

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

From the Senior Associate Pastor...

Rashid and Joy Luswa, and their daughter will be here Sunday, January 9. The Luswas (well known to many at CPC) minister in Uganda. Rashid works as a pastor with Dr. Kefa Sempangi and is the founder and head of Bethel Christian College in Kampala. This school has grown to employ fifty-five staff members and educate five hundred plus youth per year. He has also long been the Ugandan head of African Christian Training Institute (ACTI). He'll be speaking in a combined Sunday School class in Schum Fellowship Hall and sharing on the growth and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Uganda.

Pastor Mullinax

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 9

9:30 *Infants:* S & T Helton
Creepers/Toddlers: M & S Haywood
Toddlers: J & R Ray, L Caldwell

SS *Infants:* S Evans, D Gaines
Creepers: R Bingham, S Spalding
Toddlers: T & Y Owens

6 PM *Combined:* L Caines, P Henry

January 16

9:30 *Infants:* E McEachern, S Knecht
Creepers/Toddlers: B & H Lehmann
Toddlers: T & M & A Horton

SS *Infants:* D & R Kemp
Creepers: E & E Vatt
Toddlers: P & M Johnson

6 PM *Combined:* C Wilkie & J Gaines

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Mandi Johnson at 423.208.2323.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor...

The Lord has again wonderfully blessed CPC financially. As of January 4, gifts received for the general fund during 2010 totaled \$1,296,000, exceeding the budget for 2010 by more than \$90,000. By God's grace, in CPC's twenty-three years we have never failed to meet budget, but this is by far the largest amount ever to have exceeded our anticipated needs.

In 2010, our combined support of missionaries, denominational supports and diaconal needs totaled nearly 20% of our budget. The two largest items in the budget are staff and mortgage, each individually representing somewhat less than a third of the budget. Again, if one of you would like to speak with Tom Lowe or me about writing a check to pay off our mortgage or to radically reduce the amount we owe, we'd be more than happy to meet with you. Either way we are profoundly grateful for God's provision through you.

As most of you will understand, when I combine the above with my own medical journey of the past five or six weeks, the two evoke within me a profound sense of wonder and anticipation.

The arteries leading to my heart were blocked 100%, 90%, 90% and 50%, and

my doctor told me I was a "walking time bomb." However, God chose for that bomb to never explode. Instead, He gave me enough pain and discomfort to prompt me to see Dr. Hayes on Monday morning, November 29. By four that afternoon, I was undergoing an arteriogram and at eight the next morning was in surgery.

By God's grace, my recovery is going well. How good it is for me to be blessed with the nursing care of a loving wife and a competent church staff ready and able to do whatever needs doing. And how humbled I've been by your many expressions of love and prayerful concern for me and my family. We love you all, dearly.

Please join with the Session, staff and me as we seek to hear the Lord's voice, sense His direction and follow wherever He leads. It will be exciting to discover the challenges, adventures and opportunities that the Lord will place before us in the coming year — and dare I say, decade(s)?

Pastor Caines

Please see the back for a message from Pastor Mullinax.



MUSIC NOTES SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday, January 9, our worship will focus on our *Merciful God*. On Sunday, January 16, our worship will focus on our *Faithful God*.

JOIN CHOIR

Are you wanting a place to plug in at CPC this year? This is a great time to join the choir! We are just beginning our new music for the upcoming year, and we would love to have you join us. Just show up in the choir room on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and try us on for size!

ARE YOU CPR CERTIFIED?

If you are currently CPR certified and are interested in being a contact person should the need arise here at church, please contact Holly Lehmann at: holly@sdginteractive.net.

READ-THRU-THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

Take the opportunity to read through scripture in one year with your family. The material to aid you is available at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

MISPLACED BIBLES

If you have mislaid your Bible, check the bottom shelf of the book shelf next to the Coke machine.

GOD BLESS YOU!

It's that time of year again! The cold and flu bug is among us. Parents, please use discretion when placing your child in the nursery or class. If they have a bad cough or have a very runny nose, please keep them with you.

After you read this Newsletter, pass it to another member of your family to read.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to both Audrey Griggs and Laura Spalding Zylstra. Audrey graduated from Auburn and Laura graduated from Georgia Tech in December.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * Bethany Miller
- * Holly Schreiner
- * Tyler Smith
- * Cliff Mauroner
- * Emily Morris
- * Jacob Rogers

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower honoring Emily Herberich, bride-elect of Nyasha Chiundiza, will be held Sunday, January 23 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. The couple is registered at Walmart and Crate and Barrel.

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

Ready for a night off from cooking? Joined us on Wednesday evenings for our fellowship supper — no cooking and great fellowship! Supper is served from 5:30 until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4; for children ages 5-11 \$2.50 and children under 4 eat free.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

A Communicant's class for young people in preparation for making a public profession of faith and joining the church begins Saturday, January 29, 10 a.m. in the Visitors Classroom. The course will be guided primarily at home by parents of the prospective communicants with only a couple of corporate meetings led by Pastor Mullinax. The coursework is geared for ages 10 and up. Materials cost is \$10. See Pastor Mullinax for introductory information.

For Your Information...

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLEAN-UP

The following Shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of January: Gaines, E. Brown, King, Henry and J. Gaither. Please contact your Shepherding Elder to let him know you can help.



ADDRESS CHANGES

Please keep us informed of any address, phone number or email changes. You may email us at cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org. Thank you.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Susan Perrin who joined CPC in December.

Susan Perrin
4104A Greenbriar Road
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Susan comes from Westminster (PCA) in Dayton, TN and has a daughter living in Cookeville, TN. She works for the Hamilton Co. Schools as a nutritionist.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Session will meet with anyone desiring membership Sunday, January 16. Call (423.899.5377) or email (cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org) the church office to schedule a time.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, January 15, at 8:30 a.m. Plan on joining us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starting January 12, Sandi Schreiner and Ann Walker will be leading a Bible Study in the Perseverer's Classroom on Wednesday evenings. They will be using "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" by Joanna Wood. Please contact them for further information.

PRAYER REQUEST POLICY

Please be aware of the Session's policy regarding publishing church-wide prayer requests. Our policy is to publish requests only on behalf of the immediate family of church members, long-time attenders and our missionaries.

Therefore, we are not able to include requests for extended family members (cousins, etc.), close friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. When you have such a prayer request for friends or extended family, we recommend that you share it with your shepherding group, Sunday School class and your circle of friends.

Occasionally, we may publish the urgent needs of pastors or others within our presbytery.

You may contact the church office if you would like to receive a printed prayer list weekly. These lists are also available in the church lobby each week.



LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Jan 8	TVP
Jan 9	Diaconate Meeting
Jan 9	Ordination & Installation of New Officers
Jan 15	Men's Breakfast
Jan 16	Kids, Incorporated Begins
Jan 18	Mothers' Encouragement
Jan 20	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Jan 23	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Jan 23	Herberich Bridal Shower
Jan 23	Youth Meeting
Jan 30	Shepherding
Feb 1	Mothers' Encouragement
Feb 11-12	Youth Winter Retreat
Feb 15	Mothers' Encouragement
Feb 17	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Feb 18-19	Men's Retreat
Mar 1	Mothers' Encouragement