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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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trains about 100 pastors a year, providing them with the equivalent of a year of Bible school. We supplement their education with expositions of Romans and 1 Timothy. This visit, we will again be teaching Biblical Leadership from 1 Timothy. Pray that God will make these lessons practical for the pastors as they lead their churches.

I often open conferences by saying that you have sent me as your representative, and that you are praying for the teaching. Your faithful support speaks powerfully to these pastors about healthy church life, and it also encourages me. Thank you!

Pastor Steere

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 23

9:30 *Infants:* J Ray, R Pierce
Creepers/Toddlers: D & MA & O Tawzer
Toddlers: K Fisher, M Horton, E Beatty

SS *Infants:* S Wade, K Gaither
Creepers: J Bowers, J Gracy
Toddlers: L & A Cathey

6 PM *Combined:* A & M Walker, A Gaines

January 30

9:30 *Infants:* L & A Reid
Creepers/Toddlers: S & R James
Toddlers: N & O Bowers, T Bacon

SS *Infants:* N Cooper, A West
Creepers: G & B Lusk
Toddlers: R & P Lyons

6 PM *No Evening Service - Shepherding Groups*

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 Associate Pastor...

As Associate Pastor of CPC, my primary task is to train and equip leaders overseas. So, Saturday I will be returning to my "home away from home" for three weeks of ministry in Ghana. Over the past six years, the brethren in West Africa have become very dear to me. Every time I return I am impressed with their hunger for God's Word, their love for Christ and their teachability. I'm thankful that the Lord has given me this ministry and thankful as well for your commitment to the extension of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ – both at home and abroad. With that commitment in mind, I want to give you a brief overview of this trip and provide you with some specific prayer requests.

My first conference will be in Aflao, on the Togo border. The city sits right on the coast, so the weather will be hot and humid – quite an adjustment as I transition from our snow and cold. There's an association in Aflao of over 50 pastors that has been asking for more Biblical teaching and training. I was there two years ago and taught Biblical Leadership to this group and they enthusiastically embraced the lessons from 1 Timothy.

I'm looking forward to returning, and will be teaching an overview of Covenant Theology (Our Covenant God). Since I will be working through a translator, the teaching will be a challenge. Pray that God will open the hearts of these pastors and make His truth clear to them.

The second week I will be joined by Chuck Emerson, a PCA pastor from the Atlanta area. We will travel to Sunyani, Sam Oppong's home town and the location for the headquarters of the Agape Evangelical Church. We have been working with the AEC for over five years, teaching their leaders and advising the denomination on matters of doctrine and practice. This time we will be teaching 50-70 pastors and their wives about Biblical Marriage. The state of marriage in Africa is abysmal. Even believers have very cultural view of the roles of husbands and wives, and wives are often viewed as little more than property. Ask God to give us wisdom as we apply Biblical truth to Ghanaian culture.

Chuck and I will travel to Kumasi for our third week of ministry. Kumasi is the second largest city in Ghana, and we are there twice each year to teach at Shiloh Bible Training Centre for Pastors. Shiloh

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 **MUSIC NOTES** 
SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday, January 23, our worship will focus on our *Holy God*. On Sunday, January 30, our worship will focus on our *wise God*.

If you are interested in learning more about some of the hymns sung during worship, visit the website www.cyberhymnal.org. This site has the words, a recording and sometimes the history of the hymn and hymn writer.

**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.

LADIES BIBLE STUDIES

A bi-monthly study is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the home of Heather Harris (East Ridge/Ringgold area) at 10:00 a.m. This study started in September but you are welcome to join anytime.

A new Wednesday night bible study started January 19. Sandi Schreiner and Ann Walker are leading this class using *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Wood. The books are available for \$10 at the Welcome Center. Please contact them for further information.

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.

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 a nursery or class. If they have a bad cough or have a very runny nose, please keep them with you.

**PRAY FOR OUR
COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- * Ruth Stevenson
- * Bobby Fugatt
- * Jessica Duble
- * Justin Martin
- * Kelley Close
- * Micah Schreiner

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, 10:00 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 \$10. See Pastor Mullinax for introductory information.

YOUTH INFORMATION

There will be an informational meeting on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Schum Fellowship Hall.

All youth and their parents are invited to our Winter Youth Retreat, February 11-13 at Camp Ponderosa in Mentone, AL. The theme this year will be *Now What?: Being a Christian When You've Been There Done That*. See Chris Gregory for more 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

In preparation for releasing a new directory, we would ask that you contact the church office with any changes to your address, phone number or email address. Please email all information to us at cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.

FOREVER 39ERS ROAD TRIP

On Monday, February 7, you are invited to join us for dinner and a concert by Swingle Singers. Plan to meet and leave from CPC at 4:30 p.m. for dinner at The Countryside Café. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Lee University's Dixon Center. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for age 60+). For more information see posted flyers or contact Pastor Mullinax.

HELPFUL MATERIALS

Pastor Mullinax and Pastor Caines have created a wonderful tool to help parents teach their children to worship. This booklet, *Teaching Your Children to Worship*, is available on our website, and in the Welcome Center. Also there are children's bulletins available on the table in the Narthex that your child may use during the service. The church website is www.covenantchattanooga.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A nurse is available between worship and Sunday School each Sunday in the office between Pastor Caines' and Pastor Mullinax's offices to check blood pressure.

SERMONS ON THE WEB

If you would like access recent sermons in mp3 format, use the following web address: www.covenantchattanooga.org/sermons.aspx.

MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

All men are invited to the annual Men's Retreat on February 18-19 at Johnston Woods' Retreat Center. The title of this year's retreat is *Grace and Men* with speakers Gary Yagel and Harvey Kirkpatrick. Contact Jason Coffey or Dee Hobbs for more information.



LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Jan 23	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Jan 23	Herberich Bridal Shower
Jan 23	Youth Meeting
Jan 30	Shepherding
Feb 1	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Feb 11-12	Youth Winter Retreat
Feb 15	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Feb 17	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Feb 18-19	Men's Retreat
Mar 1	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Mar 15	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Mar 17	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Apr 2	Men's Breakfast
Apr 5	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Apr 9	Church Work Day
Apr 16	Caines/Isaacs Wedding