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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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broken marriage, she attempts to reconcile with her husband and reclaim the child she gave up for adoption five years earlier. But seeing the good home in which her child is being raised, she struggles to know the right thing to do.

Lastly, *Conviction* stars Hilary Swank, a two-time Oscar winner. Her brother is found guilty of a crime he did not commit, and she works for two decades to prove his innocence.

Christianity Today describes these three movies as being about flawed characters seeking redemption (small "r").

Just thought you might be interested. If you're like me, you enjoy a good movie. But if you don't, then just forget I ever wrote this particular article.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 13

9:30 Infants: J Foster, K Sotelo
Crawlers/Toddlers: E & L Mantel
Toddlers: G & D Schreiner

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

6 PM Combined: Martof Family

February 20

9:30 Infants: E McEachern, S Knecht
Crawlers/Toddlers: C & G & K Smith
Toddlers: D & K Lambeth, W Gaiher

SS Infants: J & C Hildebrand
Crawlers: D & C Platt
Toddlers: D & A Heisig

6 PM Combined: Elwood 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...

When I was a child many in our church believed that "going to the movies" was something a "good" Christian would not do. Occasionally, on Sunday evenings, we might have shown a "Christian" movie at church, but few of our members would have entered a theater. This was back in the fifties and sixties, when immoral behavior might be talked about suggestively but was seldom displayed blatantly on the giant screen for all to see.

I've come to appreciate that the production and filming of a good movie is as much a work of art as the composing of great music, the painting of a masterpiece or the writing of a literary classic. But just as there is literature, art and music of little lasting value, so likewise there are many movies that I don't believe are worth either the time or expense. Some movies I'm interested in seeing but am fearful of how enticed I might be by their portrayals of sinful behavior.

I feel much the same way about most TV programs. Out of curiosity I've tried on occasion to watch a "popular" program to find out what everyone's talking about. However, after only a few minutes I find myself turning the channel in search of a ball game. I don't think I'm a prude. But I know when immorality is not being simply

portrayed, but, in truth, applauded. It's not difficult to determine that a particular show intends to mock all that we know is true and good.

During my recovery, Linda and I have attended three movies: *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, *True Grit* and *The King's Speech*. We enjoyed all of them. I love C. S. Lewis, still enjoy a good western, and am deeply touched by a fellow human being's struggle to overcome physical weaknesses.

The February Issue of *Christianity Today* highly recommended three movies, none of which I've ever heard of or known to be shown in Chattanooga.

Get Low stars Robert Duvall from two of my all time favorite movies are *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Tender Mercies*. Mr. Duvall played the part of Boo Radley in one and a washed-up, alcoholic country singer in the other. In *Get Low*, Mr. Duvall plays a hermit who has lived alone for forty years because of a sin committed as a youth. Thinking that he has paid for his sins, he plans his funeral, but in conversation with a pastor he begins to understand forgiveness is not for sale.

Like Dandelion Dust stars Mira Sorvino (with whom I'm not familiar but is apparently a well known actress). Having experienced a

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YOUTH INFORMATION

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

The High School Summer Conference, *Breakaway*, is scheduled for June 13-17 in Hilton Head, SC. This conference is for all high school youth and was the high point of the summer for several of them last year. If you would like your youth to attend, please contact Chris Gregory as soon as possible.

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.

SHEPHERDING GROUP clean up duties for the month of February: Elwood, Harris, K. Brown and Schreiner. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know you can help.

2011 BUDGET REPORT

CPC's 2011 general budget was recently approved. Copies are available at the *Visitors Center* in the main lobby.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * Tim Lazor
- * Megan Toombs
- * Sam Roop
- * Meredith Toombs



MUSIC NOTES SUNDAY WORSHIP



This Sunday, February 13, we will focus on our *loving God* and will sing *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (p. 529 TH).

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.

THANK YOU

With heart felt gratitude we thank you for the love shown to us by our Covenant Family through food, prayers and cards. ~ Dick & Thea Fischer



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENU

Feb 16	Fried Rice & Egg Rolls
Feb 23	Breakfast
Mar 2	Spaghetti
Mar 9	Pot Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Mar 16	Chicken & Rice
Mar 23	Taco Salad
Mar 30	Baked Potato Bar
Apr 6	Fettuccini Alfredo
Apr 13	Philly Cheesesteak Subs
Apr 27	Meatloaf
May 4	Enchiladas with Spanish Rice
May 11	Lasagna
May 18	Hot Dogs and the Fixings

MISSIONARY FOCUS

Introducing the Lizorkins

Twelve percent of CPC's 2011 general budget is designated for missions. The names and agencies you see on the back of your Sunday Morning bulletin are supported from this budget category.

Perhaps you've noticed a few new missionaries listed on the back of your Sunday Morning bulletin. **Ilya and Prina Lizorkin** serve in Israel under Mission To the World (MTW) with their children (Lana [8], Oren [6], Moshe [3]). Ilya's primary work is to facilitate and support a church planting movement among Arab Christians and Russian-speaking Israelis (20% of the country's population, 70% of the Jewish Christian population). He serves as the academic dean of Haifa Theological Institute (www.htinstitute.co.il) that serves the Jewish Christians in the area of ministerial preparation. He also teaches at Nazareth Evangelical Theological Seminary (www.nazarethseminary.org) educating

pastors and Christian workers of Arab background. There Ilya teaches New Testament (especially in its Jewish context) promoting reconciliation and joined service.

While in Chattanooga to speak at the PCA's Global Missions Conference last November, he visited CPC and shared about his ministry during a luncheon with our church staff and missions committee. To learn more about Ilya and the work to which the Lord has called him, visit <http://vimeo.com/17099038>, a Q & A session with Ilya at the global missions conference.

It's our privilege to partner financially with the Lizorkins in this gospel work. Please continue to keep them and all our missionaries and agencies in your prayers. Look for introductions to the other new missionaries in the next few newsletters.

Pastor Mullinax

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Women's Ministries

Ladies, please keep the following dates in mind when planning your schedules. The Women's Spring Retreat will be on March 19. The Ladies Tea will be May 21. Watch for more details in the coming months.



LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Feb 13	CCS Choir Concert
Feb 13	Diaconate Meeting
Feb 15	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Feb 17	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Feb 18-19	Men's Retreat
Feb 20	Parent/Youth Informational Meeting