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you invite other individuals and/or families to join us for this concert.

Offer to bring your guests that night. Let them know about Michael Card. Use the tickets as an outreach to specific people. We're asking that you use these tickets for people who live near the church, or for people you are confident might consider the possibility of attending this concert and of joining us for worship some Sunday morning.

This is a wonderful opportunity. Let's make the most of it!

As I close this week's *Newsletter* I ask you to join me in giving all glory, honor and praise to our Lord. He has blessed us through you and others with gifts for the General Fund of CPC exceeding our budget for 2007 by almost \$61,000. All gifts given to CPC nearly totals 1.4 million dollars. Of this more than 20% was given to support various ministry projects, benevolent causes and missionary endeavors.

-Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Jan. 13

9:30 *Infants:* M & M Krieg
Creepers: N Slade, T Lowe
Toddlers: A & D Heisig

SS *Infants:* S Nicely, D Gaines
Creepers/Toddlers: P & S Wade
Toddlers: M & S Haywood

6 PM *Combined:* Fowlers

Jan. 20

9:30 *Infants:* E McEachern, J Trask
Creepers/Toddlers: H & C Armao
Toddlers: M Arbuckle, D Trask

SS *Infants:* Ly Brown, A Wagner
Creepers: J & J McNeely
Toddlers: M & B Mason

6 PM *Combined:* Rahms

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Heather Harris at 706-937-2603.



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From the Senior Pastor...

Beginning Tuesday, January 8, I will be teaching at Covenant College on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. My class, "New Testament Introduction," will be made up mostly of freshmen. I covet your prayers.

The Session granted me two weeks of "academic leave" so I could fine-tune my lectures for the coming semester. I want to thank them for their encouragement and understanding. And how grateful I am to the Lord for Pastor Mullinax and his wonderful ability to preach the Word, clearly, powerfully and with genuine passion.

I look forward to being back in the pulpit on the 13th.

I'm also looking forward to the Michael Card concert that we will sponsor in February. I've asked Jeremy to write a few words about this concert and how we hope to use it as an opportunity to reach out to our community.

Hymn 42 in the *Trinity Hymnal* is the well-known contemporary composition, "El Shaddai." It was written by Michael Card.

On Saturday, February 23, at 7:00 PM Michael Card will be in concert here at CPC. Over a 25-year career, he has recorded over 20 albums, authored or co-authored over 14 books, hosted two radio programs, and written for numerous Christian magazines. Beside "El Shaddai," many of you are familiar with other songs he has composed, such as *Love Crucified* *Arose* and *Emmanuel*.

Through his music, teaching and writing Mr. Card's goal is "to simply and quietly teach the Bible." His three great passions are: "Community, creativity, and commentary."

He believes it is out of community that the gospel comes to life. He writes, "The bulk of what I've learned whether academically, musically, or personally is through interacting with other people, which is why I think community is so important to our growth as Christians."

The Session wants to use Mr. Card's concert as an outreach to our community. Therefore, the concert will be free. That evening we will receive an offering. But whatever expenses are not covered by that offering will be covered by funds taken from the Ministry Expansion Fund.

For this to prove an effective outreach to those around us, you must be willing to participate. Here's what the Session is asking you to do.

Sunday, January 13, tickets will be available in the lobby of the church after the morning service, Sunday school, and the evening service. During one of those times, we'd ask you to take enough tickets for your immediate family.

We would also like you, as individuals and families, to think of other individuals or families who might be interested in hearing a concert on a Saturday night. We will give you tickets for all those you personally invite to this concert. We don't simply want to give tickets away. We want these tickets to be used to by

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior high youth will meet following the evening service this Sunday, January 13.

BIBLE READING PROGRAMS

The new year is always a good time to begin a planned read-through-the-Bible program. These free aids are available in the lobby.

COMMUNICANTS CLASS

A Communicants class for young people in preparation for making a public profession of faith, joining the church and being admitted to the Lord's Table begins Saturday, January 26, at 10 AM. The coursework is suitable for about age 10 and up. Contact Pastor Mullinax for more information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 19, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Dee Hobbs. His topic is "Why Can't We Be Friends?" Join us for a great time of teaching, food and fellowship.

REYNOSA MISSION TRIP

CPC will have a family-friendly mission team go to Reynosa, Mexico this year. The trip is scheduled for June 21-28. See Pastor Mullinax for the details.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd Fellowship II will meet Monday evening, January 14, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borchers' home.
- The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship will meet Tuesday, January 15, at 10 AM.

Officers Retreat

This year's retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 26.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, January 13 we will focus through worship on our **OMNIPOTENT** God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" and "I Sing the Almighty Power of God."

If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, the website www.cyberhymnal.org may be helpful. It has the words, a recording and sometimes the history of the hymn and hymn writer.

Children's Choirs

Our children's choirs will resume meeting this Sunday evening, January 13, at 6 PM. We have two children's choirs: God's Kids for ages 3 - kindergarten and Covenant's Call for 1st - 5th graders.

DEACONS MEETING

The deacons will meet this Sunday, January 13, at 4:30 PM.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not picked up your 2008 offering envelopes, they are still available in the lobby.

For Your Information...

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Please consider hosting a child for the 2008 summer program. The dates are approximately July 1-29, and American host families can specify boy or girl between the ages of 8-11. Host families are responsible for accommodations, food and transportation for their child during their stay. We also need families to plan day trips and special outings for the children. Please see our website for more details, www.ccpge.org or call Jill Tyson at 423-472-6989 for more information about how your family can help.

MINISTRY LEADER TRAINING WITH HARVEST USA

Have you ever wondered if God wants to use you in ministry to sexually-broken men or women? Come explore what that could look like with HARVEST USA, a ministry that provides equipping for local-church-based ministry to those affected by sexual addictions. Training will be held the weekend of February 22 in Chattanooga. The cost is \$150 per person (scholar-ships available). Application deadline is January 18. Call 423-266-0434 or email mark@harvestusa.org for more information and an application packet.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Remember: if you plan to attend the Wednesday supper, you need to register by **NOON EACH MONDAY**. You may email the church at wednightmeals@covenant-chattanooga.org. If you plan to attend every Wednesday, please fill out the permanent registration form in the lobby. All permanent registrations from last year are no longer valid.

COVENANT WORLDWIDE

Did you know that Covenant Theological Seminary offers free downloads of their courseware and study guide materials? Many seminary courses are available at their website in MP3 format with study guides available in PDF format. Among the courses offered are:

Apologetics and Outreach
Christian Ethics
Christian Worship
God and His Word
Life and Letters of Paul
Psalms & Wisdom Books
Youth Ministry

These are only a few of the many classes that are offered for free at their website.

For more information visit: www.covenantseminary.edu.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Joe Davis** — Belmont University (upper class)
- * **Chris Elwood** — Covenant College (upper class)
- * **Lindsey Gardner** — MTSU (freshman)

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Jan. 19	Men's Breakfast
Jan. 27	Shepherding
Feb. 3	Communion
Feb. 23	Michael Card Concert
Mar. 16	Seder Service
Mar. 20	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 23	Easter
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa Mexico

Dear CPC Family,

We would like to express our thanks to the members and friends of CPC for your generous gift this Christmas to the staff love offering.

Thank you very much!

CPC Staff

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