

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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truth. We love Gary, we love his family, and we are thrilled at how the Lord has led.

Thank you for your part in Ruth's life. Your financial support is much appreciated. But even more, we are blessed because of your love for Ruth . . . and even Gary.

Most importantly, the love you have shown our daughter since she was just a few weeks old and the vital role many of you have played in Ruth becoming the woman she is will be eternally appreciated.

I'll never forget my Dad's testimony. And obviously, Linda and I will never forget how the Lord has led in Ruth's and Gary's lives.

~Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 17 (Palm Sunday)

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*

April 24 (Easter Sunday)

9:30 *Infants:* J Ray, R Pierce
Creepers/Toddlers: B & H Lehmann
Toddlers: D Schreiner, S Beatty

10:25 *Infants:* D Crawford, B Parker
Creepers: K Fisher, K Gaither
Toddlers: G & B Lusk, R Bingham

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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...

My father worked for US Steel. In 1959 the United Steel Workers went on strike. It lasted for weeks. I was only twelve and don't remember much about it. What I do remember is Daddy standing up in an evening service, with tears in his eyes, testifying to God's goodness in providing him with various odd jobs to meet his family's needs.

I didn't fully appreciate everything he was saying, but I knew God was doing something "special" for our family. Linda and I want to testify concerning God's goodness to our family. God is blessing us through His gift of Gary to Ruth, as well as by the friendship of Gary's family to for us.

Over the past few years, many of you have helped underwrite Ruth's trips to Nairobi, Kenya. Because of those trips, she believed God was calling her to leave home and minister in Africa.

She attempted to go for an extended time to Kenya. But MTW ("Mission to the World," the overseas missions agency of the PCA) wisely would not allow her, as a single lady, to minister in the slums of Nairobi.

Having learned that someone was needed to minister to children in Ethiopia, she applied. But once more, for the same

reason, MTW would not grant her permission.

Then, at an MTW conference, she learned of an opening in Johannesburg, South Africa. She again sent her application to MTW and was accepted. But the missionaries with whom she would work and find lodging were relocated several hundred miles west to Cape Town, South Africa. Eager to have Ruth work with them, they asked MTW to reassign her. They did. Therefore Ruth ended up not in Kenya, nor Ethiopia, nor Johannesburg, but in Cape Town.

Then, in response to her need for housing, she was allowed to rent a room at the Bible Institute in Cape Town, where many MTW missionaries teach.

It was there that Ruth and Gary first met, became friends and began to date. One thing led to another, and now, here we are. The Lord willing, this Saturday they will be joined as husband and wife.

Following their honeymoon in the mountains of North Carolina, they will return to Chattanooga for a week. The first of May they will go back to their home in Cape Town, where Gary will resume his work as a pastoral intern, and Ruth will set up house-keeping.

We are blessed. Simple words. A profound

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 **MUSIC NOTES** 
SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday, April 17, we are focusing on our majestic God and are singing *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (p. 235 TH).

YOUTH INFORMATION

There will be NO youth activities this Sunday evening due to Shepherding groups meeting.

CHURCH INFORMATION

The church office is closed on Good Friday. Therefore, the newsletter is not published next week.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * Emily Elwood
- * Taylor Helton
- * Suzanna Ker
- * Ginny Henry
- * Joshua Haynes
- * Laura Hall
- * Lindsey Gardner
- * Abby Lyons

Dr. & Mrs. J. Render Caines
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Ruth Allie
to
Gary 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 are promoted to the next class on that Sunday morning.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

SAWS BRUNCH

A brunch and small program is provided for single women and widows on Saturday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Schreiner at 423.838.0548.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Please make these changes in your directory:

- Kristy Arbuckle: 423.605.2167
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Music Camp 2011!

Children kindergarten through those entering into the 6th grade: come join us June 6-10 for the best week of the year! Music, drama, snacks, recess, Bible, crafts, cotton candy, snow cones and more will keep you busy all week! Cost is \$25 for the week. Registration forms are available in the church lobby and on the church website. (www.covenantchattanooga.org)

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

There is no Wednesday Supper next week, April 20, due to Maundy Thursday Services. 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

- 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
- May 7 Men's Breakfast
- May 15 Membership Sunday
- May 18 Last Wednesday Night Dinner