

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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till he establishes Jerusalem — the community of His covenant people — and makes her the praise of the earth (Isa 62.6-7).

Two hundred thirty-three years ago we were blessed by courageous individuals who mutually pledged to each other their lives, fortunes and sacred honor.

May God use us, and use us up, for His glory and therefore the temporal and eternal welfare of others.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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*

July 12

9:30 *Infants:* G Brown, J Ray
Creepers/Toddlers: S & M Haywood
Toddlers: M Bond, L Caldwell

SS *Infants:* D Crawford
Creepers: M & B Parker
Toddlers: E Beatty, A Millard

6 PM *Combined:* Fowler Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Kay Gaither at 423-883-1488.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor...

During June of 1776, Thomas Jefferson (the third President of the US), assisted by John Adams (America's second President) and Benjamin Franklin wrote our nation's *Declaration of Independence*.

At the beginning and end of the *Declaration*, Jefferson appeals to "Nature's God," to "[the] Creator," to "The Supreme Judge of the world," and to "the protection of divine Providence."

Three signers of the *Declaration*, including Jefferson, were Unitarians. One, Benjamin Franklin, was a Deist. The god in which these men believed was not the God revealed in Holy Scripture.

One signer of the *Declaration* was a Quaker, another a Roman Catholic, and one a Baptist. The rest claimed to be Congregationalists (Reformed in doctrine, Baptist in government), Episcopalians, and Presbyterians. The Methodist church, as a denomination, did not yet exist. Most of these men would have understood that "God," "the Creator," "the Supreme Judge," and "the Ruler of Divine Providence," was the God revealed in Holy Scriptures. America was not founded to be a Christian nation. It was assumed that America would be a Christian nation.

Obviously, she hasn't always lived up to the expectations of some of these men. Because of political pressure, she has sometimes lacked the courage to do the right thing. For example, Congress edited out of Jefferson's original manuscript a denunciation of the African slave trade. It's sad to think that such a strong statement was removed from the *Declaration*. And it's strange to realize that Jefferson — a man who owned slaves throughout his lifetime — would author such strong words.

Often, as individuals, we lack the courage to do what is right, and when we fail to do what is right, our nation fails to do what is right.

We sing, *God Bless America*. Amen. Guess what? You're the blessing. And, in God's strange providence, the future of this great land lies in your hands. America has never been great from top down. Her greatness has always come from her people. People like you and me. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people" (Prov. 14.34). There's only one way for a nation to be righteous and that's for her people to live righteously.

This should be our prayer: That we will give ourselves no rest, and give him no rest

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Six Flags Trip The middle school and high school youth will be going to Six Flags with the youth from East Ridge Presbyterian on Tuesday, July 28. We would love to have the rising 6th graders and their parents, if possible, join us. Admission is \$25. Bring a bag lunch. Or if you prefer, you can bring lunch money. Please let Chris know by July 21 if you will be going.



IRONMAN BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast Saturday, July 11, at 8:30 AM. Our speaker, Richard Mauroner, will address the topic of handling stress. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

COMMUNION

DIACONATE OFFERING

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service this Sunday. Please prepare your hearts.

This is also a time when a special diaconate fund offering is received. The funds supply the financial resources for the ministry of mercy conducted by our deacons, primarily assisting CPC family members who are in need.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our **UNCHANGING** God. We will sing *To God Be the Glory* (p. 55) and *God of Our Fathers* (p. 710).

If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, the website www.cyberhymnal.org may be helpful. It has the words, a recording and sometimes the history of the hymn and hymn writer.

DEACONS' MEETING

The deacons meet Sunday, July 12, at 4:30 PM.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower will be given for Sarah Swan on Sunday, July 12, from 4:00 until 5:30 PM in the Perseverers classroom. Sarah is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

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 cook-out 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.



NURSERY NEEDS

Nursery coordinators are needed for the months of August, September, December, January & February.

Also there is an **urgent** need for two extra volunteers during morning worship for the next three weeks — the 5th, 12th and 19th.

If you can help in either capacity, contact Heather Harris at jeh1224@aol.com or 706-891-8754.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership on Sunday afternoon, July 19. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

For Your Information...

PRAYER REQUEST POLICY

The Session would like you to be aware of our policy regarding publishing church-wide prayer requests. Our policy is to send requests only on behalf of the immediate family of church members, longtime attenders and our missionaries.

Therefore, we are not able to include requests for extended family members (cousins, etc.), close friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. When you have such a prayer request for friends or extended family, we recommend that you share it with your shepherding group, Sunday School class and your circle of friends.

Occasionally, we may publish the urgent needs of pastors or other folks within our presbytery.

You may contact the church office if you would like to receive a printed prayer list weekly. These lists are also available in the church lobby each week.

FREE MOVIES

Each Tuesday throughout 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 will be no evening service on July 5 for the July Fourth holiday weekend.

On Sunday, July 12, our evening service will be one of reports and testimonials. Those who have recently returned from mission trips will give reports including the El Paso mission team. Also Zack Carden will be with us to report on his work with a PCA church plant in Atlanta.

SUPPORT FCA

The Betty Probasco FCA Golf Classic sponsored by Krystal will be held Monday, July 20, at the Lookout Mountain Golf Club. If you would be interested in sponsoring a team or need more information call, 423.877.3561.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please make the following changes to your current membership directory:

Duane & Mindy Horton
230 Hunting Ridge Circle
Rock Spring GA 30739-5021

Donna (Thurman) Boswell
302 Oakview Terrace Drive
Aledo, IL 61231

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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
Dec. 6	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 13	Children's Choirs Christmas Program