

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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1 Corinthians, but now I'm leaning more in the direction of 2 Corinthians. It's interesting how 1 Corinthians, 1 Timothy, 1 Thessalonians, 1 John and 1 Peter all get our attention, but sometimes the "follow up" epistles are not looked at as carefully. At least that's been my experience.

This week I plan to resume teaching on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Dr. Higgins has done a magnificent job in my absence. Thank you, Bill.

So, that's my game plan going forward. We'll soon know if it's also the Lord's plan. "The heart of a man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps" (Proverbs 16.9). Sometimes, your plan is to go to the doctor just to be reassured that everything is fine, and then . . .

Pastor Caines

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### February 6

**9:30** *Infants:* L Fosgate, E Herberich  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* A Millard, C Weekley  
*Toddlers:* J & D Herberich, C Gaither

**SS** *Infants:* J Wilson, D Crawford  
*Creepers:* J Kozlowski, C, G & H Morrison  
*Toddlers:* P, A & K Liner

**6 PM** *Combined:* T Brown Family

#### February 13

**9:30** *Infants:* B Gaillard, J Foster  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* L & E Mantel  
*Toddlers:* D & G Schreiner, K Sotelo

**SS** *Infants:* B Parker, P May  
*Creepers:* M & P Bandy  
*Toddlers:* J & H Wade

**6 PM** *Combined:* Martof Family

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Judy Foster at 423.645.1086.



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### From the Senior Pastor...

Nine weeks ago I went to see my doctor and never returned home for six days.

Because so many of you have asked, I want everyone to know that I'm doing very well, thank you. The only real "problem" I'm experiencing is a very sore sternum.

It is humbling to realize how many people are concerned about your health and are eager for you to know that they are praying for you. I have neither the discipline, time or energy to write a personal note to each and every one of you. So please accept this as my "thank you" to those who have written, phoned or asked about my health.

And the truth be told, even if I did write you a personal note, you might not be able to read my handwriting. A few weeks ago I wrote a short note to my future son-in-law. Last week, while speaking with Gary and Ruth via Skype, he informed me that he had asked Ruth to "translate" what I had written. I asked, "Can't you read English?" To which he replied, "Was that English?"

By the way, the Lord willing, Ruth comes home the end of February. Gary will be arriving near the end of March. They will be married on April 16 in our sanctuary. And then, near the first of May, they will

return to South Africa as husband and wife. So it looks as if Linda and I may rack up some airline mileage over the next few years. I hear Cape Town is beautiful any time of the year.

As many of you realize, I am preaching a brief series of sermons based on 1 Corinthians 13. Danielle Wilkie and I are working together to try to improve the book I wrote, "The Most Excellent Way." We'd like to shorten it, make it more readable (that's Danielle's challenge) and thus more helpful to a general audience.

The subject is absolutely critical. Love for God and others is the evidence of the reality of our salvation. It's the means by which we blaze with God's glory, impacting others with the light of His Gospel. Our study in 1 Corinthians 13 will continue through the end of March.

I plan on returning to Luke's Gospel the first Sunday in April. We will be looking at Luke 22-24, which focuses on our Lord's celebration of Passover, His crucifixion and His resurrection. Hopefully this will help prepare us for the celebration of Easter on April 24.

I'm not sure where we will go after completing our study of Luke. But I'm working on it. I thought about preaching from

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 **MUSIC NOTES**   
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

This Sunday, February 6, we will observe the Lord's Supper. We will focus on our *eternal* God and sing *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (p. 77 TH).

Music Camp this year will be June 6-10 with the performance on June 12. Mark your calendars now to be a part of this great experience!

**YOUTH INFORMATION**

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.


An informational meeting for parents and youth will be February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall.

**MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT**

All men are invited to the annual Men's Retreat on February 18-19 at Johnston Woods' Retreat Center. Speakers Gary Yagel and Harvey Kirkpatrick will be discussing *Grace and Men*. Contact Jason Coffey or Dee Hobbs for more information.

**PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* Laura Hall
- \* Suzanna Ker
- \* Lindsey Gardner
- \* Ginny Henry
- \* Abby Lyons
- \* Brittne Canada

 **LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC**

Feb 11-12	Youth Winter Retreat
Feb 15	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Feb 17	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Feb 18-19	Men's Retreat

**FOREVER 39ERS ROAD TRIP**

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.

**WEDNESDAY SUPPERS**

Join us on Wednesday evenings for our fellowship supper - no cooking and great fellowship! Supper is served from 5:30 p.m. 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. The family maximum is \$15.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of February: Elwood, Harris, K. Brown and Schreiner. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know you can help.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

The Perseverer's Class has begun a new topic. Jeremy Gaines is teaching on The Psalms. If you are interested in learning more, feel free to join them.

**For Your Information**

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

Please note the following men's groups are available each week. Each are "open," and you are encouraged to invite other men to participate with you. In addition to these group leaders, you may contact Dee Hobbs or Jason Coffey for more information about the Men's Ministry.

- **Mon.** 7:00 p.m. - Samson Society; Visitor's classroom; leader: Reid Swanson 423.280.5911
- **Tues.** 6:30 a.m. - Dr. Swan's office; Cleveland; leader: Larry Swan 423.472.8632
- **Tues.** 6:45 a.m. - Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Tracy Brown 423.645.4357
- **Wed.** 6:00 a.m. - Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Eddie Rahm 423.892.1477
- **Wed.** 6:30 a.m. - Jim Martof's office, East Brainerd Road; leader: Doug McEachern 423.894.5708
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs.** 6:30 a.m. - The Dead Theologians Society; Hardee's; East Ridge; leader: Nathan Bowers 423.260.5950
- **Fri.** 6:30 a.m. - Country Place; Shallowford Road; leader: Clint Wilkie 423.650.5786
- **Fri.** 8:00 a.m. - Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Jason Coffey 423.313.5125
- **Fri.** 8:30 a.m. - Brainerd Bapt. BX bldg (Belvoir Ave); leader: Pastor Mullinax 423.899.5377

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**Wednesday Night\***

Mothers In Touch - Bev Parker and Eva Herberich are leading a women's prayer meeting that will meet every other Wednesday night. They meet in the first room upstairs in the office wing.

Bible Study - Sandi Schreiner and Ann Walker are leading *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. They meet in the Perseverer's Classroom.

Knitting Bee - Carol Beatty and Diana Bowers lead a weekly gathering of women who want to learn to knit and crochet. They donate the handmade baby garments to the NICU at Memorial. They meet in the Parlor.

**Weekly Study\*** - Pastor Caines teaches a class on Covenant Theology Thursday mornings. They meet in the Visitor's Classroom at CPC from 9:45 a.m.

**Monthly Study** - Joan Denkinger (East Brainerd area) hosts this study the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. Emily Calloway is leading them through Cynthia Heald's book, *Becoming a Woman of Grace*.

**Mother's Encouragement Group\*** - Linda Caines leads this group the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday mornings of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor at CPC.

**Bi-monthly Study** - Heather Harris (East Ridge/ Ringgold area) hosts this study the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday mornings of the month at 10:00 a.m. Babs Leach and Boo Mullinax are leading them through Cynthia Heald's book *Becoming a Woman of Simplicity*.

(\* Nursery will be provided)