

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sting rays, jellyfish eggs, and a beautiful blue heron. The magnificence of an expansive blue sky spread out over an endless ocean. The wonder of a crab living in his tiny shell, plus the exotic beauty of a palm tree.

The creativity of the Creator's image bearers, given the ability to arrange flowers, shrubs, trees and grasses in such ways as to help turn a wilderness into a beautiful garden.

Put all of these things together, plus ten thousand more that go almost unnoticed, and you find yourself agreeing with the psalmist that all of creation does indeed speak the Creator's praise.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

June 28

9:30 *Infants:* S Coffey, Y Cornell
Creepers/Toddlers: D, O & J Bowers
Toddlers: M & M Krieg

SS *Infants:* B Parker, D Lazor
Creepers: M & B Parker
Toddlers: J Gracy, S Evans

6 PM *No PM Service - Shepherding*

July 5

9:30 *Infants:* L & A Reid
Creepers/Toddlers: T & A Horton
Toddlers: T & M Horton

SS *Infants:* J & C Hildebrand
Creepers: J Gracy, S Evans
Toddlers: J & J McNeely

6 PM *No PM Service*

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Diane Lazor at 423-238-2734.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor...

I've been going "to the beach" for a long time.

As a child I remember visiting North Myrtle Beach, SC almost every year. We went there to visit family and enjoy the ocean.

During my high school summers, I worked at the Jersey shore — where by the end of August the water was warm enough to enter!

Linda and I lived for a year and a half on Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean.

As our children grew, we visited frequently my parents in North Myrtle Beach where they had moved following Dad's retirement from USSteel.

For the last ten years or so, we've enjoyed several vacations in Destin, Florida.

Linda rarely goes "to the beach." She is always with us, or with me, but it's a rare day when she actually puts her feet in the sand and sits along the shore watching the sea roll in.

During our last visit, she made it to the beach three times during the ten days we were there. That's some kind of record. She hasn't turned into a beach bum. She's a grandmother, and it was the presence of grandchildren that drew her to the beach, not the sand and salt.

Our first day at the beach, as my son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren waded in chest-deep water, two dark shadows passed by only a few feet in front of us. They were sting rays, gracefully gliding through the water as effortlessly as a hawk appears to ride the currents of the air.

On another day, we saw something I don't remember ever seeing before — jellyfish eggs. I've seen jellyfish. But I've never seen the egg sacs, strung together in necklaces of sometimes twenty "beads" or more. It was fascinating. Gratefully, wherever those eggs hatched, it wasn't in the waters where we saw them.

One afternoon, my son and I played golf — or, to be more accurate, he played golf and I chased after a little white ball while carrying with me an instrument made of steel.

As we walked up the fairway, I headed off into a marshy area located just to the right of the short grass. I was looking for one of those little white balls.

I couldn't find it. But as I turned to leave, standing there on one leg, almost immediately in front of me, was a huge blue heron.

In truth I don't know if it was larger than other herons. But for me it was "huge," because I'd never been this close to one before.

Mr. Heron (it may have been Mrs. Heron — but how do you tell?) looked at me sideways, out of one eye, and I stood perfectly still, thoroughly enjoying our visit. After thirty seconds or so, I won the staring contest; Mr. Heron blinked, then excused himself, took five or six giant steps, and having gained the necessary momentum, lifted off into the air, flying away.

I never found my golf ball, but I'm glad I'm a slicer.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Middle School Trip to the Edge is scheduled for July 4-8 at Covenant College.

Senior High Trip Information concerning the upcoming trip, July 12-18, is posted on the bulletin board outside Chris Gregory's office.

VISITING MISSIONARY

This Sunday, Teresa Snow with Campus Crusade in Austin, Texas will be here. She will speak in the Solomon's Porch Sunday School class in Schum Fellowship Hall.

FREE MOVIES

Each Tuesday throughout June & July the City of Ringgold offers a free family movie day at 11 AM at the Ringgold Depot. Call 706.935. 5290 for reservations. Popcorn & drinks available at \$1 for both.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

There is no evening service on July 5 for the July Fourth holiday weekend.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

June 27	Wedding Reception - Tabitha Higgins Wedding - Donna Thurman
July 3	Office Closed
July 4-8	MS Youth - The Edge (Cov. College)
July 5	Lord's Supper - No PM Service
July 11	Ironman's Breakfast Suni Choi's Wedding
July 12	Sarah Swan's Bridal Shower Deacons' Meeting
July 12-17	HS Youth Mission Camp
July 19	Dana Vandergriff's Baby Shower Membership Sunday
July 21	Session
July 26	Shepherding Groups Meet
Aug. 1	Laura Spalding's Wedding
Aug. 26	Wed. Night Suppers Resume
Oct. 11	Church Picnic
Oct. 14-23	Haiti Mission Trip
Nov. 13-15	CPC Missions Conference

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our *PATIENT* God. We will sing *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (p. 457) and *The Church's One Foundation* (p. 347).

DIRECTORIES & PHONE CARDS

New directories are available in the lobby for members. Your family's copy is labeled with your name in the upper right-hand corner. Regular attenders may obtain a copy by calling the church office. Phone & email reference cards are also available in the lobby to anyone.

IRONMAN BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast Saturday, July 11, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Richard Mauroner. The breakfast will meet on the second Saturday rather than the first since it falls on July Fourth this year. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Our presbytery has launched a church plant in East Lake called New City East Lake Church Plant. They will host a VBS/Family Outreach at the East Lake UMC building July 7 thru July 9. Helpers are needed between 5:30 - 8 PM in programs for all ages. A Friday evening cookout wraps up the week.

Help is needed in these areas:
prayer, set-up (Monday night 5:30-8 or Tues, Wed, Thurs 5-5:30), kitchen (5:00-6:15), serving dinner, donating food (dessert, bread, salad), clean-up (8-8:30), children's program, Bible story/skit, games, music, adult program (fellow-ship and dessert time with families from the neighborhood), grilling for the cookout, etc . . .

If you are interested in helping, contact Sara Davick at sdavick@gmail.com. If you can help with food prep, contact Faith Larson at larson.faith@gmail.com.