

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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THE ONE NEAR THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT. For the last several years, we have been working closely in Brussels with Stop the Traffik (www.stopthetraffik.org) to mobilize the body of Christ to take a stand against human trafficking, particularly in the sex industry . . . The red light district for Brussels is behind the north train station and this house is located only a few blocks away.

THE ONE WITH CONNECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS. A friend of ours works for the European Commission and will be leaving Brussels to be the liaison between the European Union and his home country. His house is available and, as he is well-known in Brussels, living in his house would connect us to his social network – other leaders we would also love to influence for Jesus.

ONE HOUSE.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THEY'RE ALL THE SAME HOUSE. AND WE MOVE TOMORROW.

By faith,
Carlton, Shannon, Brittany, and Parker

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 26

- 9:30** *Infants:* S & T Helton
Creepers/Toddlers: P & L Spotts
Toddlers: M, C & R Stevenson
- SS** *Infants:* E Cary, B Lusk
Creepers: A & B Griffin
Toddlers: J Mauroner, B Fingerle, A Griffin
- 6 PM** *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

August 2

- 9:30** *Infants:* K & S Orthner
Creepers/Toddlers: S Gaither, J Foster
Toddlers: R & E Sisemore, L Orthner
- SS** *Infants:* R & B Roop
Creepers: M & M Ferrel
Toddlers: P Plucker, M Arbuckle
- 6 PM** *Combined:* M & A Walker, A Gaines

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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July 22, 2009

From the Senior Pastor . . .

Friday through Sunday, July 24-26, the Cross family reunion will be held here at CPC. So if you see a lot of people in church Sunday morning that look a little bit like Ralph Cross, you'll understand why.

Obviously, many members of Linda's extended family cannot be here. They number nearly 350. For example, Carlton and Shannon (Linda's cousin and flower girl at our wedding) Deal are missionaries in Belgium and will not be able to attend this year. They serve under the auspices of Christian Associates International (www.christianassociates.org). Their particular ministry in Brussels is called "The Well" (www.the.well.be), and it is part of an overall effort to "Serve the City" (www.servethecity.be).

Just this past week Linda and I received their newsletter. We found it so well-written, interesting and encouraging that I've chosen to share parts of it with you.

Making a move.

Rue de la Rive 6. We have lived at this address since we moved to Belgium August 2004 . . . It's been great – across the street from the metro, a shopping center, cafés, and a park; space for our kids to have their own rooms, a guest room, and an office. Sounds perfect! So why move? Because there's more to where we choose to live than our own comfort and convenience.

FROM OUR HOUSING OPTIONS DESCRIBED BELOW, WHICH WOULD YOU RECOMMEND?

THE ONE THAT WOULD SAVE US MONEY. We're in an expensive stage of life, with children finishing high school and going to college. . . . Plus it would take good care of the generous financial investments that many make in our ministry.

THE ONE THAT GIVES US THE CHANCE TO SERVE GOOD FRIENDS. Friends of ours are moving to Sweden for 3-5 years and need someone they trust to live in their house while they're gone. They have asked us to live in their house and look after their things. We care about them a lot and have been hopeful for opportunities to influence them for Jesus since we met.

THE ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE A MUSEUM. It's a 19th century inner-city Gothic mansion, perfectly restored and furnished with period furniture. With high ceilings, tiled floors, and stained glass windows, it's perfect for parties, receptions, classical concerts, dinners with friends. Hospitality is a very important part of the Well and this house would be perfect for everything from a cozy dinner with new friends to a party for 100.

THE ONE IN THE TURKISH PART OF TOWN. For the last 4 years we have lived in a lovely home in the safe part of town. As followers of Jesus who want to reveal his love to the city, we have felt like we should move ourselves a little closer to harm's way. . . .

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Parents, mark your calendar for Sunday, August 9. Our "Year in Review/The Year Ahead" meeting is scheduled for that day. More details to come.

Middle & High School Youth will resume meeting on Sunday evenings beginning August 16.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our **FAITHFUL** God. We will sing *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (p. 32).

IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast Saturday, August 1, at 8:30 AM. The speakers are Jon Harris, Bill Coffey and Jay Spalding. They will address the topic of Margin. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

This Sunday will be the last day to submit nominations for the offices of deacon and elder. Please take note of the bulletin insert which outlines the Biblical qualifications for these offices. If you have someone in mind, fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or give to one of the members of the nominating committee: Tom Schreiner, Jeff Gaither, Kent Brown, Jon Harris, Todd Smith or Glen Getz.

COVENANT CORPS

Two teachers are needed this fall in our Covenant Corps program on Wednesday evenings beginning August 26. Contact Mark Wilson if you are interested.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

PresWIC Fall Retreat

The PresWIC Fall Retreat at Fall Creek Falls is Friday, October 16 - Saturday, October 17. Please register with payment by August 10. Registration forms are available in the lobby.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Sherry Baiert at sbaiert@bellsouth.net or call her at 423-580-4376.

Fall Seminar

Mark your calendars for the Women's Ministry Fall Seminar, September 19, at CPC.

MEALS FOR MOMS

Meals for Moms is our ministry of encouragement to new moms. We have new moms for whom we would like to provide meals. Rhonda Shore, Camille Platt, Kate Lambeth and Linda Jone have recently had babies. If you can help by providing a meal for one of these families, call Lyndsey Bowman at 423-432-1526.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Each month shepherding groups meet on the last Sunday of the month at various times and locations. If you are a regular attender and would like to attend one of these groups, contact the church office.

The shepherding groups meet this Sunday, July 26. Your elder will contact you with the details.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership on Sunday afternoon, August 16. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

For Your Information...

NURSERY NEEDS

Two workers are needed this Sunday during worship, one in the creepers and one in the infants. Also a nursery coordinator is needed for the month of August. Contact Heather Harris at 706-891-8754 or JEH1224@aol.com.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following change in your membership directory:

Glen & Rachel Getz
423-475-6723
rggetz@ymail.com

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool is each Thursday from 11 AM until 4 PM throughout the summer. The invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are responsible for your children.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

July 26	Shepherding Groups Meet
July 29	Choir Practice Resumes
Aug. 1	Ironman's Breakfast Laura Spalding's Wedding
Aug. 9	Deacons' Meeting
Aug. 18	Session
Aug. 26	Wed. Night Suppers Resume
Sept. 7	Labor Day - Office Closed
Sept. 12	Ironman's Breakfast
Sept. 19	WM Fall Seminar
Oct. 11	Church Picnic
Oct. 14-23	Haiti Mission Trip
Oct. 16-17	PresWIC Fall Retreat
Nov. 13-15	CPC Missions Conference
Dec. 6	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 13	Children's Choirs Christmas Program

SURVEY

STAND is a commended visioning effort for the Chattanooga region, planned and driven by community members from every walk of life. STAND is trying to collect 25,000 surveys [four questions submitted anonymously] about what people think about Chattanooga and how to improve it. Please consider "investing" your perspective. Questions? Find answers at ChattanoogaStand.com or contact Stand HQ (423-648-6499).

EMBRYO DONATION AND ADOPTION

Unused cryopreserved embryos that have been donated for adoption may provide couples another option for becoming parents. Learn more about this life-promising gift. A free information session is scheduled for July 30 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at Bethany Christian Service, 400 S. Germantown Road. Please RSVP to bcschattanooga@bethany.org or 423-622-7360.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Mission: Chattanooga is happening each Wednesday at 6:30 PM throughout the summer. Everyone is welcome. 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.

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.