

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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But it was good to know there were others to which we could turn, and our children could turn, for godly advice. And it's good for me to be able to say to you: Chris and Reba have been, are and will continue to be a good and godly influence upon your young people.

Our lawns are taking a beating. They're our responsibility. But we need help. There's nothing wrong with needing help. And it's good when you find someone who can provide for you just the help you need.

And how good it is to have a man and woman like Chris and Reba ministering to our young people.

Pastor Caines

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### 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*

#### September 6

- 9:30** *Infants:* C & S Knecht  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D & T Holland  
*Toddlers:* H, C & J Armao
- SS** *Infants:* D & C Platt  
*Creepers:* T Higgins, A Creamer  
*Toddlers:* T & O Owens
- 6 PM** *Combined:* L Grant & B Mullinax
- 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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Covenant  
Presbyterian Church

August 26, 2009

### From the Senior Pastor . . .

I need help. My riding mower is not working properly. It isn't cutting the grass evenly, and far too often it scalps a portion of our lawns. "Lawns" is plural because I provide the equipment and gas, but Jon does the cutting.

So I should have said, "We need help." Neither Jon nor I have a clue concerning what's wrong with the mower or how to fix it.

Now keeping our lawns cut and looking good is our responsibility. But the truth is, we need help. We need to find someone with the expertise to look at our mower and determine what's wrong so we can get it fixed.

Obviously, we're looking for someone we can trust. It would be easy for someone to take advantage of us because we'd find it hard to argue with a repairman who handed us a long list of expensive things that needed fixing.

The appearance of our yards is our responsibility. But we need help.

Linda and I have raised six children. We were always grateful for the leadership and faculty of Chattanooga Christian School. Knowing that what we were teaching our children at home was being reinforced by what they were taught at school was wonderfully reassuring.

And throughout the many years of having teenagers, we were thankful for the efforts of

Ken Henry, Jeff Godwin and all who served as small group leaders. They ministered to, counseled with, and prayed for our children.

We never thought for one moment that it was the responsibility of these individuals to raise our children. That was our responsibility. But we were grateful to have their help, assistance and encouragement.

And now, Chris and Reba have stepped onto the stage. They've been with us for about a year. And I am deeply appreciative and genuinely grateful for the wonderful work they are doing.

They've endeared themselves to many of you. And most important, in light of their particular responsibilities, they have won the hearts and enthusiastic support of many of our middle school and high school youth.

They would be the first to assure you that they have no desire or intention of taking the place of parents in the lives of the young people to whom they minister. What they desire is to assist parents with the peculiar challenge of the teenage years.

Having raised six children, the youngest of which is now 26, Linda and I are grateful for the evidence of God's grace upon their lives. Looking back, we realize there were many things we could have done better, and many things we didn't get right.

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## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship will focus on our *GRACIOUS* God. We will sing *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (p. 53).

## 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.
- The Sunday evening nursery ends at 7 PM. Please be sure to pick up your children in a timely manner.
- Sunday School, Covenant Corp and Children's Choir kids, ages 5 and under, should be picked up promptly by a parent.
- 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.

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

Parents of college students, please send your student's email and mailing address to Brenda Mason (bren854@comcast.net).

## THE DUST & RIB SERVICE

Our separate men and women's evening services are scheduled for September 20. Pastor Mullinax is speaking to the men in the sanctuary and the ladies will be in Schum Fellowship Hall.

## 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-noon at CPC.

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

### Recipes Wanted

The Women's Ministry is compiling recipes for a cookbook. If you have a recipe that you would like to contribute, send them to Carrie Harper (charper@covenantchattanooga.org).

## 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. Paid nursery workers are needed 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

One teacher and two helpers are needed this fall in our Covenant Corps program on Wednesday evenings beginning August 26.

## 120TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Elmo Presbyterian invites you to join them as they present a trumpet concert, featuring Brittany Hendricks, to celebrate their 120th anniversary. The concert is Saturday, August 29, at 7 PM.

## IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast on September 12, at 8:30 AM. The speakers are Lee Atchley and Rick Meador. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

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