

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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week. That's fine. Come when you can, for as long as you can and as often as you can. Child-care for small children will be available at the church. But children are encouraged to engage in these services with parents. Participation by all is heartily welcomed. Please, help us to fill and satisfy the ministry activities to which we as a church commit ourselves.

Again, most regularly scheduled Wednesday evening activities here at the church take a summer sabbatical. But please note that some groups will continue to meet regularly on Wednesday evenings (Prayer Group and Choir [through portions of the summer]).

Choose areas of service that you and yours would like to be a part of this summer, and join us as we minister here and beyond our church campus in the Lord's name.

Pastor Mullinax

NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 10

- 9:30** *Infants:* S Forrester, A Wooten
Creepers/Toddlers: S Gritter, J Hall
Toddlers: H & B Lehmann
- SS** *Infants:* R & B Roop
Creepers: J & R Ray
Toddlers: R & P Lyons
- 6 PM** *No Evening Service - Mothers' Day*

May 17

- 9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, S Schreiner
Creepers/Toddlers: E & J Martin
Toddlers: T & M Schreiner
- SS** *Infants:* L Brown K Swanson
Creepers: A Wagner, B King
Toddlers: J & A West
- 6 PM** *Combined:* C Wilkie, A Gaines

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Cayce Weekley at 423-843-5008.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Associate Pastor

Two things are quickly approaching for your prayers and participation:

(1) This Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day. Don't forget Mom! Also, we observe **Compassion Sunday** on Mother's Day, as we emphasize the work of Compassion International (CI) and child sponsorship. CI is an evangelical, child-development ministry dedicated to helping needy children around the world. CI partners with local churches and church-related organizations in foreign countries to implement programs for these children in their communities. These programs promote the holistic development of children by providing for their spiritual, physical, economic and social needs. Look for bulletin inserts, an informational table in our main lobby, and brief personal testimonies in Sunday School classes. Hear and investigate how you might get involved in this Christ-honoring ministry.

(2) **Mission: Chattanooga.** Over the past several years our pattern has been that most of our Wednesday church activities take a break in the summer. Remember: the Sabbath principle is that we rest from one thing in order to give our ourselves more fully to another.

With the suspension of most Wednesday evening activities, our church has more opportunities during the summer months for ministering in our community. **Mission: Chattanooga** is our effort to facilitate service and outreach opportunities for anyone and everyone, especially during the summer. Home missions, if you will.

These scheduled opportunities are by no means exhaustive. Other service and outreach ministries by our church and people have been and will continue to take place. This is just a means for organizing our efforts a little more. Hopefully, participation in some of these areas will not just be seasonal. Familiarity with some of these ministries may lead to greater involvement in all seasons.

We'll again work with local ministries and agencies (AAA Women's Services, National Memorial for the Unborn, Volunteers in Medicine, Widow's Harvest, Hope for the Inner City, Community Kitchen, etc.). These are folk we know and have supported, actively and financially. Some other planned activities are: cooking & craft classes at the church for the making of items to share with others; an off-campus kids' Bible club; a Missions Kidz class for our youngest; a missions-support group for letter writing, clerical work and working with our stamp ministry; visitation teams going out to visit in local nursing facilities; a singing troupe on selected Wednesdays; and home repair & maintenance teams. We'll engage in short-term mission team support for groups who may come to Chattanooga this summer.

These *Mission: Chattanooga* opportunities will be scheduled mostly on Wednesday evenings beginning May 27 from approximately 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We'll also have some Saturday opportunities. Some may only be able to participate in shorter time increments and some not every

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Middle school & high school youth will meet this Sunday after the evening service.

WANTED: USED CARS

Bridge Refugee Services is seeking donations of used cars. Bridge, a refugee resettlement agency, works with clients from all over the world who have come to Chattanooga to begin a new life. Your generous donation of a used vehicle will help a refugee family have reliable transportation to work. Bridge's goal is to help refugees become self-sufficient as quickly as possible, and cars help clients to reach this goal more quickly by allowing access to better jobs.

Cars donated to Bridge are tax-deductible donations, and Bridge will provide donors with all necessary forms. Cars are given directly to clients who are most in need and will best benefit. If a member of your family has recently stopped driving, or if you were planning to trade in an older car when you purchase a new one, please consider donating to Bridge.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please notify the church office if you have had a change of address, phone, or email since the last membership directory. A new directory will be available in the next few weeks.

MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is scheduled for June 8-12. The cost is \$25 per child. Registration forms are available at www.covenantchattanooga.org for you to download.

TATERS & TUBESTEAKS

Join us Friday, May 22, for a night of food and fun. Meet at Coolidge Park between 5:45 and 7 PM for a grilled-hotdog-and-sausage dinner, then to AT & T field for a Lookouts game with the Carolina Mudcats. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$15 family maximum . . . best entertainment value in town! Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the church's main lobby.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies' Tea Reminder

This Saturday is the Ladies' Tea at 11 AM in Schum Fellowship Hall.

TWO SHOWERS

Bridal

A drop-in bridal shower for Tabitha Higgins is Sunday, May 17 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Tabitha is registered at Amazon.com, Wal-Mart and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Baby

A drop-in baby shower for Camille Platt is Sunday, May 17 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the Perseverers classroom. Camille is registered at Babies R Us and Children's Place.

Yes, we have two showers scheduled for the same day due to a very full church calendar! Since they are both drop-in showers, attending one shower should not preclude attending the other.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our *LOVING* God. We will sing *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (p. 529).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Beginning May 31 we need two Sunday School helpers for the kindergarten class and a teacher in the 3-year-old class. You can commit for a year, a semester or just the summer. This is a great opportunity to minister to our children. Please contact Mark Wilson for more information.

NOTES FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

B.B. and Katie Bell will continue to reside in Nashville for several weeks as Katie recovers from her recent lung transplant. If you would like to send a note of encouragement to Katie, the address is 444 Elmington Ave #318 Nashville, TN 37205. Or you may drop off cards at the receptionist's office for Carrie to mail.

For Your Information...

VISITOR GREETING

We need volunteers to serve at the Welcome Center Sunday mornings to greet visitors and others needing information. We're looking to fill two time slots: 9:15 to 9:30 and after worship, about 10:55 to 11:20. If you are willing to fill either slot, sign up at the Welcome Center in the lobby or contact Mandi Johnson: mandileigh_johnson@yahoo.com

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

A group from Chernobyl Children's Program of Greater Chattanooga (CCPGC) is planning a mission trip to Belarus this summer. CCPGC ministers to the children of Belarus whose lives and immune systems are affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Members of First Presbyterian Church Choir will travel to Belarus the first week of June and have generously agreed to take suitcases of donated items to benefit the children, their families and orphanage and art school we support. This is particularly important since the respite travel that we have organized for children for 17 consecutive years has been suspended by the Belarusian government this summer. So, we wish to bring the love of Jesus directly to them!

We will purchase Christian literature in Belarus to distribute to the children and their families. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to help us meet our goals of filling suitcases for these precious children. Make checks to CCPGC and mail to: CCP of Greater Chattanooga, 2604 Avalon Hill, Chattanooga, TN 27415

Many CPC families have hosted CCPGC children over the years. If you have HOSTED a child in the past and would like to send an envelope, photo, or gift, please enclose in a gallon-sized bag and mark the name of the child and your family information on the bag. WE NEED CARDS AND GIFTS BY MAY 22, 2009. Please call Jill Tyson at 423.472.6989 (Cleveland/Ooltewah/East Brainerd) or Eve Soltau (Chattanooga/Lookout Mountain) at 423.821.5919.

GRADUATES

This is the list of CPC members who are graduating from high school, college or grad school. If you know of someone missing from this list, please contact us promptly. Graduate recognition Sunday is May 31.

High School

Kelley Close — CCS
Jessica Duble — CCS
Bobby Fugate — East Ridge
Justin Martin — CCS
Micah Schreiner — homeschool
Kyle Smith — CCS
Daniel Trask — David Brainerd

College

Will Foster — UTC
Bevin Gracy — Union University
Nancy Henry — Tufts
Adam Herberich — Covenant College
Meredith Hobbs — UTK
Mary Stevenson — UTK
Rebecca Swan — Cleveland State
Spencer Whittier — TN Tech
Charles Wykoff — Covenant College

Graduate School

Sarah Swan — UTK Law School

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

May 10	No Evening Service
May 17	Deacons Meeting Baby Shower—Camille Platt Bridal Shower—Tabitha Higgins
May 25	Memorial Day—Office Closed
May 27	Mission: Chattanooga Kickoff
May 31	Shepherding Sunday SS Promotion & Graduate Recognition
June 6	Ironman's Breakfast
June 7	Bridal Shower - Laura Spalding
June 8-12	Music Camp
June 14	Music Camp Program PM
July 3	Office Closed
July 11	Ironman's Breakfast

