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There may be times when we feel a longing to retreat to safety--times when questions feel threatening or the fog of a fallen world is overwhelming. Times when the "treasure" of our faith is questioned or under attack. When temptation, corruption, and thieves seem to loom, we want the bowl and not the lamp stand.

But the thought of the theoretical museum of stolen paintings reminds us of the great chasm that exists between those who hide treasure and those who display it. In the hands of a thief, a painting is simply calculated in dollars. But for the true lovers of art, the longing is for art to be seen. As lovers of the Gospel, let us display the light of the knowledge of Christ as a treasure we long for all to see.

Pastor Mullinax

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Mar. 9

**9:30** *Infants:* J Kesler, G Brown  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D & J Duple  
*Toddlers:* E Davis, C Weekley

**SS** *Infants:* E Herberich, K Orthner  
*Creepers:* M & L Lander  
*Toddlers:* J & H Wade

**6 PM** *Combined:* E & J Martof

### Mar. 16

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, R Pierce  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* B & A Griggs  
*Toddlers:* E & JM Griggs

**SS** *Infants:* J & K Bingham  
*Creepers:* S & K Close  
*Toddlers:* A & B Griffin

**6 PM** Seder Dinner

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Mary Slade at 706-937-9298.



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Associate Pastor...*

Yesterday I received an email entitled "pun art." Included in the email were various famous paintings by the world's most renowned artists with this humorous story as an addendum: A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas. When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh!"

Well, I thought it was cute. And it reminded me of real life and the recent rash of robberies in Europe of famous art valued in the hundreds of millions. Someone estimated that if it were possible to put together a museum that would house the world's stolen art just from the past couple of decades, it would be the greatest collection of all time.

Many articles have been written about art theft and museum security. Questions have been raised about the apparent ease with which museums in general seem to make smash-and-grab jobs possible.

Treasures, outside the comforts of vaults or a safety deposit box, exist perilously before

a world of thieves and potential disasters. But this is what museums do; they exist to show the treasures of Monet and Degas and Van Gogh to as many people as possible. To hide the most valuable paintings of the world behind protected vaults would itself be a different kind of theft.

Jesus once noted, "No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light" (Luke 11:33).

When a wiggly group of grinning kids sings proudly of their "little light" and their determination to "let it shine," my response lies somewhere between being captivated and feeling cynical. Of course, they don't fully understand what they are saying. The fog of life's questions and uncertainties, the daggers often aimed at Christian beliefs and believers, are realities that have not yet threatened the shining of their lights. And yet, the boldness with which they announce, "Hide it under a bushel; No!" is as convicting as it is hopeful.

In the mouth of a child, we hear the simple logic of which Jesus spoke. Like great works that hang in museums despite the dangers, light shines because it must.

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## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**High School & Middle School Fellowship** meet this Sunday evening following the service.

**BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT**

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 until 10:15 AM on Saturday, March 23. The egg hunt at 10:30, for children age 2 through the fifth grade, will feature different age-appropriate areas for "hunting." You do not need to bring any eggs. Prior to the egg hunt we will have a story explaining the reason we celebrate Easter. Donations for the breakfast will help offset the cost of our family-friendly mission trip to Reynosa Mexico this summer.

**Volunteers** are needed to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. If you can help out at the Hunt on Saturday, March 22, or if you can help stuff eggs with candy or treats, email Zack at zcarden@covenantchattanooga.org or give him a call.

**MEALS FOR MOMS**

Shelley Gritter is due March 8. If you can provide a meal for this mom and her family, please contact Gretchen Brown at 706-891-5968.

 **IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST**

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast this Saturday, March 8, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Jon Harris. Join us for a great time of food, discussion, fellowship and prayer.

**THANK YOU**

Dear CPC Family,  
 Thank you so much for your cards, prayers and meals during my recovery. It has been a great encouragement to me and my mother.  
 Donna Schreiner

**SYMPATHY** 

The church extends sympathy to Babs Leach and her family in the death of her father, Bill Barton, on February 27.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**  
**Girls Night Out/Hobby Night**

We will meet this Friday night, March 7, in the fellowship hall from 6-11 PM. Come for as long as you like. Please park in the back and ring the doorbell as all the doors will be locked.

**Fellowship Groups**

- The East Brainerd Fellowship 2 meets Monday, March 10, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borchers' home.
- The Brown/Quillin Fellowship meets Tuesday, March 11, at 10 AM at Betty Quillin's home.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**   
**Sunday Worship**

This Sunday, March 9, we will focus through worship on our *MERCIFUL* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord" and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

**SEDER DINNER**

The Passover Seder Service is March 16 at 6 PM. Because of limited space and all the preparation that goes into the dinner/service, registration is required. Call the church office to register.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

- Sunday, Mar. 16, 6 PM — Seder Dinner
- Wednesday, Mar. 19 — No activities at CPC
- Thursday, Mar. 20, 7PM — Maundy Thursday service
- Sunday, March 23, 9:30 AM — Extended Easter Worship Service (No Sunday School /No Evening Worship)

**EASTER LILIES**

 If you wish to place a lily in honor or memory of someone this Easter, fill out the form in the bulletin this Sunday and drop it in the designated box in the lobby. The cost of a lily is \$12.50. You may take your lily home after the service on Easter.

**For Your Information...**

*Spring Forward*

*Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour for Daylight Saving Time before going to bed this Saturday night.*

**DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS**

A member family was inadvertently left out of the new directory. Please add their info to your new directory.

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If you have not picked up your copy of the directory, those are available in the lobby.

**CYAM FELLOWSHIP**

CYAM's (College and Young Adult Ministry) Chili Lunch is this Sunday, March 9, in the fellowship hall directly following Sunday School. If you are in this age group, please come! If you know someone that is a college student and/or a young adult, please pass this info along to them. Lunch is provided; all you need to bring is yourself! CYAM meets on the second floor of the office wing for Sunday School.

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY** Please call the church office to notify us of anyone who is in the hospital.

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership on Sunday afternoon, March 16. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.

**CPC SOFTBALL**

If you would like more information about the men's softball team, contact Josh Ray at 423.227.4876. The season begins in April.

**INVITATION**

The Cultural Diversity Program at Covenant College invites you to the campus for the 2nd Annual Culture Fest in the Dora Maclellan Brown Memorial Chapel on March 14, 2008. Culture Fest is designed to celebrate the grand diversity of God's creation and provide a fellowship opportunity for the Covenant, Lookout Mountain, and greater Chattanooga communities. The evening, titled "Love in Many Languages," begins at 7 PM with various ethnic, linguistic and culture styles of singing, dancing and dress, and concludes with a rich feast of international foods.

**PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* **Mary Stevenson — UT (upper class)**
- \* **Spencer Whittier — TN Tech (upper class)**
- \* **Nathan Close — Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. (freshman)**

**LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC**

Mar. 16	Seder Service
Mar. 19	No Wed. Activities
Mar. 20	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 21	Office Closed
Mar. 22	Breakfast & Egg Hunt
Mar. 23	Easter
	No SS or PM Service
Mar. 30	Shepherding
Apr. 12	Ironman's Breakfast
Apr. 27	Shepherding
May 3	Ironman's Breakfast
May 10	Mother / Daughter Tea
June 9-13	Music Camp
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico

