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Through you God has always provided for the work of our church. I'm confident He will continue to meet our needs. I have no idea what anyone gives. I don't want to know. I couldn't handle such information. But as you are able, prayerfully consider what I am telling you, and give cheerfully as God enables.

I love you all. I'll miss you. I pray that God will bless the work of His Kingdom both here and in those various places where it is our privilege to serve directly or to help provide the means so that others may labor to tell all the world that Jesus is King.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

August 17

- 9:30 *Infants:* E Herberich, E McEachern
Creepers/Toddlers: A & D Heisig
Toddlers: J & D Herberich
- SS *Infants:* B & K Smith
Creepers: J & B King
Toddlers: J & A West
- 6 PM *Combined:* C Wilkie, A Gaines

August 24

- 9:30 *Infants:* S Forrester, J Wilson
Creepers/Toddlers: E Vatt, K Fisher
Toddlers: P & L Jones
- SS *Infants:* E Cary, K Swanson
Creepers: T Higgins, M Horton
Toddlers: M & B Mason
- 6 PM *Combined:* E & B Mullinax, J Gaines

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Tammy Higgins at 706.820.0491.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE NEWSLETTER

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Presbyterian Church

From the Senior Pastor...

Summer is ending. Our children are returning to school. Teachers are resuming their duties. In a couple of weeks our regular schedule of church activities will start up again: Wednesday evening meals, followed by Covenant Corp, adult Bible studies, prayer groups, choir, etc.

For the next three Sundays, Dr. Dan Steere and I will be in Africa. We'll arrive in Nigeria early Sunday morning, August 17, and return home late Sunday evening, August 31. The first week we'll be teaching in Nigeria and the second in Ghana. Our task will be to instruct church leaders. By God's grace, we hope to help them be better equipped to carry out their duties of preaching and teaching their people to love the Lord by loving others in His Name.

Please, pray for us: Safety in travel, strength for our labors, clarity of mind, and a sense of the Spirit working in and through us to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine. Please, pray for Susan and Linda while we are away. We know they'll be in good hands.

Please, pray for the church staff, and especially Pastor Mullinax. He and the others will be carrying the load in my absence. How grateful I am to know you will be in good hands. (If you haven't been with us Sunday evenings, you've missed two powerful sermons by Pastor Mullinax based upon the heroes of

the faith listed in Hebrews 11. He will continue that series during the morning worship services while I'm away.)

Please, pray for Chris and Reba Gregory as over the next few weeks they become actively involved in the work and ministry of CPC. They should be arriving during my absence. I know you'll make them feel welcome. They have all the challenges involved in moving from central North Carolina to a new home in Chattanooga. Give them your love and support.

Please, pray for Philip and Sarah Caines as they become settled in Cleveland and assume the work of serving our daughter congregation, Trinity PC.

And please, pray about our finances. You need to know that we are now more than \$100,000 behind in giving to the general fund of the church. It's not unusual for us to lag behind in our giving at this time of the year, but our present deficit is a little larger than normal.

We all know that money is tight. Like most of you, I don't like looking at my savings and retirement accounts, only to see that I'm losing instead of gaining. So I know it may seem a little presumptuous to tell you that we all need to dig a little deeper and give what we can to help meet our various responsibilities as a congregation. But I would be shirking my responsibility not to let you know the reality of our circumstances.

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior High & Middle school youth

will meet following the evening service this Sunday.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Covenant Corps

Teachers and helpers are needed beginning September 3 in our Wednesday night children's program, Covenant Corps. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Mark Wilson.

Children's Choirs Volunteers

Several adult helpers are still needed in children's choirs. If you are interested in assisting, please let Jeremy know.

HAITI TEAM OPENING

Have you been wishing that you had signed up for the Haiti Mission trip this year? Well, one opening has just now become available. The trip is scheduled for October 29 - November 7. If you think you might be interested, see Pastor Mullinax for a fact sheet as soon as possible.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Dr. Bill Higgins will preach in the next two Sunday evening services, August 17 and 24. CPC-supported missionaries, Greg and Barb Van Schoyck (HAFF-Haiti) will share briefly in the August 17 evening service and afterwards in the Visitors Classroom for those interested in hearing more about the work in the impoverished nation of Haiti. CPC's mission team will be there the first week in November.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership this Sunday afternoon, August 17. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

College Ministry

Each year this ministry needs adult volunteers who will faithfully pray for one of our college students throughout the school year. This is an important ministry and encouragement to these young people and their families. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, contact Brenda Mason at 423.855.7457 or bren854@comcast.net.

Conversational Dinners

Would you be interested in a regularly scheduled dinner meeting with 7 other adult members or regular attenders of CPC? This can be any combination of couples and/or singles. The purpose is to develop relationships with new members and others in the church. The scheduled dinners would possibly meet monthly. The host couple would provide the main dish with the others contributing to the meal. If you think this is something you would be interested in, please contact Boo Mullinax at 423.855.8851 with your comments or questions.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship



This Sunday, August 17, we will focus through worship on our HOLY God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "I Lay My Sins on Jesus."

Children's Choirs

This Sunday, August 17, is the big day! Children's choirs will start back at 6 PM. God's Kids choir, preschool thru kindergarten, will meet in the Ladies classroom across from the Coke machine. Covenant's Call, first thru sixth graders, will meet in the Perseverers classroom.

For Your Information...

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

Mission: Chattanooga is still going strong through August 20. Your help is still needed Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Projects include: home repair, grounds keeping, visitation, childcare, crafts, prayer group and clerical support for a missions organization. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Mullinax, Bob Cary or Todd Smith.

MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT

We want to encourage Courtney Arrington while she is in Baltimore during the many weeks while Jacob is having his surgeries and is recovering. Each week Carrie Harper will send your cards and gifts to Courtney. Place any items or cards to her in the box in the receptionist's office. Suggested items include snacks, chocolate, magazines (interior decorating), gift cards (Target, Walmart, Panera, Starbucks, Papa John's Pizza, Subway). These are all businesses near the hospital. Cash donations will be put on a Visa gift card.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

CONTACT of Chattanooga is a faith-based crisis call center with offices located on Vance Road across from AAA Women's Ministry. They need volunteers to work at least 2 shifts each month. CONTACT is offering on-site training for anyone interested in being a volunteer "counselor." For more information, call 423.899.5719.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please make the following change to your membership directory:
Rex & Anne Wagner
2303 Chestnut Lane
Cleveland, TN 37312

FCA EVENT

On Monday, September 1, at 8 AM FCA will hold their annual 5K Race/Walk at Chattanooga State. This is a great family event. There is a 1K option for the kids. Early registration is due by August 25 or you may register the day of the race between 6:30 - 7:00 AM. Brochures are available in the lobby. For more information call race director Chad Varga (423.875.3642) or Bev Fowler (706.937.2869).

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

The Kingdom Seekers Sunday school class begins their new this Sunday, August 17. Dr. Tim Sisemore, who is a member of CPC and a child psychologist, will teach from his book *Our Covenant with Kids*. Books are available for \$10. Contact Jon Harris (706.937.2603 or JEH1224@aol.com) regarding books and questions.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Aug. 27	Wed. Suppers resume	
Aug. 31	Shepherding	
Sept. 1	Office Closed-Labor Day	
Sept. 14	Joint Service at Trinity Pres. Cleveland	
Sept. 19-20	WM Fall Retreat	
Oct. 4	Ironman's Breakfast	
Oct. 5	Men's & Women's Separate Services PM	
Oct. 12	Church Picnic (Hassle Acres)	
	No evening service	
Oct. 26	Joint TVP Service at CPC	
Oct 29	Haiti Mission Trip	
Nov. 14-16	Missions Conference	
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Service	
Nov. 27-28	Office Closed	
Dec. 12	WM Christmas Dinner	
Dec. 14	Children's Choirs Christmas Program	
Dec. 21	Adult Choir Christmas Program	
Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols Service	