

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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weeds" it is our great privilege to share "true truth" with these children; the very Word that gives life and protects them from the schemes of the evil one.

And over the next few Sundays, please consider giving a word of encouragement to our teachers and helpers. They contribute much skill and passion to the development of our children, our "Kids Under Construction." And please prayerfully consider what "construction" skills you may be able to offer in this effort as well.

Mark Wilson

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### 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

#### May 31

- 9:30** *Infants:* L & A Reid  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D, O, MA Tawzer  
*Toddlers:* D & A Heisig
- SS** *Infants:* P May, L Caines  
*Creepers:* E Beatty, S Spalding  
*Toddlers:* J & M Logterman
- 6 PM** *No Evening Service:* Shepherding groups meet

**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 Director of Christian Ed*

When our girls were young one of the music albums we used to play often was one called "Kids Under Construction!" by the Bill Gaither Trio. The album's theme was children are always growing physically and spiritually. They are in a constant state of formation. We have over 180 children in our membership, age 11 and under, and they are growing "like weeds" (I know there are more positive metaphors, but that is so descriptive)!

It is our privilege here at CPC to assist the parents of these children in the spiritual development of each one of these precious ones. And we are blessed with many dedicated and gifted teachers and helpers in this effort.

On promotion Sunday, May 31, we will take a moment after the worship service to thank our teachers and class helpers. Please be sure to join us for that time and maybe even consider giving your child's teacher and class helpers a hug or "holy kiss."

During that time on Promotion Sunday, we will also present the Diaconate with a gift from the children. Over the last several weeks many of the children's Sunday School classes have been contributing their pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for the Mercy Fund of CPC. During Sunday School this coming Sunday, May 24, we will take the final collection in preparation for that. Our deacons provide

help to many families with children throughout the year. This is one way our children can minister directly to other children in our community. We will have a collection box next to the 2-year-old classroom (2<sup>nd</sup> floor education wing), in case you would like to help the children as they make their final contribution this Sunday.

Every time we baptize a child, we the members of CPC, make a commitment to assist the parents in their covenant responsibility of their children. We have many venues for assisting parents in this life-changing endeavor: Sunday School, Covenant Corps, Sunday night children's choir, Music Camp and the many ministry opportunities in our youth program. Please be praying for our teachers and helpers as they strive to effectively teach a biblically-based Christian world and life view to our children through these various ministry efforts.

The Apostle Peter said, to the New Testament believers, that we are "like living stones," as we grow in Christ, we "are being built into a spiritual house . . . offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God" (1 Peter 2:5). We adults may still have a lot of learning and growing to do, but our children and grandchildren are in the true formative years of their lives. As they continue to grow "like

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## YOUTH & FAMILY

### Middle school & high school youth

will meet this Sunday after the evening service at Heritage Park.

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Mission: Chattanooga kicks 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.

Our Wednesday suppers will 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.

## GOLF MAKE-UP DATE

Our golf outing at Canyon Ridge was rained out May 1. The make-up date is Friday, May 29, from 1-2 PM. If you would like to play on this date, please let Pastor Mullinax know. (emullinax@covenantchattanooga.org or 899-5377) Reservations are required!

## SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Shepherding groups meet Sunday, May 31. If you are not currently a member of a group and would like to be, call the church office.

## SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Jon Arbuckle and his family in the death of his mom, Emily Arbuckle on May 15.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY Opportunities

A weekly Bible study is being planned for the summer. If you are interested, email Brenda Mason at bren54@comcast.net.

Scenic City Women's Network Praise Breakfast: Jan Johnson is the speaker for the 5th Annual Praise Breakfast, Thursday, June 25, from 7-9 AM at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Tickets are \$25. For more information go to www.scwn.org.

TN Valley Presbytery Women's Fall Retreat: This year's fall retreat will be held at Fall Creek Falls, October 15-17. Speaker, Marlyns Mulkey, will address the topic of encouragement. Registration begin in July. For more information contact Sherry Baiertl.

## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our **OMNIPOTENT** God. We will sing *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* (p. 119).

## 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.

## FATHER/SON BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Father/Son Ironman's Breakfast Saturday, June 6, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Pastor Mullinax. Bring your father, son, grandfather, sons-in-law . . . if you can, but if not, that's okay. **Join us** for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

## OFFICE MEMO

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

# For Your Information...

## NEW MEMBERS

Listed below are the names of those who joined CPC this month. Add their names and addresses to your membership directory. Check out their snapshots on the New Member Bulletin Board outside the Visitors Classroom. Help make these new folks feel welcome at CPC when you see them!

John & Becky Pearce

Carson  
124 Brently Woods Drive  
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rpearce16@gmail.com

John & Becky moved to Chattanooga from Lakeland, FL in the last year. John works at the TN Valley Credit Union. Becky is a full time mom to 2-year-old son, Carson.

William Higgins

William is the youngest son of longtime members Bill and Tammy Higgins.

Jessica Greer

8807 Point South Lane  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
423.326.9004

jess\_felder@hotmail.com

Jessica is a Hospice nurse who moved to Chattanooga from Marietta a few years ago.

Shirley Jones

1302 Keys Road  
Tunnel Hill, GA 30755  
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Shirley has a grown son and daughter. She has been widowed several years.

Rhys & Bonnie Gaillard

Avery & Hayden  
3249 Greenmantle Ct  
Ooltewah TN 37363  
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pamperbybonnie@gmail.com

Rhys works for Shaw Industries and Becky is employed by Blue Cross. Their two sons are in elementary school.

## 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

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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

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

### ADDITIONAL GRADUATES

Alex Mauroner	Westminster College
Dan Steere Jr.	Emory University

Elizabeth Ooten	Homeschool
Jordan Nikkel	CCS

## CPC PRAYER CALENDAR

This devotional/prayer tool covers all CPC members, family concerns, ministries, missionaries, personal growth in grace and the world in a one-month cycle. You may pick up a copy of the *CPC Prayer Calendar* in the lobby.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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