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I am blessed. After forty years, Linda merits sainthood. I cannot possibly imagine a better helpmate. A wonderfully supportive wife, a gentle mother of six, an adored grandmother of twenty . . . a loving daughter, a caring daughter-in-law, a beloved sister, aunt, and cousin . . . a compassionate friend, an admired woman.

All of which is because she is loved of the Lord, and the passion of her life is to honor Him in all she does and says.

“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.” (Proverb 31.28-31)

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### May 25

- 9:30** *Infants:* S Forrester, J Wilson  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D & M Horton  
*Toddlers:* M & T Bacon
- SS** *Infants:* S & C Whittier  
*Creepers:* J & K Gaither  
*Toddlers:* S Gritter, J Mauroner
- 6 PM** *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

### June 1

- 9:30** *Infants:* S Coffey, D Lazor  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* E & E Vatt  
*Toddlers:* M Arbuckle, C Weekley
- SS** *Infants:* E Herberich, D Crawford  
*Creepers:* M & J Logterman  
*Toddlers:* L Choquette, M Haywood
- 6 PM** *Combined:* K & P Henry

**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 . . .*

In the 1966 Covenant College year-book, the “*Tartan*,” there is a picture of a lovely young lady in a dress, her hair stylishly flipped, retrieving her luggage from the trunk of a car, preparing to begin her first year of college.

I don’t remember seeing her that day. But I do remember becoming friends during the first semester of our freshmen year.

I invited another young lady to be my date for Covenant College’s winter banquet, which was held on the upper floor of the Read House. But I must confess that I spent more time talking with the young lady seated to my left, than I did talking with my date who was seated to my right. The young lady to my left and the young lady in the “*Tartan*” photo were one and the same.

Back in those days, the first semester didn’t end until after Christmas break. You’d go home for Christmas, come back for two weeks of classes and a week of finals, and then have a week off between semesters.

During the semester break, I stayed in Chattanooga to have my knee operated on at Erlanger. While I was recuperating, I received several get well cards, and two of them were from the young lady who was seated to my left during the winter banquet and appears in the “*Tartan*” photo.

When the second semester began, I asked her out for a date. And then on a second. And then a third. Soon, we were an “item.”

Within a few weeks I knew that she was the one. I told her I loved her and asked her to marry me. We were freshmen in college. I was 19. She was 18. But I’d never been more sure of anything in my life. And it only took her two or three weeks . . . one . . . two . . . three long weeks. . . to respond positively to my declarations of love and proposal of marriage.

I told my parents and wrote to her parents to ask their permission and blessing. That was a little scary. When she first began to write home about me, her father had said that he hoped his daughter wouldn’t become overly interested in anybody named “Render.”

Of course, he was only joking . . . I think.

At any rate, her parents gave us their permission and blessing, as did my parents. And in December of 1966, in the middle of our sophomore year, we were engaged. We married in May of 1968 at the end of our junior year. By God’s grace and with abundant help from others, we both graduated from Covenant in May of 1969.

That was 40 years ago. As you receive this *Newsletter*, Linda and I will be returning from a short anniversary getaway.

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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth** will not meet this Sunday due to shepherding groups meeting.

### NURSERY NEEDS

A volunteer is needed during Sunday school during the evening service on June 15.

A coordinator is needed for the month of July and September. Contact Heather Harris at 706-937-2603 or JEH1224@aol.com.

Look for a volunteer sign-up sheet in the bulletin this Sunday. People who are willing to work in the nursery just once or twice a quarter are needed.

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Mission: Chattanooga will kick off Wednesday, June 4, at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to be involved. Each Wednesday projects include: home repair, grounds keeping, visitation, childcare, kids Bible clubs, prayer group and clerical support for a missions organization. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Mullinax, Bob Cary or Todd Smith.

On Wednesday, May 28, the only groups meeting at the church will be the prayer group and choir.

## BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower will be given in honor of Lauren Donaldson on Sunday, June 1, from 4:00 until 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Lauren is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

#### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, May 25, we will focus through worship on our **OMNIPOTENT** God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and "I Sing the Almighty Power of God."

#### Music Camp

The dates for Music Camp are June 9-13. Registration forms are available in the lobby or online at [www.covenantchattanooga.org](http://www.covenantchattanooga.org) under Music Camp. This year's program is entitled *Joseph and the Dream Team Extreme*.

#### Music Camp Volunteers

Adult volunteers are needed for Music Camp. If you would be willing to help, please email Jeremy (jgaines@covenantchattanooga.org) your times of availability for that week.

### SS TEACHERS NEEDED

A teacher is needed in the 3-year-old class and in the kindergarten Sunday school class beginning in June. Contact Mark Wilson.

### OFFICE MEMO

The church office will be closed Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day.

### SWIM DAY



Swim day at the May's pool is each Thursday beginning June 5 from 11 AM until 4 PM. The invitation is open to anyone at CPC. **Parents, please remember that you are responsible for your children.**

## For Your Information...

### PARENTS OF CHILDREN

The following is information about a couple of important policies regarding our children during church events, primarily in Sunday School and Covenant Corps on Wednesday nights.

If a younger child needs help in going to the potty, two adults, of the same gender as the child, will accompany the child. It always helps if you can encourage your child to go to the bathroom prior to Sunday School or Covenant Corps.

Parents, please be sure the Sunday School teacher knows what Sunday School class you attend in case we need to find you. Most of the time the children of CPC are perfectly behaved. There are moments, however, when one or two of them have an off moment. Our discipline policy is:

The teachers will never spank a child. The teachers use time-outs (example: sitting in a chair away from others in the room) as needed (this doesn't happen often, but is used when appropriate).

The teachers will send for parents or bring the child to the parents as needed. The teacher will do this if they find the discipline situation requires it.

The teacher will consult with the parents if a behavior situation exists.

The discipline steps above are not used very often; the children really are very well behaved overall. The role of our teachers and helpers is to assist you in nurturing your children in Christ. It is a wonderful privilege to share the love of Christ with your children.

Mark Wilson  
Director of Christian Education & Admin

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A new pictorial directory is in the works for this year. Dates for the sittings are in July and August. Sign ups for the dates will be in the lobby on the following Sundays: June 1, 8 & 15. You may also sign up online. More details to come. Look for the bulletin insert the first Sunday in June.

### GRADUATE PICTURE BOARDS

Picture boards featuring our graduating seniors are posted outside the fellowship hall. Be sure to check these out!

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

### LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

May 25	Shepherding
May 26	Office Closed - Memorial Day
June 1	Graduate Recognition & Reception Bridal Shower for Lauren Donaldson Lord's Supper PM
June 4	Mission: Chattanooga Kick-off
June 7	Blick/Spooner Wedding
June 8	Deacons Meeting
June 9-13	Music Camp
June 14	Father / Son Breakfast
June 15	Fathers' Day Music Camp Program PM
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico
June 22	<i>A Night of Singing</i> PM
June 29	Shepherding
July 4	Office Closed
July 5	Donaldson/McCrary Wedding
July 6	Lord's Supper No PM Service
July 12	Ironman's Breakfast
Aug. 27	Wed. Suppers resume

Everyone is invited to a  
Drop-in Going Away Reception  
for Allen & Mary Slade and their children  
on Memorial Day, May 26,  
between 4:00 - 7:00 PM.  
The location address is  
815 Morning Shadows Drive.  
If you have questions or need directions,  
call Tabitha at 892-6033.

Hosted by the Harnsbergers and Herberichs