

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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We are wondering how many of you would prefer or at least have no objections to receiving your newsletter by email. We realize that there are those who don't have email, and we will do our best to make certain that everyone receives a copy of the newsletter. So let us know. Please communicate, call the church office or email with your preference to cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org. Thank you. By communicating your preference with us you'll help us make a more informed decision.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 22

9:30 *Infants:* S & R Baiertl, J Foster
Creepers/Toddlers: D & E Reynolds
Toddlers: D & G Schreiner, S Beatty

11:00 *Infants:* E McKown, L Crawford
Creepers: T & W Higgins, A Creamer
Toddlers: D & A Heisig

6 PM Combined: Elwood Family

May 29

9:30 *Infants:* R Getz, K Wenzler
Creepers/Toddlers: H & C & J Armao
Toddlers: D & T Holland, W Gaither

11:00 *Infants:* B King, A West
Creepers: J & L Bowman
Toddlers: J Hall, R Bingham

6 PM No Evening Service - Shepherding Groups Meet

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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Covenant
Presbyterian Church

May 18, 2011

From the Senior Associate Pastor...

Newsletters are usually dated Wednesdays. This Wednesday's date is May 18. That is important to me. On this date forty-three years ago, Linda married me. Can you believe it? Some did not believe it then. Some still have trouble believing it today. But she did. And I will be grateful for all eternity.

I am a blessed man in many ways. But as far as God's gifts in this world are concerned, Linda heads the list. I cannot imagine being married to anyone else. I wouldn't want to be married to anyone else. In fact, I'd be afraid to be married to anyone else, because I know no one else could love me the way Linda has and does. I'm quite certain I couldn't love anyone else as much as I love her.

We were talking the other evening about our early years of marriage. It was not easy - for her. She hung in there, and by God's grace things slowly got better. They were almost always good for me, but not for her. It's amazing how long it takes most men to wake up and mature (which is not to suggest that I am now fully awake and sanctified).

But here we are, some forty-three years later. Three parents still living. Six children. Three sons-in-law and three

daughters-in-law. Twenty-one (and counting) grandchildren. A brother. Sisters. Brothers and sisters-in-law. Nieces and nephews. Cousins, aunts and uncles more than you can imagine.

Now add to all this the privilege of being a part of CPC, of counting you all as friends, of having the privilege of loving and serving you, of knowing that we are loved and that many of you would (and have) eagerly served us.

What a foretaste of heaven.

On this day, forty-three years ago, Linda got me. But, let me tell you the really good news - two score and three years ago, I got Linda.

This week brings to a close our Wednesday evening suppers for the school year of 2010-2011. Most regularly scheduled Wednesday night activities will be suspended until August 17 while we focus on Mission: Chattanooga.

The next newsletter will be published the first Wednesday in June. During the summer and foreseeable future we will only publish two newsletters a month on the first and third Wednesday. If a month has a fifth Wednesday, it will be three weeks between newsletters.

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 **MUSIC NOTES**
SUNDAY WORSHIP 

This Sunday, May 22, we are focusing on our faithful God and are singing *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (p. 32 TH).

YOUTH INFORMATION

The Youth will meet this Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This is the last Youth Meeting until fall due to the summer schedule.

Mission Macon: All adults and youth going to Macon need to fill out a registration form and medical release form. Both forms are on the bulletin board outside of Chris's office. In addition, all youth need to attach their testimony to the registration form. Turn completed forms into Chris Gregory.

MS Edge Conference: Youth attending the Edge Conference must fill out a registration form and a Hiwassee release form. Forms are on the bulletin board outside Chris's office. Turn completed forms into Chris Gregory.

Car Wash: The youth are hosting a car wash Saturday, June 11 at the Cornerstone Bank on Gunbarrel Road. Car wash start at 1:00 p.m. Donation forms are tacked to the board outside Chris's office. All money received will help pay for summer trips. Plan to help our youth by getting your car washed!

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The next CPC newsletter will be mailed June 1. Newsletters will now be printing on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Please email or call the church office with all announcements for the newsletter by 10:00 a.m. on Monday of that week.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Thursday, June 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor, Brenda Mason will lead *Becoming a Woman of Excellence* by Cynthia Heald. Books are available at the WM table in the lobby.

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! 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? Volunteer forms are on Jeremy's bulletin board. Place completed forms in the envelope provided.

LADIES' TEA

Saturday, May 21, The Ladies' Tea begins at 11:00 a.m. Please bring pampering items to fill baskets for Widow's Harvest. Contact Emily Calloway for more information.

HOPE FAIR

The Parish Nurse Committee is presenting the Stewards of Life Seminar on Sunday, June 5 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This health information seminar will address several different issues including foster care/adoption, end of life needs and overall wellness. More information to follow.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

This year Promotion Sunday is May 29. All graduates will be recognized. All school age children will be promoted to the next class on that Sunday morning.

ALSO GRADUATING...

Jacob Rogers - Chattanooga State

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool is each Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. beginning June 2. The invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are responsible for your children and for clean up.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members.

Aaron & Michelle Self
Isaac, David
290 Dove Drive
Ringgold, GA 30736
(706) 937-9225

Aaron works in sales while Michelle is a stay-at-home mom. Their family has attended CPC for about one year. They have two sons; Isaac who is 7 and David who is 5.

Kendall Ray, Jr.
2411 Haven Crest Drive
Chattanooga, TN 37421
(423) 499-8420

Kendall, the 19 year old son of Kendall and Shelia Ray, is a rising sophomore at the University of Alabama where he is active in RUF.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Please make these changes in your directory:

Eric & Lucy Mantel
5709 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37409

Jeremy & Domekia Gaines
Avery, Jonah, Ellie, Kale
276 Shirley Drive
Ringgold, GA 30736

BLOODMOBILE

Wednesday, June 1 from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. the Bloodmobile will be at CPC. Along with giving blood, you can sign up to be on the national bone marrow donor list. The sign up sheet is under the bulletin board in the lobby. Please prayerfully consider these needs.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

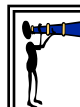
Mission: Chattanooga begins May 25 and continues through August 17! Everyone and anyone can be involved. Wednesday projects include tornado clean up, home repair, grounds keeping, visitation, childcare, kids crafting, prayer group and clerical support for a missions organization. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Mullinax.

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

The monthly birthday and anniversary calendar will no longer be published in the newsletter. Calendars are available at the Welcome Center.

JFEST CHRISTIAN CONCERTS

On June 4, J103 is presenting JFest, an all day event featuring many Christian bands at Camp Jordan. If you are interested in attending, tickets are \$10 in advance or you may purchase them for \$15 at the gate. Jay and Bev Fowler will be providing youth with rides if needed in the church van. Please pack sunscreen, blanket or lawn chair, a cooler or bring money for food. The van will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and will return around 9:30 p.m. Contact Bev Fowler for more information.



LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

May 21	Ladies Tea
May 25	Mission: Chattanooga Starts
May 29	Promotion Sunday
May 29	Shepherding Groups Meet
May 30	Memorial Day - Office Closed
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