at PC3, we hope to reach and serve others, and also to provide opportunities for individuals to develop their walks by doing so. For more information visit the missions section of our website.

overflow
twenty somethings

host team first impressions

The host team is the first impression of Port City. Our goal is to help people walk with God by directing them into the different ministry environments.

We are leaders, we are servants, we are in almost every area of the church.

Our teams include:

- parking
- guest services
- greeters
- ushers
- cafe
- bookstore

We have host team orientations every other month for new volunteers.

host team

peoplecare

small groups, one to one, refuge

small groups

PC3 small groups consist of four to six married couples or six to twelve individuals of the same gender. Groups commit to meet together regularly as they help each other in their walks with God.

Ultimately, 'doing life together' in small groups creates a community of people radically devoted to God, to one another, and to the world we are called to serve.

Small group connections exist to help people get plugged in to these groups, these are held periodically for singles and married couples alike.

one to one

The goal of our advocates is to provide One-to-One care by providing hope, encouragement and biblical guidance, to individuals experiencing struggles in their daily lives. We believe that this can only be found through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Our trained volunteer advocates meet with individuals to listen, clarify and teach biblical truths and principles that apply to their situations and walks.

One-to-One care is for individuals struggling with issues such as: addictions, grief, marriage, parenting, anxiety, sadness and hopelessness, anger and bitterness, and spiritual discouragement.

If you are interested in meeting with one of our advocates, please complete the following form. They can be returned to the church office or dropped off in a sealed envelope at the information table on Sunday morning.

refuge

Refuge is designed to help those who are struggling with a variety of different addictions, including: drugs/alcohol, pornography, cutting, and eating disorders. In each of these areas, our goal is to direct you to the hope that can be found through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The Refuge ministry provides small groups and one-to-one mentoring as options to help you in your walk with God as you break free from your addiction. The Refuge small groups are Christ-centered, grace-driven, redemptive and intentional. Through His grace and redemption we encourage one another to live our lives in a manner that is pleasing to God. The groups go beyond addictions, as the addiction is not the focus of the group, it is simply the common ground in which the groups were built.

Intentional community is the promise that is kept among everyone in the group; each member of the community is not there for themselves but for what they can give to support each other. We believe that God in his mercy has given us the Body in order to help spur one another along.

According to Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Community is God's ever-present way of revealing Himself to His people. Through a community of believers, you can find refuge in God.

If you are struggling with an addiction or would like more information, please feel free to contact us at the church office. (910-202-8800)

missions

Our mission is to reach people and help them walk with God – all people, from our community to the ends of the earth. Missions is not a separate ministry or program at PC3; it's the essence of who we are as believers in Jesus Christ.

As our relationship with God grows, we develop His love for people. A natural expression of that love is the desire to serve others and an excitement about sharing the joy and hope we have in Jesus Christ to those who haven't heard or don't understand.

hope 127

Port City Community Church has organized an exciting ministry named HOPE 127 as a team within the church to connect people of the church to its various missions. HOPE stands for Helping Other People Everywhere. The 127 refers to James 1:27--"Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us."

The team's first project--The Kenya Project--has been to work with Pastor Jackson Mwangi and develop a Sponsorship Program for Mama Hellen's Rehabilitation Center in Nakuru, Kenya. In the future, HOPE 127 will be working to connect PC3 people with other projects.

As our Mission Statement says, HOPE 127 exists to link people of PC3 to groups of people in need so that all may walk with God.

where?

- wilmington
- belarus
- congo
- central america
- guinea
- india
- kenya
- sudan

For more information on these locations, please check out the missions tab on portcitychurch.org

starting point

What is Starting Point (and who is it for)?

Starting Point is a ten week small group designed for those who have questions or doubts about the Bible, God, or Christianity.

Starting Point is for anyone wanting to know more about the Bible and have a place to be able to ask any question about God, The Bible, or any other spiritual issues.

Our goal is not to try to convince, but to allow people an environment to discover the truths about who God is and the value of the scripture.

When and where are Starting Point orientations?

Orientations are held every 5 weeks in the Living Rooms @ 250 Vision Drive after the 8:30, 10:30, and 12:30 services - [Get Directions / Map](#)

When and where do the groups meet?

Once formed, Starting Point groups meet during the 8:30 am & 10:30 am services at the Living Rooms @ 250 Vision Drive - [Get Directions / Map](#)

How do I get in and what will be covered?

We have new groups forming every five to six weeks. If you are interested in joining a Starting Point group please go by the Information Center on Sunday or email Starting Point.

During the ten weeks we will take a look at the Bible; what is it, how do I read it, and is it reliable. We will then move briefly through the Old Testament in 500 year intervals. From there we look at Christ, salvation and what to do next.

step 2

Through this 8-week small group experience, you will understand what it looks like to walk with God, and develop spiritual habits sure to give you greater confidence in your pursuit of Him. Along the journey, you will change into the "shoes" appropriate for each type of terrain you encounter. As you embark on this trek, this pursuit of God, you will notice greater confidence in each step you take.

starting point &
step 2

baptisms

At Port City Community Church we consider it a privilege and honor to mark a moment in your journey walking with God through baptism. We believe baptism to be a public celebration of a private decision and confession of your need for a savior.

"The official asked Philip, 'Tell me, of whom is the prophet saying this? Of himself or of someone else?' Then Philip began to speak; starting from this passage of scripture, he told him the Good News about Jesus. As they traveled down the road, they came to a place where there was some water, and the official said, 'Here is some water. What is to keep me from being baptized?' The official ordered the carriage to stop, and both Philip and the official went down into the water, and Philip baptized him." - Acts 8:34-38 TEV

It is evident from the verses above that baptism is important for followers of Christ. It is not an act of salvation. Its purpose is to allow you as a believer in Christ to publicly declare your need for a Savior and to celebrate your decision to accept the Good News of Christ as your Savior.

Baptism Guide

Our baptism guide will help you understand what baptism is. To be baptized we ask that you go through this booklet prior to your baptism. You can pick-up one of these guides at our information table or download the Baptism Guide from the website.

What to do next:

- * Step 1 - Pick up a cd and guide at the information table.
- * Step 2 - Listen to the cd and complete the work book (you can listen online).
- * Step 3 - Call Jesse Stephenson at 202-8814, or email Baptism to set up an interview and video testimony.

Note:

Due to the process involved, we can only acomodate the first six people that sign up for each date. If you would like to know the scheduled date for the next baptism, please email baptism@portcitychurch.org

Kids baptism guides are available only through Treasure Island.

who for what

(All staff email address are first.last@portcitychurch.org)

Senior Staff:

Mike Ashcraft: Pastor
Chris Kuhne: Pastor of Worship Arts
Richie Marshall: Executive Pastor

Service Programming Department:

Evan Vetter: Director of E*Media
Jesse Bond: Media Staff
Rachael Parker: Media Staff
Parrish Stikeleather: Media Intern
Joey Connolley: Media Intern
Duane Mixon: Director of Music
Dave Phillippi: Music Staff
Jessica Mann: Host Team Coordinator
Kelly Cain: Host Team Staff
Tim Cain: Technical Director
Mike Paschal: Video/Lighting Coordinator
Nick Warkentien: Production Staff
Daniel Shafer: Youth Production Intern
Olivia Cheyne: Creative Programming Coordinator

Family Ministries:

Grow Zone:

Lauren Danaher: Grow Zone Director
Sara Griffin: Grow Zone Volunteer Coordinator
Kristen Atterholt: Grow Zone Staff

Treasure Island:

Hugo Izzo: Director of Treasure Island
LeeAnn Brawley: Treasure Island Small Groups Coordinator
Brooks Koff: Treasure Island Host Coordinator
Kelsey Skelton: Treasure Island Production Coordinator
Kelly Oliver: Treasure Island Small Groups Intern

Tsunami:

Mark Foland: Director of Tsunami

Ripple Effect:

Brett Eddy: Director of Ripple Effect
Cody Ray Charland: Ripple Effect Coordinator
Luke Tippett: Youth Intern

Overflow:

Brian Few: Director of Overflow
Josh Asselin: Overflow Production Coordinator
Lauren LeFoe: Overflow Host Team Coordinator

Missions:

Christie Coley: Executive Director of Missions
JoEllen Hall: Missions Coordinator
Heidi Baker: Missions Staff

who for what

who for what

Starting Point:

Jesse Stephenson: Director of Starting Point
Kirsten Paschal: Starting Point Intern

People Care:

Jeff Winchester: Director of People Care
Sarah Coe: People Care Staff
Lisa Stikeleather: People Care Staff
Tony Ripa: People Care Staff
Jennifer Leech: People Care Staff
Udy Wood: People Care Staff
Refuge:
Mark Allen: Refuge Mentoring Coordinator
Tommy Prevatt: Refuge Small Group Coordinator

Operations:

Adam Hicks: Director of Operations
Marvin Green: Operations Staff
Warren King: Technology Coordinator
Administration Staff:
Jennie Scoggins: Administrative Assistant
Brenda Austin: Administrative Assistant
Sandra Cayton: Administrative Assistant

Facilities:

Wayne Kuhne: Facilities Manager

who for what

faq

Where can I turn in the offering if I miss the basket?

It can be turned in to the information desk which will then be transferred to a secure place. If there is an event in which money is being taken, a separate envelope will be provided for that.

What are the church's weekly office hours?

The church is open Monday through Friday from 9am until 5pm. People should enter on the side of the building through the administration side. There are signs on the main doors pointing people to the appropriate doors.

Where do I sign up for Starting Point?

Starting Point is our only adult Sunday morning environment. Starting Point orientations are offered once every 6 weeks. When they are offered it will be announced from the stage. After the service people can head down to the living rooms where they will attend an orientation and sign up.

Where can I purchase a copy of the message?

Copies of all messages including the current day's message are available for purchase in the Port City Community Church Bookstore for \$3.00.

How do I sign up to volunteer?

We have provided volunteer applications for each ministry that are located in the file cabinets located behind the information desk. From there, the applications will be given to the ministry directors and the person should be contacted within the week.

Does Port City Community Church have Wednesday Night services?

No, we currently do not have any Wednesday night services. We do however have small groups that meet throughout the week at different times and in different places. Overflow (our 20-somethings & college ministry) meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm and Ripple Effect (our high school ministry) meets on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm.

How do I get connected into a small group?

If someone wants to get involved in a small group, provide them with the "small groups" brochure and let them know that they can go online and fill out a GroupFinder profile. If they have any further questions, have them email small groups at smallgroups@portcitychurch.org. Also we offer connections two to three times a year in order to get people plugged into small groups.

Do we have a lost and found?

Yes, a lost and found is located in the bottom left drawer of the information desk.

Does Port City Community Church pay for babysitting while a parent(s) attend small group?

Yes, if the family is unable to afford the cost of babysitting and that is a factor in whether or not the family attends a small group, then babysitting reimbursements are available. The childcare forms are available at the information table in the filing cabinets behind the information desk.

faq

What is the schedule of communion?

Communion here is done approximately 3-4 times a year. It is not done on any particular schedule or during any particular time.

Why does the church not have a cross on the building or any pictures of Christ on or in the building?

People usually associate church buildings with steeples and crosses. This was not something that was omitted from the design in order to make a statement nor was the intent to diminish the cross in any way. The more you engage in our community, you will find that we cherish the cross and the life that has been given to us though the cross.

The building was designed to accommodate the programs that support the ministries and the mission that God has for us. We wanted to do this as efficient and effective as possible. The architecture and style of PC3 is not an attempt to be non-traditional. We aren't trying to be non-anything, but there is something deeper that drives PC3. We desire that all we do be an expression of Christ and the work of His cross for us and hope that our building allows for our body to create and express the symbols that will mark our journey together. Just as the cross has become a much-cherished symbol to centuries of Christians, we count ourselves among those who cherish it. However, it is also one of the most popular choices for jewelry in our culture. This symbolism has very little impact on our culture.

Our desire is that the cross of Christ is something that drives us to follow Christ and obey Him and His command to love, never to simply become an ornament on a wall. We desire it to be cherished in the heart of all who follow Him.

Those who walk with God as a part of this body carry the influence and integrity of PC3. And together, we will have far more influence on the people in this community than a cross on our building ever will.

How do I become a member of Port City Community Church?

Currently we do not have any form of membership. We rely heavily on getting connected with a small group and then getting plugged into one of our volunteer ministries.

Does Port City Community Church have a singles ministry?

No, currently we do not have a singles ministry. The only thing we have that would come close would be our Overflow ministry, but that is for college and 20-something aged adults.

How do I sign up for counseling?

If someone is interested in being apart of our one on one counseling ministry we have forms available for them to fill out. Have the person fill out the forms then turn them back into the information table. At this point we will make sure these forms get turned into our people care ministry and they will be contacted.