

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Malachi. When you've finished that assignment, let me know. I have other books (both OT and NT) that you may read to be better equipped to hear, understand and appreciate what John writes in Revelation.

The main purpose of Revelation is to show us the Sovereign Lord reigning over all of creation and history, to bring to completion His covenantal purposes of glorifying Himself through the redemption of His creation and the glorification of His people.

Meanwhile...there in Revelation 5.1... what is this scroll, written on front and back, sealed with seven seals, held in the right hand of Him Who sits on the Throne in the midst of His heavenly court?

Pastor Caines

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### April 10

**9:30** *Infants:* S Helton, E Beatty  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* M & S Haywood  
*Toddlers:* M & J Schleger

**SS** *Infants:* D & R Kemp  
*Creepers:* R Bingham, J Gracy  
*Toddlers:* T & Y Owens

**6 PM** *Combined:* C Wilkie, A Gaines

#### April 17

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, S Knecht  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D & O & MA Tawzer  
*Toddlers:* A & L Cathey

**SS** *Infants:* D Gaines, N Cooper  
*Creepers:* E & E Vatt  
*Toddlers:* M Johnson, R Bingham

**6 PM** *No Evening Service - Shepherding Groups*

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Shirley Allin at 706.935.6695



# THE NEWSLETTER

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#### From the Senior Pastor...

At CPC in December, the sermons focus on the incarnation. Several years ago the question was asked, "Why don't the sermons on the Sundays prior to Easter focus specifically on our Lord's passion and resurrection?"

Why not indeed. So, for the past few years during the Sundays prior to Easter, we have specifically focused on our Lord's triumphal entry, His final week of public ministry, as well as His death, resurrection and appearances.

In keeping with this trend, we've begun a series of sermons centered upon John's vision of the heavenly court as recorded in Revelation chapters four and five.

Originally I had planned to finish our study of 1 Corinthians 13 and then preach sermons focused on preparing us for our Easter celebration. But my heart wouldn't cooperate (Get it?). Lord willing, we will return to 1 Corinthians 13 after Easter.

Last week we focused on the "sea like glass" in Revelation 4.6. This coming Sunday we consider the scroll held in the right hand of Him Who sits upon the throne. Palm Sunday we meditate upon

the One Whom John describes, as (1) the Lion of Judah, (2) the Lamb "looking as if He had been slain," and (3) the Lamb with horns.

A few of you responded enthusiastically to my declared intention to study the book of Revelation on Sunday evenings beginning in the fall. Having taught this book previously to small audiences, I look forward to teaching a larger gathering on Sunday evenings.

After forty years of reading through Revelation many times and having read countless books offering a wide spectrum of interpretations, I think I'm ready, though far from prepared, to discuss a book that fascinates many, confuses most, and frustrates the majority.

I will approach our study with great humility, but already I know that my understanding of this book will not sit well with some, if not many, of you.

To understand Revelation, you must understand the OT, especially the final seventeen prophetic books. In preparation for this study, I'd ask you to read the books of Ezekiel, Daniel, Zechariah and

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 **MUSIC NOTES**   
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

This Sunday, April 10, we focus on our merciful God and are singing *Lift High the Cross* (p. 263 TH).

**YOUTH INFORMATION**

All youth meet this Sunday evening, April 10, 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Suite.

**BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT FOR MISSIONS**

This annual event to raise money for the youth summer mission trip is Saturday, April 23. A full breakfast is served from 9-10:15 a.m. at the church. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Donations will be accepted.

The egg hunt follows at 10:30 a.m. for children age 2 through the fifth grade. The egg hunt is set up in separate areas designated for differing age groups. Prior to the egg hunt there is a story explaining the reason we celebrate Easter. You do not need to bring eggs, just a basket.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

The Kingdom Seekers Class is beginning a new topic this Sunday. Pastor Mullinax is teaching on the Fruit of the Spirit. If you are interested in learning more, feel free to join them.

**PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* Jamie Martof
- \* John Mark Griggs
- \* Bethany Griffin
- \* Adam Roop

*Dr. & Mrs. J. Render Caines*  
*request the honor of your presence*  
*at the marriage of their daughter*  
*Ruth Allie*  
*to*  
*Jary Isaacs*  
*Saturday, the sixteenth of April,*  
*two thousand eleven*  
*at two o'clock in the afternoon*  
*at Covenant Presbyterian Church*  
  
*Reception to follow in Schum Fellowship Hall*

**GRADUATES**

If someone in your family is graduating or has graduated since last May, contact the church office as soon as possible. We would like to have the names of each graduate so we can properly recognize them.

**PICTURE BOARDS**

Parents of high school, college and grad school graduates: Picture boards and instructions may be picked up at the Welcome Center after the service or in the church office during the week. Please turn them in by May 1.

**PROMOTION SUNDAY**

This year promotion Sunday is May 29. All school age children will be promoted to the next class that Sunday morning.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**CYAM RETREAT**

CYAM Spring Retreat is April 8-10 at the Flatt Farm. The retreat costs \$40 and starts on Friday at 7 p.m. The speaker is Dr. Dan Steere. For information, contact Jason Coffey at 423.313.5125.

**CHURCH WORKDAY**

Please join us on Saturday, April 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a church workday. This is a great time of service and fellowship. All ages are welcome. A continental breakfast is provided before work begins that morning.



**CPC PRAYER CALENDAR**

This devotional/prayer tool covers all CPC members, family concerns, ministries, missionaries, personal growth in grace and the world in a one-month cycle. You may pick up a copy of the CPC Prayer Calendar at the Welcome Center.

**COLORS OF GRACE CONCERT**

The Roueche Chorale & Orchestra is presenting a Holy Week program entitled *Colors of Grace* at CPC on Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. The program includes chorus, orchestra, cast and narrator. The work portrays the lessons to be learned from the example of Christ taken from Matthew.



**EASTER LILIES**

Would you like to honor and/or remember a friend or loved one as well as help decorate the sanctuary for Easter?

Please complete the Easter lily order form and return it to the church office or place it in the box located in the Church Lobby by Wednesday, April 12th. The cost for each lily is \$15. Make the check payable to CPC with "lily" on the memo line and turn it in with your request form.

**WEDNESDAY SUPPERS**

**SHEPHERDING GROUP** clean up duties for the month of April: Wilkie, Walker, King, and E. Brown. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know you can help.



**LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC**

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| Apr 8-10 | CYAM Spring Retreat             |
| Apr 9    | Church Work Day                 |
| Apr 10   | Diaconate Meeting               |
| Apr 12   | Women of Simplicity Bible Study |
| Apr 16   | Caines/Isaacs Wedding           |
| Apr 17   | Shepherding Groups Meet         |
| Apr 19   | Mothers' Encouragement Group    |
| Apr 19   | Colors of Grace Concert         |
| Apr 20   | NO Wednesday Night Supper       |
| Apr 21   | Memorial Hospital Lunch         |
| Apr 21   | Maundy Thursday Service 7pm     |
| Apr 23   | Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast     |
| Apr 24   | Easter Sunday-no SS or PM Serv. |
| Apr 26   | Women of Simplicity Bible Study |
| May 3    | Mother's Encouragement Group    |