

New Logo

Many of you noticed last week in the bulletin that there is a new logo for CHPC. This is the first fruit of the Identity Team which is itself part of the larger Regeneration campaign. The team formed at the beginning of 2017 and worked with Brownstone Design to come up with a new logo for our church.



The first thing you will likely notice is the leaf shape which is a reference to both the idea of a new life stage emerging within our church as well as a reference to our denomination, ECO, which uses a leaf as its symbol. Secondly, your eye may be drawn to the various colors throughout the logo. There are four main colors within the leaf and various shades of each color. The various colors represent the diversity in our church as we endeavor to minister together across generational, socioeconomic, ethnic, and racial lines. The colors were not selected at random. Rather, each shade of every color in the logo is taken from the stained glass windows in our church which tethers this new logo to our existing aesthetic and tradition while stretching us forward in several new ways. Finally, you'll notice that each section of the leaf is united by the centralized image of the cross. The cross is more than a common Christian symbol. In our logo it represents the means of our reconciliation both to God and one another that is accomplished by Jesus Christ on the cross.

Seeing this new logo in the bulletin is exciting, but it is only the beginning. You'll begin to see it all throughout our church campus and ministries and will eventually have new signage throughout the campus and a new website that works with our new logo and color schemes. All of that is on its way, but in the meantime, we're eager to share with you the progress that has been made!



Connection Groups

New this fall
Church Wide Connections Groups

Connection Groups are an 8 week "relational discipleship" experience where we connect with one another in Jesus. These groups provide a taste of authentic Christian community. For community, it is crucial to make space to share life, experience life-giving spiritual conversations, and give healthy support to one another.

We will be hosting groups at different times and different places throughout the week and each meeting will last about 90-120 minutes. Sign-ups are in the atrium now for you to indicate what time would best work for you. Groups will start the first week of October and end the week before Thanksgiving. All adults and young adults are invited and encouraged to participate. After this two-month journey you will have a deeper understanding of God's salvation of the world, and your part in it as we grow in Christ, alongside each other.

Sunday Morning Ushers Needed

Would you like to serve the Lord and His people on Sunday mornings? At each service, four deacons serve with four ministry partner ushers to prepare the sanctuary and to greet and assist the congregation. To clarify, you DO NOT have to be a deacon to be an usher. As church leaders, the deacons have a three-year service commitment that includes other duties. As a ministry partner usher, you can determine how often you would like to serve and at which services. We offer on-the-job training! Please consider whether God is calling you to minister in this capacity. Express interest and provide your contact information on a Connection Card and place in the collection plate, or email jschneider@chpc.org.

Hot Off the Press!

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2017 — the 500th Anniversary of the PROTESTANT REFORMATION. 9TH IN A SERIES.

In the center of the block-long 'Reformation Wall' in Geneva Switzerland stand four 16 foot tall statues: William Farel (1489-1565); John Calvin (1509-1564); John Knox (1513-1572) and Theodore Beza (1519-1605). Knox's amazing life was covered in two articles.

THE MAN WHO CHANGED SCOTLAND ...AND THE WORLD PART 2

BY ELDER RICK SCHATZ, EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

In the previous article on Knox, Rev Tom Sweets noted: "Something dramatic happened in Scotland... before the impoverished nation rose up to transform the world, the hearts of its people were changed under the leadership of John Knox."

THE REST OF THE STORY

In 1548 Knox, the spokesperson for Scotland's Protestants, was captured by the French 'Papists' and served as a galley slave for 19 months. English Protestants arranged his release and gave him refuge. When Catholic Mary Tudor (Bloody Mary) came to the English throne, Knox escaped to Frankfurt Germany. In 1556 he arrived with his luggage, books, wife and his mother-in-law to pastor a church in Geneva.

The next two years brought great joy to Knox, and his family. In Geneva he had found: "the most perfect school of Christ that was ever in the earth since the days of the apostles." Under Calvin, Knox was mentored, tested, and delivered three 2 hour sermons a week.

In 1558 Knox *anonymously* published his treatise: "The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women" in which he challenged the leadership of the Queens ruling Scotland and England. The book was declared *an act of sedition and rebellion* and set Knox at odds with the monarchy in both countries.

1558 was also when Elizabeth Tudor (a Protestant) became Queen of England. Knox saw this as a chance to return to Scotland and minister to those he had left behind when he fled to Geneva.

He returned to a civil war between those supporting the Reformation and those supporting the Roman Catholic heritage

of Scotland. England again stood with the reformers. France sided with Catholic leaders including the regent Queen, Mary of Guise (Mary Queen of Scots).

Finally in 1560-1561, the Scottish Parliament met to settle the dispute. They approved the *Scots Confession*.¹ It abolished the rule of the Pope, condemned all practice and doctrine contrary to the Reformed Faith, and outlawed the celebration of the mass. One result was that for nearly 400 years educators in Scotland were required to affirm the *Scots Confession* and later the *Westminster Confession*. God's Word became the standard for schools...and it changed Scotland and the world.

The controversy between the Reformed Faith and Roman Catholicism was far from over. The civil war continued and involved religious leaders, Scottish nobles and troops from England and France. A truce was called in July 1572.

JOHN KNOX'S EPITAPH

The life of John Knox brings into focus the breadth of the Reformation — the teachings of Protestantism and of Reformed Theology and their influence on world politics. We see religious wars literally being fought between the leaders of nations, and the martyrdom and execution of those who disagreed with those in power.

Knox saw 'the State' as *the vehicle under God to bring religious truth and practice to a nation*. It was the right and duty of the Church to rebel against 'ungodly civil leadership' including the need to use force where necessary.

John Calvin greatly influenced Knox during his time in Geneva. He convinced Knox of the truth of the Reformed Faith, and of the *right* of the church-state to *enforce true religion in a nation*. This brought Knox into direct conflict with the leaders of the Catholic Church

and the monarchs who were committed to the Pope and Catholic teaching.

John Knox, while a man of controversy, brought the Reformed Faith to Scotland. He lived his faith as a noble leader of men. When he died on November 24, 1572 this testimony was spoken of him: "Here lies one who never feared any flesh." What a testimony of a servant of Jesus Christ.

NEXT: Rev Drew Smith - Theodore Beza & Jacob Arminius .

¹ The Scots Confession (primarily written by Knox) is a part of the *Book of Confessions* of many Reformed churches.



JOHN KNOX PREACHING — ST GILES CATHEDRAL — EDINBURGH

Crazy for God

Back when our family's move to Denver, Colorado was just a shimmer of a possibility, I was talking to a friend about it. "Are we crazy?" I asked. "Uprooting our family and moving across the country because we feel like God wants us to?" The friend shrugged. "You're crazy for God," she said, as if that explained everything. But the truth is, that Crazy for God is still crazy. The crazy part doesn't leave. The Holy Spirit filled us with an energetic purpose to move our family, to start a new life here...but some part of us had to mentally unhinge, had to let go for no worldly reason, had to take a deep breath and plunge into the unknown. Some part of us had to be crazy.



We've been living in Denver for a little over a month now. I have not stopped gasping at the sight of the Rockies from the grocery store parking lot. I have not stopped marveling that the sun always shines here. My youngest, who was a rockhound before we moved, is constantly filling her pockets with sandstone and pink granite, and paved trails stretch from our doorstep all the way to downtown. It's a beautiful part of the country, and we feel fortunate to be living here.



Brad and I both grew up in Ohio. We went to school here, moved to Tennessee for Brad's medical school, and then came right back home. We love thick forests and cornfields and clouded winter skies and family nearby. We've never known anything different. We settled in Cincinnati and had our girls, and two of our girls had special needs, and we filled these needs with prayer, with friends who loved them, with a school that understood them, with a church that ministered to them. I had a teaching job in Wyoming that I absolutely loved. We put down roots that stretched deep and nourished us.

Over the past year, it became clear that God was asking us to move. Perceptible changes in jobs, in schools, even songs on the radio, settings of books I was reading, everything pointed toward Denver. God gifted us with a peace about this move, which did not take away the emotional sting of leaving, but gave us perspective. Cincinnati was an exciting chapter in our lives, but that chapter was ending so a new one could begin. We sold our house. We found a new one. We packed a minivan with snacks and children and sleeping bags and a dog and drove for three days across the searingly hot Great Plains to where our new life was waiting for us. Many of you have gone through similar moves, have trusted God's provision in a similar way, but for these Ohio homebodies, this was new for us. It felt exhilarating. It felt renewing. And yes, it felt crazy.



Life is good here. The girls are getting settled into school, Brad is getting settled into work as a nephrologist at Colorado Children's, and I am pursuing my Colorado teaching license and praying for God to show me what's next. (Currently, what's next is the sink full of dishes, which I am conveniently ignoring.) We are in the process of finding a church home that will love on us like College Hill, have amazing camps for our girls, church members that surround and lift them up, a pastor who, when he slams the pulpit for emphasis and my oldest shrieks from the balcony, knows just to laugh and enjoy her involvement in the service. Where is the Colorado version of you? I know we'll find it. But patience has never been one of my most developed qualities.

Thank you for inviting us to share our story, and for continuing to pray for us as we build a life out here. We invite you to come visit – we have plenty of guest space, proximity to mountain beauty, and an amazing Mexican restaurant just down the road that we know you'll love. We continue to pray for you, College Hill, for God's will to be done through you. We love you!

The Dixon Family



Prayer Page

"... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers," Romans 1:9

CHPC Community

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Caroline Duke	Andrew Duke
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Dear CHPC,

The Reformation Tour has pushed off. Twenty-three (from Cincinnati and from an ECO church in Amarillo, TX) have begun an historical, spiritual journey retracing the steps of the renewal of the church in Europe that started five hundred years ago. Cathy and I eagerly anticipate God connecting us to our history and to the church in Germany and Switzerland today. Please ask God for the whole group to experience the depth of our history and the beauty of God's faithfulness throughout the ages. We look forward to sharing with you from our experiences when we return the first week of October. To God be the glory.

Pastor Drew