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The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart. Only God can take sons of Adam and daughters of Eve and recreate them into image bearers of Him, into people who hate evil, love good, and are eager to see justice accomplished (Amos 5.15); a people who act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with their God (Micah 6.8); a people in and through whom He can accomplish great and wonderful things that are of both temporal and eternal advantage to others, as well as honoring to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

-Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### 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

### Jan. 27

- 9:30 *Infants:* D & G Schreiner  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D & O Bowers  
*Toddlers:* B & C Miller
- SS *Infants:* S & C Whittier  
*Creepers:* J & B King  
*Toddlers:* L Choquette, D Thurman
- 6 PM *No Evening Service - Shepherding Groups Meet*

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



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Senior Pastor...*

Did you know that once upon a time in America, candidates for public office were not determined until after the conventions met during the summer prior to the November elections? Did you know that once upon a time in America, candidates thought it undignified to be involved in campaigning?

Times have changed. But it may still be summer before we know who will be the Democratic and Republican candidates for the office of President of the US. Even the so-called experts are having a hard time getting their pre-election prognostications correct.

A few of you have expressed to me your concern about who will be our next president. I understand.

But at the same time we must rest with quiet confidence in knowing that our Lord rules over those whom He raises up to govern, accomplishing in and through them His good purposes for us as individuals, as families, as a church, and as a nation.

Of course, what makes us nervous, is thinking about what His good purposes for us might entail. We are people who have been greatly blessed. We know that to whom much is given from them much is expected. And we know how miserably we have failed as individuals, as families, as a church and

as a nation to live up to God's standards of righteousness. And so we tremble.

Which is why when we pray about the political process, we should first acknowledge His sovereign rule over us; then confess to Him our sins as individuals, as families, as a church, and as a nation; then plead with Him not to treat us as we deserve; and finally beg Him to send the Holy Spirit to impact us with the truth of His Gospel.

During the Civil War, Charles Hodge, professor of theology at Princeton Seminary, observed that "the distribution of good and evil in this world to individuals, churches, or nations is not determined by the principles of justice, but according to the wise and benevolent sovereignty of God . . . the orderings of his providence are not determined by justice, but by mysterious wisdom for the accomplishment of higher ends than mere punishment or reward."

I don't know who our next president will be. But I do know Who sits upon the throne. And it is to Him, working in and through people like you and me, that we must look – not to Democrats or Republicans – but to followers of Jesus Christ to accomplish in this world that which is for our tem-

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday, January 20** – Youth Fellowship – “Jumping” Jeff Clay, Rossville native and widely known “Car Hurdler” will speak to the youth this Sunday evening. This is a great event for kids to bring their friends to. Learn more about Jeff Clay and see the clip of him on the Late Show with David Letterman, go to [www.jumpingjeffclay.com](http://www.jumpingjeffclay.com)

We will have a **middle school parent meeting** after the speaker Sunday night at 8:00 to go over information about the Middle school retreat. The retreat is scheduled for February 8-10th at the Ponderosa Bible Camp in Mentone.

**January 21** – Middle and High School: If you are off from school on MLK Day join us for lunch at Cici's Pizza on Gunbarrel Road at 11:30 AM and then for *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* at Wynnsong Theatres at 12:45 PM. The cost is \$10 for both lunch and the movie or \$5 if you will just join us for the movie. This is a drop off/pick up event. If your child cannot find a ride, contact Pastor Carden. A sign-up sheet will be available at the combined middle school and high school time before Sunday school.

**Coming Soon:** Football Celebration – Sunday evening, February 3, following the evening service.

High School Retreat, February 29– March 2

## 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.

## SUNDAY EVENING

### SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

During the evening service this Sunday, January 20, Lucy Wykoff will give a brief presentation about A+ Women's Care and their ministry to women who face a crisis pregnancy.

### MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, January 20, we will focus through worship on our *JUST* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are “The Mighty God, the Lord” and “Fairest Lord Jesus.”



### MEN'S MINISTRY Breakfast

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this 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.

### FOREVER 39ERS ROAD TRIP

On Friday, January 25, you are invited to meet at CPC at 4:30 PM for dinner and a concert. We plan to eat at the Countryside Cafe in Ooltewah and then attend a concert by the Hunt Family Fiddlers at Lee University. For more information about the Hunt family, visit [www.huntfamilyfiddlers.com](http://www.huntfamilyfiddlers.com). Tickets for the concert are \$10 or \$5 for seniors over 60. Space is limited; see Pastor Mullinax soon if you are interested.



### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership on Sunday afternoon, January 20. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.

## For Your Information...

### MEN'S GROUPS

Please note the following men's groups are available each week. Each are “open” (note one exception), and you are encouraged to invite other men to participate with you. In addition to these group leaders, you may contact Ken Henry or Mark Wilson for more information about the Men's Ministry.

- Tuesday 6:30 AM; Dr. Swan's office; Cleveland; leader: Larry Swan (423) 472-8632
- Tuesday 7:00 AM; Ken Henry's home in East Ridge; leader: Ken Henry (423) 718-6406 (the group is open to all men now but will “close” at the end of January)
- Tuesday 6:45 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Tracy Brown (423) 493-9665
- Wednesday 6:30 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Eddie Rahm, (423) 892-1477
- Wednesday 7:00 PM; CPC - 2nd floor office wing; leader: Will Kesler (423) 893-7493
- Friday 6:00 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Mike Fingerle (423) 605-1405
- Friday 8:30 AM; Brainerd Baptist BX building (Belvoir Rd); leader: Pastor Mullinax (423) 899-5377
- Monday 6:00 AM; Cracker Barrel (East Ridge); leader: Jason Coffey (423) 899-6699

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

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



### SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity is hosting the Harlem Ambassadors who will play a game against a team of local athletes. Both teams will have both men and women playing. This is a great opportunity for families to do something together that also benefits the community. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, at 7 PM in the Maclellan Gym at UTC. Advance tickets are \$6 for students/seniors and \$8 for adults. For tickets or more information, call 756-0507 xt. 22.

### 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](mailto: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.

### **PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* **Laura Hall** — UTK (upper class)
- \* **Nancy Henry** — Tufts (upper class)
- \* **Brittne Canada** — Anderson University (freshman)

### **LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC**

Jan. 19	Men's Breakfast
Jan. 27	Shepherding Groups
Feb. 3	Communion
Feb. 23	Michael Card Concert
Feb. 29	High School Retreat
Mar. 16	Seder Service
Mar. 20	Maunder Thursday Service
Mar. 23	Easter
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa Mexico

