COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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On the last Sunday evening in October, we will join with other PCA families at New City Fellowship for a time of combined worship. I've heard rumors about who will be preaching. I'll confirm those rumors as soon as possible.

Because of the church picnic on the 11th and the combined evening service on the 25th, there will be no scheduled shepherding group meetings in October.

Okay. I think that's enough information as we look forward a few weeks. Summer was fun while it lasted. But it sure didn't last any three months!

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

August 23

99:30 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

August 30

9:30 Infants: L & A Reid Creepers/Toddlers: D, O & M A Tawzer Toddlers: D & A Heisig, E Martin

SS Infants: P May, D Gardner Creepers: T Bacon, S Spalding Toddlers: J & M Logterman

6 PM No Evening Service: Shepherding Groups Meet

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 . . .

Summer has ended. The new school year has begun. Whatever happened to the idea that summer vacation began just after Memorial Day and didn't end until after Labor Day? I guess it went the way of poodle skirts and spit curls. If you have no idea what that last sentence is talking about, you probably don't remember school being out by the first of June and not resuming until the beginning of September.

With the start of the school year, things begin to change here at CPC as well.

At 6:00 PM on Sunday evenings, a service of preaching and teaching is held in the sanctuary, the middle school/high school youth meet with Chris & Reba in Schum Hall, and Mindy Horton leads the children's music program on the second floor above Schum Hall.

This week I am participating in a two-day retreat for the faculty, administration and trustees of Covenant College. Pastor Mullinax will preach on Sunday morning, and Pastor Steere on Sunday evening. Pastor Steere leaves the end of next week to teach in Nigeria and Ghana for three weeks.

On Wednesday, August 26, fellowship suppers will resume. Please remember Heidie Armao and all the helpers in your prayers as she takes on the major responsibility of feeding more than 200 people. Renee Ray will

continue to help in the kitchen as she awaits the birth of her baby in December.

In the Visitors' classroom at 7:00 PM, Dr. Bill Higgins will teach church history. I eagerly look forward to being a student during this coming year, and sitting at the feet of this knowledgeable and gifted teacher (who sounds a little bit like Moses coming down from Mt Sinai).

I have not yet decided about the Thursday morning Ladies' Bible Study. Our numbers have dwindled significantly. If you are willing to commit to attending a Ladies' Bible Study on Thursday mornings, please let me know of your interest by emailing me at jcaines@covenant chattanooga.org.

Obviously, not being certain that this Thursday morning class will be held, I have not yet decided what its focus will be.

The last Sunday in September, Linda and I will attend services at Lookout Mountain PC. It will be my privilege to baptize Louisa Jackson Caines, David and Mary's fourth child and our twenty-first grandchild.

The latter half of the first full week in October, I'll be fulfilling some of my responsibilities as a trustee of Covenant College. Pastor Mullinax will fill the pulpit on Sunday morning, October 11. That afternoon the church picnic will be held at Camp Dixie as it was last year. Therefore, there will be no evening service at the church.

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MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our MAJESTIC God. We will sing Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him (p. 17).

YOUTH & FAMILY **Points to Ponder**

- The Middle & High School Youth meet in Schum Fellowship Hall from 6-7:30 PM.
- October 30-November 1 is the Fall Retreat at Camp Vesper Point for both Middle & High School.
- Small Groups for all youth begin this Wednesday.
- The Sunday evening nursery ends at 7 PM. Please be sure to pick up your children in a timely manner.
- Parenting on Purpose DVDs are now available for a suggested donation of \$6 in the lobby.

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.

SUNDAY EVENING

Associate Pastor Dr. Dan Steere will preach this Sunday evening, August 23, just prior to leaving for several weeks of preaching/teaching opportunities in West Africa. CPC-supported missionaries, Greg and Barb Van Schoyck with HAFF in Haiti will share in this service as well. A time of fellowship and refreshment with the Van Schoycks will follow in the Perserverers classroom.



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 9:30noon at CPC.

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

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.

COVENANT CORPS

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY

Each year Dr. 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.

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The policy of CPC is to have the children, ages 5 and under, picked up in their respective classrooms by their parents. This applies to Sunday School, Covenant Corps and Children's Choirs.

For Your Information...

NEW MEMBERS

Listed below are the names of those who joined CPC this month. Add their names and addresses to your membership directory. Check out their snapshots on the New Member Bulletin Board outside the Visitors Classroom. Help make these new folks feel welcome at CPC when you see theml

Luther Allin

Luther, recently married to CPC member Shirley Jones, works in the heating/AC business.

Maurice & Peggy Bandy 600 Salem Valley Road Ringgold, GA 30736 706-935-5852 pbandv600@aol.com

Maurice is an engineer with ARCADIS and Peggy is a homemaker.

Avery & Jonah Gaines

They are the eldest sons of Jeremy & Domekia Gaines. They attend Ringgold Middle School.

FCA EVENT

On Monday, September 7, at 8 AM Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold their 21st annual 5K Race/Walk at Chattanooga State. This is a great family event. For more information, call Chad Varga at 423-875-3642 or go to www.chattanoogatrackclub.org/races.cfm.

HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY BANQUET

The annual support banquet is on Monday, September 14. A silent auction begins at 6 PM with dinner and program following. For more information please call 423-698-4733, x105 or visit www.Hope4theinnercity.org/banquet.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

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

THANK YOU

Our heartfelt gratitude to our Covenant family. We have been so incredibly blessed by the outpouring of your many expressions of love & concerns! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dick & Theo Fisher

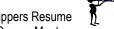
SURVEY

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 BANOUET

A+ Women's Care will hold their 6th 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.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC



Wed. Night Suppers Resume Aug. 26 Aug. 30 Shepherding Groups Meet

Labor Day - Office Closed Sept. 7

Sept. 12 Ironman's Breakfast

Mother's Encouragement Group Sept. 15

Sept. 19 WM Fall Seminar

Sept. 20 Men's & Women's Separate Services PM

Sept. 26 2nd Annual Fall/Christmas Market

Church Picnic Oct. 11 Oct. 16-17 PresWIC Fall Retreat

Nov. 13-15 CPC Missions Conference

Thanksgiving Service Nov. 25

Adult Choir Christmas Program Dec. 6