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By His grace He vindicates us, declaring us to be righteous (Ps 24.5). By His grace He enables us to build our lives upon Him, so that we will never be shaken (Ps 15.5).

So, what does that mean about the lives we live from day to day? That's what David describes for us in Psalm 24.3-4 and in Psalm 15.2-5.

So I hope you can join us. If you can't, allow me to remind you that by going to our website you can listen to the sermons preached each week. You can even "download" them – if you know what that means and how to do it (which I'm not sure I do).

God bless. Lord willing, I'll see you Sunday.

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### May 4

**9:30** *Infants:* A Wooten, K Fisher  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* A & D Heisig  
*Toddlers:* E & K Gaither

**SS** *Infants:* E Cary, L Brown  
*Creepers:* L Hobbs, E Beatty  
*Toddlers:* J Harris

**6 PM** *Combined:* M & A Walker

### May 11

**9:30** *Infants:* A Creamer, B Vandergriff  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* P & L Jones  
*Toddlers:* L & P Spotts

**SS** *Infants:* S Forrester, P May  
*Creepers:* J & R Ray  
*Toddlers:* J & A West

**6 PM** *Combined:* B Mullinax, C Wilkie

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Mindy Horton at 706-375-5828.

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# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Senior Pastor . .*

On Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. In preparation, spend some time reading and reflecting upon the fifteenth and twenty-fourth Psalms.

I've been "driven" to these Psalms by the words of Jesus in Luke 13.22-30. For three weeks we've focused on this startling passage. Speaking to the covenant people of God and having been asked if only a few are going to be saved, Jesus calls upon His audience to make every effort to enter through the narrow door.

He is the narrow door. By embracing Him as Savior and Lord we gain admission into the presence of God. By grace through faith, we believe He came to take our sins upon Himself, died to pay the penalty for our transgressions, and rose victorious over death and the grave. By grace through faith we gain admittance into His throne room and are welcomed as members of the Royal Family.

The exercise of such faith is not a passive exercise. By God's grace He enables us to make every effort to enter through the narrow door, so that we might take our place alongside Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, and all those whom God calls from the east and west, north and south, at the feast in the Kingdom of God.

Now, wait a minute . . . if we are saved by grace through faith, what is all this fuss about making every effort to enter through the narrow door?

It is because, the Holy Spirit Who grants us the gift of faith, also supplies us with the strength and passion to live lives that glorify Him and benefit others. By the grace that saves, we are also blessed with the privilege, responsibility and power to live as image bearers of our Lord, and ambassadors of our King.

We are called upon to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, confident in knowing that God is at work within us so that we might both will and act according to His good purposes (Philip 2.12-13). This is why I point you to Psalm 24 and 15, for in these Psalms we are challenged, thrilled and encouraged to realize who we are because of Whose we are.

As we celebrate the Lord's Supper we will be reminded of the great price He has paid that we might be freed from sin's curse and power. By His mercy and grace we are now allowed to ascend the hill of the Lord and to stand in His holy place. By His mercy and grace we are blessed with the freedom to dwell in His sanctuary and live on His holy hill.

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## **FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY**

Senior high & middle school youth will meet this Sunday following the evening service.

## **GRADUATE RECOGNITION & RECEPTION**

The date for the recognizing our high school and college graduates has been changed to June 1. The WM will host a reception for the graduates that day. Please call the church office as soon as possible to let us know of those who will graduate this spring or who just graduated in December. We will publish a list of graduates in next week's *Newsletter*.

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

## **YARD SALE ITEMS NEEDED**

This Saturday, May 3, is the date for our huge yard sale to raise funds for the mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico in June. We are especially looking for tools, exercise equipment, baby clothes & baby items, sports equipment and furniture—no adult clothing please.

## **IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST**

Men, the Ironman's Breakfast is this Saturday, May 3, at 8:30 AM. Bill Higgins' topic is "The Grand Adventures of a Blind Pig: Finding God's Will in Your Life." Join us for great fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

## **NURSERY NEEDS**

Nursery volunteers are needed for June 15 during Sunday school in creepers and toddlers. Also volunteers are needed during the evening service.

We also need nursery coordinators for the months of June, July and August. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Heather Harris at 706-937-2603.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

### **Mother - Daughter Tea**

This year's Mother-Daughter Tea is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, from 1 - 3 PM. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. You may sign up this Sunday in the lobby. The last day to register is May 7.

### **Fellowship Group**

The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship will meet Tuesday, May 6, at 10 AM.

### **Ladies Night — Hobby Night**

Ladies, this Friday evening, May 2, you are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for hobby night. Bring anything you have to work on from handiwork to writing note cards. Come between 6-11 PM and stay as long as you wish. Bring your own snacks.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

### **Sunday Worship**

This Sunday, May 4, we will focus through worship on our *EVER-PRESENT* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and "This Is My Father's World."

### **Music Camp**

The dates for this year's Music Camp are June 9 -13. Registration forms are available online at [www.covenantchattanooga.org](http://www.covenantchattanooga.org) under Music Camp and in the lobby.

## **COMPASSION SUNDAY - MAY 11**

Compassion International (CI) is an evangelical Christian child development ministry dedicated to helping needy children around the world. The ministry partners with local churches and church-related organizations in implementing programs for children in their communities. These programs promote the holistic development of the children by providing for their core needs - spiritual, physical, economic and social. This Mother's Day, May 11, look for bulletin inserts and an informational table in the lobby to investigate how you might get involved.