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provide for you a ticket out of hell. He saved you to do the work of His Kingdom. (I know You've heard that before, but that's almost precisely what she said!)

She closed by telling the graduates that while she has had many titles in her life, this has been the most important title: "Mom." And then, she urged the graduates to marry, stay married, and raise godly families.

I know the writer of the Wikipedia article isn't overly impressed by Dr. James. But I am. I thought her address to be the finest commencement speech I've ever heard. As a trustee of Covenant College, I was proud and profoundly pleased to hear what she had to say.

"In all things . . . Christ preeminent."

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

May 24

9:30 *Infants:* L Swan, L Rogers
Creepers/Toddlers: C Smith, G & K Smith
Toddlers: L Rogers, J Hall

SS *Infants:* J Wilson
Creepers: E & E Vatt
Toddlers: K Fisher, M Horton

6 PM *Combined:* B Mullinax, J Gaines

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



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From the Senior Pastor . . .

Wikipedia. Do you know that name? It's an online encyclopedia that provides helpful information, but isn't always reliable and is often clearly biased in its presentation of "facts."

Covenant College's graduation was this past Saturday morning. The graduating class included two of our members — Adam Herberich and Charles Wykoff.

The commencement speaker was Dr. Kay Coles James.

Wikipedia informs us that Dr. James is the president and founder of the Gloucester Institute, a leadership training center for young African Americans. It also reports that she was the director for the United States Office of Personnel Management from 2001 until 2005. Previously she served as the Secretary of Health and Human Resources for the state of Virginia and was dean of Regent University's government school. She currently serves as a member of the NASA Advisory Council and as a trustee for the Heritage Foundation, an influential public policy research institute.

Wikipedia doesn't report that she and her husband are members of a PCA congregation in Virginia, near Washington, DC, and that her husband is a PCA elder and a former trustee of Covenant College.

But Wikipedia is quick to tell us that in 2003 Dr. James was named the Distinguished Christian Statesman by the Center for Christian Statesmanship, founded by Dr. D. James Kennedy.

Dr. Kennedy is identified by Wikipedia as a pastor criticized by the Jewish Anti-Defamation League for his attempts to link *creation theory* to Hitler and for being "a leader among the distinct groups of 'Christian Supremacists'" who desire "to turn the U.S. into a Christian nation guided by their strange notions of biblical law."

(I have to assume that the writer of this article meant to criticize Dr. Kennedy for attempting to link *the theory of evolution* with Hitler.)

Getting back to Dr. James . . . I want to summarize for you what she told the graduates of Covenant College.

First, if you say you trust God with your life — then live like it. Life is a challenge. You've lived through 9/11. You're now living at a time of great financial challenges. Life will continue to present all kinds of challenges. But if you say you trust God with your life — then live like it.

Second, other than the Word of God, there are few things you can know for sure. You have no way of knowing what God intends to do with your life. But you can trust Him. And if you trust Him, and hold on to Him, He will use you to accomplish great things for the cause of His Kingdom.

Third, while you may think that all of this has been about you — in fact, it's been all about Him. He has been preparing you for whatever lies ahead. Preparing you for kingdom work. He didn't save you simply to

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YOUTH & FAMILY

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

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Mission: Chattanooga will kick off Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged 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.

May 20 is the last evening for our Wednesday suppers until they resume at the end of August.

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.

TATERS & TUBE STEAKS

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.

LIBRARY

CPC's library, located on the first floor of the education wing, is open Sunday mornings following morning worship until 11:15 AM and Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:50. Volunteers are needed to allow for additional times on Sunday evenings and Tuesday or Thursday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Danielle Wilkie at wilkienuersery@yahoo.com or 510-9297.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY Fellowship Group

The Mothers Encouragement fellowship will meet Tuesday, May 19, at 10 AM at the church.

TWO SHOWERS

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

And a drop-in **bridal shower** for Tabitha Higgins is also this 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our **TRUE** God. We will sing *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (p. 53) and *Be Thou My Vision* (p. 642).

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.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning May 31, we need a teacher in the 3-year-old Sunday School class and a helper in the two-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.

DEACONS MEETING

The deacons will meet this Sunday, May 17, at 4:30 PM.

OFFICE MEMO

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

For Your Information...

VISITOR GREETING VOLUNTEERS

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will honor our graduates during morning worship, May 31.

Be sure to check out the picture boards in the office hallway of our grads.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATES

Hope Horne Grace Academy
Bethany Scott UTK Law School

STAMPS, CELL PHONES & EYEGLASSES

We continue to collect postage stamps to assist in raising money for new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America. Cell phones are also being collected to assist with the ministry of A+ Women's Care. And now we are accepting donations of old eyeglasses. These will be sent to HAFF to assist with their ministry to the people of Haiti. You may drop off any of these items at Pastor Mullinax's office. Thank you!

MISPLACED BIBLES

If you have mislaid your Bible, check the bottom shelf of the Book Shelf next to the Coke machine. We have a large number of unclaimed Bibles.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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	