

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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served the UTC community since 2007. They have two children (William [5], Lizzie [3]).

**Lee and Jennifer Leadbetter** are with **RUF-International (RUF-I) at UT-Knoxville**. RUF-I shares the same philosophy as RUF, but the ministry field is different. Whereas the RUF at UTC ministry focuses primarily on undergraduate American students, RUF-I at UTK focuses on the large number of international students and scholars studying there. The Leadbetters were a part of our annual missions conference in November of 2009. They have two sons (Daniel [12], Phillip [9]).

It's our privilege to partner in prayer and financially with these dear folk in the work that our Lord has called them. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Pastor Mullinax

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### February 27

- 9:30** *Infants:* R Getz, S & R Baierl  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* E Beatty, A Griffin  
*Toddlers:* J & H Harris, S Beatty
- SS** *Infants:* B King, L Crawford  
*Creepers:* T & W Higgins, R Bingham  
*Toddlers:* J Hall, A Wagner
- 6 PM** **No Evening Service—Shepherding Groups Meet**

#### March 6

- 9:30** *Infants:* K Wenzler, K Orthner  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D & E Reynolds  
*Toddlers:* S & L & M Orthner
- SS** *Infants:* S Nicely, K Swanson  
*Creepers:* A Creamer, R Bingham  
*Toddlers:* S Allin, J Pearce
- 6 PM** *Combined:* L Grant, B Mullinax

**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 Associate Pastor. . .**

Our church's 2011 general budget was approved in January and copies are available at the *Welcome Center* in the main lobby. The names and agencies you see on the back of your Sunday bulletin are supported from the missions budget category, twelve percent of the general budget. Other spending categories (benevolences, Tennessee Valley Presbytery support, PCA denominational support, Maclellan foreign missions funding, special gifts, etc.) push our annual "outside-of-ourselves" giving in to more than 20% of annual receipts. For this we thank God and His generous people.

Increasing the missions percentage of our general budget by one percent each year is the Session's goal for the foreseeable future. This is an ambitious goal for a relatively young church. However, the Lord has apparently honored our attempt to intentionally increase missions giving since it was initiated a few years back.

This increase in our 2011 budget has enabled us to add four new missionaries and to raise the support levels for all our missionaries and mission agencies. Therefore, our support of Pastor Steere and his work in Africa with Equipping Leaders International has also increased substantially to \$12,000 per year.

Two weeks ago, in the newsletter, you were introduced to one of our new missionary families, the **Lizorkins**. Ilya and Pnina, along with their children (Lana [8], Oren [6], Moshe [3]) live and minister in Israel. Our other three new missionaries include Nireekshana, John & Leigh Craft, as well as Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter.

**Nireekshana** is an evangelical and holistic ministry in Hyderabad, India that we support regularly. CPC was instrumental in launching this health and research project through a large MEF (Ministry Expansion Fund) gift in 2005 and has contributed one-time gifts over the years. The stated mission of Nireekshana is to offer fullness of life through Christ (John 10:10) to those affected by HIV/AIDS by providing counseling, medical, emotional, socio-economic, spiritual care and support. Dr. Sujai Suneetha serves as director. You may remember he and his wife, Lavanya, from past visits to CPC when they shared about the work in India.

**John and Leigh Craft** are with **Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UT-Chattanooga**. RUF seeks to communicate the gospel by sending ordained PCA ministers to serve on the college campus to equip students to live all of life under the lordship of Christ. Many of CPC's UTC students were actively involved with RUF. The Crafts have

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## MUSIC NOTES



### SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday, February 27, our worship will focus on our UNCHANGING God and will sing *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (p. 302 TH).

#### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

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| *Drew Lazor     | *Holly Schreiner |
| *Bethany Miller | *Tyler Smith     |

## YOUTH & FAMILY

Looking for ways to support our youth but already committed during youth meetings? Teens love to socialize and connect around food. If you are able to provide snacks during Sunday School or Sunday evening youth meetings please talk to Patti Liner. The youth will be meeting these Sunday evenings: March 6, 15, 20 and April 3 and 10.

Several different activities for your family and youth are available this summer.

- The Middle School Summer Conference *The Edge* is June 25-29 at Covenant College.
- The High School Summer Conference, *Breakaway*, is scheduled for June 13-17 in Hilton Head, SC.
- The High School can participate in a mission trip to Mississippi July 10-16.

Many different fundraisers are planned to help any and all youth raise the necessary money. Please contact Chris Gregory if you have any questions.

## Announcements?

Email Carol or Susan by 10:00 a.m. by Tuesday with all information. E-Mail address is [cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org).

## FCA BANQUET

The 2011 Fellowship of Christian Athletes "Road-to-Victory" Banquet will feature legendary Buffalo Bills' quarterback Jim Kelly and his wife Jill. The Kellys have an amazing testimony of how God used their son Hunter's tragic struggle with Krabbe's disease to change their marriage, their life's purpose, and their eternal destiny.

The banquet is Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chattanooga Convention Center. FCA (Jay Fowler) is a CPC-supported ministry to student athletes and coaches throughout Chattanooga and Southeast Tennessee. Contact Jay Fowler at 309.4255 for more information.

## CPC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Ladies, 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.

## BOOK CORNER

Good books build our faith. Several recommendations from the CPC library.

- *Read Aloud Bible Stories* by Ella Lindvall. Three well written volumes with engaging illustrations for parents and children.
- *Ignatius, Polycarp and Irenaeus* by Sinclair Ferguson. In an age of idols, these three heroes exemplify Philippians 1.21, "to live is Christ and to die is gain." This series is for ages 9-12 but Ferguson's *Jesus Teaches Us How* is for ages 6-9.
- *Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers* by Chap Clark. Young people need adults who know and care.