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Next Sunday she would have been 91, and I planned a party with neighbors and friends. . . . I couldn't plan a better birthday party [than she will now experience] in the presence of Jesus, her beloved husband and daughter Mary. . . . Her day will be [filled] with Joy unspeakable.

Ruby Schum was a woman and mother to be honored. . . . She fought the good fight, and won. Her crown will be glorious!

Jane Schum

There's little I can add to what Jane has written. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps 116.15).

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Apr. 6

9:30 Infants: B Griggs, J Foster
Crawlers/Toddlers: D & J Bowers
Toddlers: D Trask, D Misner

SS Infants: D & R Kemp
Crawlers: D Thurman, S Spalding
Toddlers: S & M Haywood

6 PM Combined: E & M Rahm

Apr. 13

9:30 Infants: S & T Helton
Crawlers/Toddlers: H & C Armao
Toddlers: C Smith, E Musto

SS Infants: L & A Reid
Crawlers: S & H Schreiner
Toddlers: T & M Schreiner

6 PM Combined: Fowler Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Judy Foster at 423-645-1086.

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THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor . . .

For many years Dr. Henry Schum served as associate pastor of CPC. When he "retired" and moved to south Georgia to be near his oldest daughter, Jane, he became associate pastor emeritus of our congregation. As many of you know, our fellowship hall is named in honor of Hank and his wife, Ruby.

Hank has been with his Lord for several years. Saturday evening, the Lord called Ruby home.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have gathered on Thursday morning, April 3, to celebrate Ruby being "clothed with [her] heavenly dwelling" (2 Cor 5.2).

Because most of you did not know Ruby at all, and many of us did not know her well, I want to share with you some excerpts from a tribute that Jane has written to her mom.

It was all about Dad. She didn't have the creative talents he had. Her gift of encouragement was the perfect match to his outgoing personality and many talents. . . .

In every pastorate, she was the ultimate hostess for meetings in the Manse and church events, and she was an excellent Bible teacher. On Sunday, she invited singles and others who didn't have family to enjoy Sunday Dinner. We never knew how many were coming home from church to eat with us.

Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter the house smelled of her wonderful cooking and was fully decorated. She loved these holidays and would invite others to share her home and her joy.

Her heart of love was wide as the universe, and her chief joy was to lead yet another person to Jesus.

Christmas was so special! She baked homemade bread for everyone on the block and didn't forget the mailman, the UPS man, and the staff at the church. And birthdays! She loved birthdays! April 1st--watch out! She was going to get everyone with an April Fool's Joke! . . .

Dad loved her more than his own life. They never argued in front of us, but were a united tower of discipline and love. We could not separate them on any decision. . . . He called her several pet names, but my favorite was "Ruby, my rib!"

Ruby Schum lived Proverbs 31. . . . By 1995, Mother was showing signs of Alzheimer's disease and was diagnosed at that time. The disease changed her personality. Both she and Dad suffered. Dad always regretted [that] the pastors and church family at Covenant Presbyterian in Chattanooga didn't know the real Ruby Schum. . . .

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle school & senior high youth will meet this Sunday for fellowship following the evening service.



IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast Saturday, April 12, at 8:30 AM.

Speaker John Herberich's topic is "Closer than a Brother." Join us for a great time of food, discussion, fellowship and prayer.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
We want to thank you for your calls, visits, cards, and especially your prayers for Bill and for me during the last several weeks. Bill is home and improving slowly. We are so thankful for the answer to prayer of a doctor who knew what was happening and for treatment and for God's mercy in Bill's recovery. Thank you all for praying - please continue to pray that Bill will be hopeful and encouraged and that God will be glorified through all of this.

God bless you, dear ones,
Bill, Judy and Wil Foster

COMMUNION / DIACONATE OFFERING

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service this Sunday. Please prepare your hearts.

This is also a time when a special diaconate fund offering is received. The funds supply the financial resources for the ministry of mercy conducted by our deacons, primarily assisting CPC family members who are in need.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd Fellowship 1 meets Monday, April 7, at 7 PM at Brenda King's home.
- The Brown/Quillin Fellowship meets Tuesday, April 8, at 10 AM at Betty Quillin's home.

Spring Seminar— April 19

This year's spring seminar is scheduled for **SATURDAY, APRIL 19**. Kathy Stair, our guest speaker, will discuss Biblical hospitality and real ways for overcoming our own hesitations and misconceptions about hospitality. The cost is \$10 and will include lunch. You may register this Sunday in the lobby. Informational brochures regarding the seminar are available in the lobby.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower will be given in honor of Kate Lambeth this Sunday, April 6, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the parlor. Kate & David are expecting a baby girl. Kate is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

MOTHERS OF GRADUATES

Mothers of high school and college graduating seniors, please see Brenda Mason if you want to make a picture board to honor your student.

Also, please notify the church office if you have a student who will graduate this spring or who graduated in December.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, April 6, we will focus through worship on our *HOLY* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Rock of Ages."

For Your Information...

LOST & FOUND

We have accumulated several jackets and other items. If your child is missing an item, please check the Lost & Found located in the stairwell across from the Coke machine in the education wing. Items left unclaimed will be given to Goodwill.

FREE FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

There are oak logs available in the back corner of the parking lot near the dumpster for anyone who would like to pick them up and haul them off—first come, first serve. They have been cut to fireplace length. Contact Len Williams if you have questions.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Bethany is looking for families to foster, adopt or mentor local youth through an initiative called "Faithfully One-by-One" in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. The goal is to recruit, train, assess and support families from Chattanooga area churches to "look after orphans in their distress" (James 2:27). In June, Bethany will offer training required by the state of Tennessee for foster and adoptive homes. If you would like more information call 622-7360 or email mrausch@bethany.org.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A nurse is available between worship and Sunday school each Sunday in the receptionist's office to check blood pressure.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership this Sunday afternoon, April 20. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.

IN SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to the family of Ruby Schum in her death March 29.

CHURCH WORKDAY

Join us for spring cleaning Saturday, April 26. We could use your help with several projects around the church - inside and outside. Some will be minor cleaning items requiring no prior experience, and some will involve specific skills and tools. More details to follow!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Remember: if you plan to attend the Wednesday supper, you need to register by noon on Monday. You may email the church at wednightmeals@covenantchattanooga.org.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Meredith Hobbs** — UT (upper class)
- * **Brient Hobbs** — Sewanee (upper class)
- * **Caleb Haynes** — Bryan College (freshman)

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Apr. 6	Lord's Supper Baby Shower for Kate Lambeth
Apr. 11	WM Hobby Night
Apr. 12	Ironman's Breakfast
Apr. 13	Deacons Meeting
Apr. 19	WM Seminar
Apr. 26	Church Workday
Apr. 27	Shepherding
May 3	Ironman's Breakfast
May 10	Mother / Daughter Tea
May 26	Office Closed - Memorial Day
June 9-13	Music Camp
June 1	Bridal Shower for Lauren Donaldson
June 15	Music Camp Program PM
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico

