

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Psalms 46 ends with God saying to the nations,  
"Be still and know that I am God. It ends with the  
promise,

I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.  
The Lord of hosts is with us,  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
(ESV)

Therefore we can say with Paul: "I know how  
to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In  
any and every circumstance, I have learned the  
secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance  
and need. I can do all things through him who  
strengthens me" (Philippians 4.12-13, ESV).

~Pastor Caines

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### May 8

**9:30** *Infants:* L Fosgate, E Herberich  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* A Millard, E Beatty  
*Toddlers:* D & K Lambeth, C Gaither

**SS** *Infants:* P May, S Wade  
*Creepers:* S Evans, R Bingham  
*Toddlers:* P & A & K Liner

**6 PM** No Evening Service - Mother's Day

#### May 15

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, S Knecht  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* C & G & K Smith  
*Toddlers:* J & D Herberich, T Bacon

**10:25** *Infants:* J & C Hildebrand  
*Creepers:* P & M Bandy  
*Toddlers:* H & J Wade

**6 PM** Combined: Martoff Family

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement  
for your nursery duty, call Peg May at 423.894.1538.



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### From the Senior Pastor...

Bin Laden is dead. Ruth and Gary have arrived safely in Cape Town. And the community in which I have lived for the past twenty-eight years is just beginning to recover from the worst storm in recorded history.

Many of you are praying and offering physical assistance to many involved in the difficult task of shifting through the destruction, of repairing houses damaged by the winds, of recovering from injuries, and of grieving the loss of friends and family.

Many of you join with Linda and me in thanking the Lord for the safe return of Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Ruth) Isaacs.

Many of you as citizens of the USA give thanks to the Lord that He has used our Armed Forces to bring to justice a man whose religious convictions convinced him of the need for thousands upon thousands of "infidels" to die so that the whole world might tremble before the wrath of his god.

Meanwhile, life goes on, with all its vicissitudes, challenges, joys and sorrows.

Psalms 46 is "Luther's psalm."

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear  
though the earth give way  
though the mountains be moved  
into the heart of the sea,  
though its water roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.  
(ESV)

We often sing *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* with great gusto and delight. It's an easy hymn to sing when the sun is shining and the breezes are gentle. It becomes more difficult when we face real trouble, and the earth seems to be giving way, the mountains are shaking, and the sea is rolling over us.

We can stand firm only when our faith is such that we understand and believe that our God is sovereign over all, that His purpose is yea and amen, and that our purpose in this sin-scarred world is to glorify Him and serve others in His Name for however many or few years He may grant us.

We can stand firm only when we understand and believe that our real and genuine hope is found in His promise that one day He will create a new heaven and earth in which there is no longer any crying, nor mourning, nor tears, nor death.

He didn't promise us that life would be easy. He did promise us that life would be blessed with the assurance of His peace and joy even in the midst of turmoil and troubles. The peace and joy He promises is not of a "Pollyanna" type, in which we always see the best in any and every circumstance or stoically face life's challenges with a stiff upper lip.

It's a peace and joy that comes from knowing that by His death and resurrection we have been delivered from sin's curse and power as well as its darkness and lies.

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

This Sunday, May 8, we are focusing on our good God and are singing *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul* (p. 57 TH).

**YOUTH INFORMATION**

The youth will not be participating in the Ropes Course with East Ridge Presbyterian this weekend. Instead they will be assisting the adult volunteers as they help those affected by the storm. They will be meeting at the church at 8:30 a.m. to go out and will return to the church at 1:00 p.m.

**PROMOTION SUNDAY**

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

**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.

**Adults and Youth:** Want to volunteer for Music Camp? Please find a volunteer form on Jeremy's bulletin board, fill it out and place it in the envelope provided.

**PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* Brittnie Canada
- \* Stephen Mason
- \* Tim Lazor
- \* Josh Adams
- \* Sam Roop
- \* Megan Toombs

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**Ministry Opportunity:** Pre-assembled casseroles are stored in our church freezer for families in need and shut-ins. Please help us keep our freezer full and ready. Detailed instructions and suggested recipes are available on the WM bulletin board in the nursery hallway.

**PCA Women's Conference:** *Amazing Grace* 360 in Atlanta October 7-9 will address the theme of a *grand and glorious look at the full-orbed grace of God in our lives*. The early registration fee of \$145 does not include lodging or meals. Registration forms are available on the WM table in the lobby and are due May 25. Prayerfully consider attending this event. If you are not sure but think you may be interested in going, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.

**WM Connection:** The Women's Ministry newsletter is available on the WM table in the lobby. Please pick up a copy to learn of upcoming women's events at CPC.

**TATERS AND TUBE STEAKS**

Join us for a fun night out with the family on Friday, May 6. Come for dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. in Coolidge Park and stay for the Lookouts game at 7:00 p.m. that night. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 max per family. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.

**GRADUATES**

If someone in your family is graduating or has graduated since last May, contact the church office by May 9. We would like to have the names of each graduate so we can properly recognize them.



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY**

Please make these changes in your directory:

Colleen Murphy  
7950 Long Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Craig Miller  
1735 South Clayton Avenue  
East Ridge, TN 37412



**CORRECTION TO MEN'S MINISTRY:**

Please note the following changes:

**Monday 7:00 p.m.** - Samson Society;  
Location: Visitor's classroom  
Leader: Phil Wade  
423.308.6010 (w)

**Fight the Good Fight:** join us for a unique men's group focused on fighting sin, overcoming temptation, wearing God's armor and fighting with it together.

**Friday 8:30 a.m.**  
Location: Hickory Creek Townhouses  
Clubhouse, Hickory Valley Road  
Leader: Pastor Mullinax  
423.899.5377

**WEDNESDAY SUPPERS**

Only three more Wednesday night suppers left. **SHEPHERDING GROUP** clean up duties for the month of May: Henry, J. Gaither, and Gaines. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know you can help.

**Mother's Day**

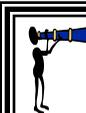
There will be no Evening Service on Mother's Day.

**CPC SOFTBALL TEAM SCHEDULE**

Cheer on the CPC Softball team on the following dates:

- May 05 (Thu) 8:15 p.m. at Beck Field
- May 05 (Thu) 9:15 p.m. at Beck Field
- May 12 (Thu) 8:15 p.m. at Beck Field
- May 12 (Thu) 9:15 p.m. at Gross Field
- May 17 (Tue) 6:15 p.m. at Beck Field
- May 17 (Tue) 7:15 p.m. at Beck Field
- May 31 (Tue) 8:15 p.m. at Beck Field
- May 31 (Tue) 9:15 p.m. at Beck Field
- June 07 (Tue) 6:15 p.m. at Beck Field
- June 07 (Tue) 7:15 p.m. at Gross Field
- June 14 (Tue) 8:15 p.m. at Gross Field
- June 14 (Tue) 9:15 p.m. at Gross Field

For further information and directions, contact Josh Ray.



**LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC**

May 6	Taters and Tubesteaks
May 7	Men's Breakfast
May 15	Membership Sunday
May 18	Last Wednesday Night Dinner
May 19	Memorial Hospital Lunch
May 21	Ladies Tea
May 25	Mission: Chattanooga Starts
May 29	Promotion Sunday
May 29	Shepherding Groups Meet
June 1	Bloodmobile
June 4	Men's Breakfast
June 6-10	Music Camp
June 12	Music Camp Program
June 16	Memorial Hospital Lunch
June 19	Father's Day
June 26	Shepherding Groups Meet
July 4	July 4th - Office Closed