

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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spend the next three weeks being trained by Ann. Ann will step down the end of August.

It's an important job. Ann has fulfilled her duties with a quiet dignity and inner strength. We'll miss her. I'll miss her.

So pray for Ann and Mike during this time of change in their lives. Remember Ann's parents in your prayers for the Walkers. And pray for Domekia as she prepares to take on these responsibilities as we search for a permanent replacement for Ann.

I encourage you to take the time to express to Ann your appreciation for her many years of faithful service to you and to her Lord.

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### August 16

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, S Schreiner  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* M Collison, L Swan  
*Toddlers:* T & M Schreiner, C Gaither

**SS** *Infants:* R & K Swanson  
*Creepers:* L Choquette, B King  
*Toddlers:* L & E Brown

**6 PM** *Combined:* Martof Family

### August 23

**9:30** *Infants:* S Forrester, R Getz  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* C, G & K Smith  
*Toddlers:* B & J Pearce, L Rogers

**SS** *Infants:* A Wooten, J Wilson  
*Creepers:* E & E Vatt  
*Toddlers:* K Fisher, M Horton

**6 PM** *Combined:* Elwood Family

**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 Senior Pastor . . .

Ann Walker has been the secretary of CPC since January of 1995. For more than fourteen years she has faithfully served this congregation.

Now she has decided it is time to step down. Like many of us, she has elderly parents for whom she is concerned. They live in Maryville, and therefore Ann wants to be free to respond to their needs and to spend more time with them.

Week after week Ann prepares *The Newsletter*. In part that includes editing the articles written by various members of the staff. On most occasions, of course, those articles are mine.

I can't begin to tell you how many mistakes she has corrected, how many sentences she has rewritten, and how many times she has suggested that perhaps I should find another way to express what I'm trying to communicate, because what I've written comes across as somewhat insensitive and demanding!

Ann is also responsible week after week for the bulletin. And, of course, the "special" bulletins that are prepared during the years — Christmas, Easter, Special Services, Weddings — are almost always her creation.

These past many months, Ann and others have worked tirelessly to prepare my manuscript for publication. I don't know how many

hours she has spent correcting my mistakes. And there's no telling how many times she's read my book from beginning to end, searching one more time for errors and typos.

More important than all of the above, Ann has become a dear friend. I will miss her dearly. She is a wonderful Christian woman, and she and Mike — who serves as a ruling elder of our congregation — are a wonderful couple who exemplify in many ways what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ.

With Ann's departure we will begin a search for a new secretary. The job is part time, approximately 24 hours a week. It's not the kind of job someone looking for full time employment would want.

And then, of course, the church secretary has to be willing and able to work with the staff and me — which is a challenge all of its own.

For many, the church secretary is the face of the church — which is obviously better than if it were me! She's the one depended upon to know everything that needs to be known, and to remind those who need to be reminded of what they're suppose to be doing, where they're suppose to be, and when they're suppose to be there!

During the interim period, Domekia Gaines will serve as church secretary. She will  
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## YOUTH & FAMILY

### Senior High Cookout

Friday, August 14, is the date for this outing. We will be at the Hobbs' home from 6:30-9:00 PM.

### Middle & High School Youth

We will resume meeting this Sunday evening, August 16, at 6:00 PM in Schum Fellowship Hall.

## NURSERY WORKERS

The Mothers Encouragement fellowship group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10 AM during the school year at the church. We need paid nursery workers to keep the children of the moms attending. Contact Heather Harris if you are interested at 706-891-8754 or jeh1224@aol.com.

### SECOND ANNUAL

## FALL/CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Fall/Christmas market on September 26 is a great opportunity for CPC members to display and sell their crafts and creations. Cost to reserve a booth before September 1 is \$20 and after is \$25. Last day to sign up is September 13. Space is limited. Contact Amy Wooten with questions or to register.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our *ETERNAL* God. We will sing *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* (p. 30).

### Children's Choirs

God's Kids (3 year olds thru kindergarten) and Covenant's Call (elementary age) will resume meeting this Sunday evening, August 16, during the worship service. We will meet on the second floor of the office wing near the refreshment center and begin work on the music for our Christmas program.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



### Fall Seminar



Mark your calendars for the Women's Ministry Fall Seminar, *Covenant: Connect Four*. It will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 9:30-12:00 at CPC.

If you have any questions, contact Sherry Baiert at 423-580-4376 or sbaiert@bellsouth.net.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,  
I appreciate all your prayers, thoughts and cards before and after my recent surgery. It was such an encouragement knowing that you were praying for me.

Renee Ray

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

If you are interested in supporting one of our college students as a prayer partner, please contact Brenda Mason at bren854@com-cast.net.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Covenant Corps

Two helpers are needed this fall in our Covenant Corps program on Wednesday evenings beginning August 26.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

Each year Rev. Bill Higgins delivers the Reformation Day Conference lectures at John Calvin Theological Seminary in Mexico City. He will present this lecture series on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Visitors' Classroom starting August 26. These lectures focus on a range of aspects of the Reformation including the church fathers, with Augustine as a precursor to the Reformation, to Wycliffe as the morning star of the Reformation, through Calvin, Zwingli, Luther, Hus, de Bres, Knox, and including Bunyan, Whitefield and Edwards.

# For Your Information...

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Author Nate Larkin of *Samson and the Pirate Monks* will be the speaker at the October 10 Ironman's Breakfast. A seminar for the men will follow the meal. The next day he will speak during Sunday school to both men and women in Schum Fellowship Hall.

### 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 at (423-648-6499).

### CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

A+ Women's Care will hold their sixth annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, September 22, at 6:30 PM at The Colonnade. You can sponsor a table of eight for \$300. Individual seats are \$50. For more information call (706)639-1889.

### FCA EVENT

On Monday, September 7, at 8 AM Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold their annual 5K Race/Walk at Chattanooga State. This is a great family event. For more information go to call [www.chattanoogastrackclub.org/races.cfm](http://www.chattanoogastrackclub.org/races.cfm) or call 423-875-3642.

### SWIM DAY

The last swim day at the May's pool is August 20. As this is the last opportunity at the pool, please make sure to gather all your belongings. We appreciate Tom and Peg's generosity.

### BUDGET REPORT

Year-to-Date as of 7/31/09

General Budget Giving	\$570,886
Budget Requirement	652,645
Shortfall	(81,759)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

East Brainerd Elementary needs volunteers to help build their new playground. They need skilled and unskilled workers for the week of August 24-30 from 7:30 AM until dark. For more information or to volunteer, call Ruby Coffee at 423-364-2411.

### REFERENCE CARDS

CPC Member Phone and Email Reference Cards are available in the lobby.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Aug. 12	Mission: Chattanooga	
Aug. 14	Senior High Cookout	
Aug. 16	Youth Resumes	
	Children's Choirs Resume	
Aug. 19	Last Mission: Chattanooga	
Aug. 20	Last Swim Day	
Aug. 25	Session	
Aug. 26	Wed. Night Suppers Resume	
Aug. 30	Shepherding Groups Meet	
Sept. 7	Labor Day - Office Closed	
Sept. 12	Ironman's Breakfast	
Sept. 15	Mother's Encouragement Group	
Sept. 19	WM Fall Seminar	
Sept. 20	Men's & Women's Separate Services PM	
Sept. 26	2nd Annual Fall/Christmas Market	
Oct. 11	Church Picnic	
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	