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Dan did some wonderful teaching. I did a lot of preaching from various OT texts.

I have many things to share with you – both good and not so good. But for now, I’m asking you to pray for these men in Ghana. Next week I’ll tell you a little bit about Nigeria. These Ghanaian church leaders impact the lives of thousands of parishioners. By God’s grace may they reflect prayerfully upon the things we taught them and begin to teach these things to their people.

May the name *El Elyon* become more than a mantra.

It’s good to be home. Thank you for your prayers. How good it was to know that Pastor Mullinax and the rest of the staff were continuing to care for you while I was far away. I’m eager to see each and every one of you. I look forward to the celebration of our Lord’s Supper this coming Lord’s Day. May it be a day when we gather before *El Elyon* and celebrate together this great salvation that is ours because Jesus is Savior, Lord and King.

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### September 7

- 9:30** *Infants:* R Getz, R Pierce  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* J & K Bingham  
*Toddlers:* D & J Duble
- SS** *Infants:* J & C Hildebrand  
*Creepers:* K & S Close  
*Toddlers:* J & M Logterman
- 6 PM** *Combined:* Martof Family

### September 14

- 9:30** *Infants:* S Coffey, J Foster  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* T & A Horton  
*Toddlers:* T & M Horton
- SS** *Infants:* D Lazor, D Crawford  
*Creepers:* J & K Gaither  
*Toddlers:* W & J Kesler
- 6 PM** *No Service at CPC: Joint Mtg. at TPC*

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Amy Creamer at 706.965.3005.

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# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Senior Pastor...*

The hotel where Dr Steere and I stayed our last night in Accra is named *El Elyon* — “God Most High.” It is directly across the street from the entrance to the Embassy for Cote D’Ivoire. That’s French for “The Ivory Coast.” Cote D’Ivoire is the nation immediately west of Ghana. Accra is the capital of Ghana, the name of an ancient African kingdom which once ruled much of the territory arbitrarily named by its European conquerors “The Gold Coast.”

I don’t know how much ivory there is in Cote D’Ivoire or how much gold there is in Ghana. But neither the ivory nor the gold have significantly improved the lives of the people. And I didn’t meet the owners of the hotel where we stayed last Friday evening, but there’s reason to think that *El Elyon* might not be pleased by much of the activity taking place at this hotel on a typical night in Accra.

Everywhere we traveled in Ghana there were businesses with names referencing the Father, or the Son, or the Holy Spirit. But it seemed to me, that in most cases God’s Name was used for the same reasons the early Europeans wanted people to picture Cote D’Ivoire awash with ivory and Ghana glittering with gold.

Ivory. Gold. God. The ivory and gold made some foreigners wealthy and enriched a handful of Africans. But these commodities failed to significantly impact or improve the lives of the people.

Maybe God can do better. Riding down the road in Ghana was like thumbing through the Christian yellow pages. Plumbers for Jesus. Construction workers for the Lord. The Holy Spirit’s laundry. The idea seems to be: “If we use His Name maybe we can gain His blessing.”

As many have said, Christianity in much of Africa, is ten miles wide and an inch deep. There are many churches, and many are Presbyterian. This provides an opening from which to teach. However, they haven’t provided the people with much understanding of what the Scriptures teach.

Dan and I had the opportunity to share with several church leaders the foundational truths of covenant theology. By doing so, we hoped to provide them with a better understanding of the overall teaching of Scripture, of how to handle God’s Word, of how to interpret it, and of how to apply its truths to all of life.

Ghanaians know a lot about Jesus being the Savior and the Bestower of health and wealth. They have little understanding of why throughout the NT, Jesus and the apostles keep talking about the Gospel of the Kingdom. They have little appreciation for the biblical teaching that if Jesus is your Savior then He is your Lord, and if He isn’t your Lord then He isn’t your Savior.

Our students had some understanding of the OT. But they lacked appreciation for how the message of the OT impacts and enlightens the NT Scriptures.

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## YOUTH & FAMILY

High school & middle school youth will meet following the evening service this Sunday.

## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, September 7, we will focus through worship on our *WISE* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" and "God Moves in a Mysterious Way."

### Children's Choir Reminder

The cost for the children's listening CD for the Christmas musical is \$8. If you have not yet paid, please see Jeremy.

## NURSERY NEED

Nursery volunteers are needed for the following dates. Contact Heather Harris if you can fill in any of these Sundays.

- Sept. 21 — Infants during Sunday school
- Oct. 12 — Toddlers during AM worship
- Nov. 23 — Infants during Sunday school

Would you be interested in working as a volunteer or paid worker on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 9:45 - 11:45 AM? We need someone to help watch the kids for the mothers attending the Mothers Encouragement fellowship at the church. If you are interested contact Heather at 706-937-2603 or JE-H1224@aol.com.

## HELP NEEDED

If you can help Chris & Reba Gregory move into their new home this week, please meet at 5 PM at street address 8229 Tyne Ridge Road.

## SUNDAY EVENING

On September 14 we will meet at Trinity Presbyterian Church for our evening worship service at 6:30 PM. This will be the installation service for their new pastor, Rev. Philip Caines.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### College Ministry

Parents, please give Brenda Mason your college student's information ASAP. We need an address and email for each student. Contact Brenda Mason at 423.855.7457 or bren854@comcast.net.

### Fellowship Groups

The various fellowship groups begin meeting again in September.

Please contact one of the listed group leaders if you would like more information or would like to be involved in one of these groups.

- The East Brainerd Fellowship 1 meets Monday, September 8, at 7 PM at Janet Wade's home. Eva Herberich leads this group.
- The East Brainerd Fellowship 2 meets Monday, September 15, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borchert's home. Eva Herberich leads this group.
- The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship meets Tuesday, September 16, at 10 AM at the church. Linda Caines leads this group.
- Lynda Brown will lead a group whose focus will be service oriented. All are welcome. Call Lynda for details 423.499.0848.
- Bev Fowler will host a study in her home each Tuesday at 7 PM, beginning September 9 until Thanksgiving, on the Gospel of John. Call Beverly for more info or directions, 706-937-2869.

### IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast this Saturday, September 13, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Tom Lowe. Join us for a great time of food, discussion, fellowship and prayer.

## COMMUNION

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service this Sunday. Please prepare your hearts.

## For Your Information...

### CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

A+ Women's Care will hold their fifth annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, September 25, at 7 PM at the Colonnade. A silent auction will be held between 5:30 and 7:00 PM. You can sponsor a table of eight for \$250. Individual seats are \$35. For more information call 706.639.1889 or go to [www.apluswomenscare.org](http://www.apluswomenscare.org).

### HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY

The Board of Directors of Hope for the Inner City is pleased to invite you to join them for dinner and a program with Dr. John Perkins at Brainerd Crossroads. Dr. Perkins is an international speaker and teacher on racial reconciliation, leadership development and Christian community development. You can sponsor a table of eight for \$400. Individual seats are \$50. For more information call 423.698.3178 xt. 102 or go to [hope4.org/page/banquet](http://hope4.org/page/banquet).

### NURSES NEEDED

We are in need of a sixth nurse to join the rotation for checking blood pressures here at church on Sunday mornings after the worship service. You would be responsible for a month of Sundays every 6 months. Contact Polly Henry at 423.718.8047 or [pollyhenry@gmail.com](mailto:pollyhenry@gmail.com) if interested.

*Volunteers in Medicine* is in need of more nurses to volunteer at the clinic. Contact Marilyn Fore, director of volunteers, at 423.855.8220 or [mfore@vim-chatt.org](mailto:mfore@vim-chatt.org). Talk with Polly Henry if you would like to know more about the volunteer experience at VIM.

### REMINDER

We are still collecting cards and gifts for Courtney Arrington. Drop off any cards or items in the receptionist's office or give to Carrie Harper.

### NEW MEMBERS

Listed below are the names of those who joined CPC in August. 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 them!

Tracy & Amy Wright  
145 Smith Liner Road  
Chickamauga, GA 30707  
706.375.8252  
[atwright@charter.net](mailto:atwright@charter.net)  
Tracy is the band director at Ringgold Middle School & Amy teaches at Tiger Creek Elementary.

### UPDATES ON FREDA LOWE

If you wish to keep up on how Freda is progressing following her surgery and thru chemo therapy, you can go to the Lowes' blog at <http://fredalowe.blogspot.com>.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Sept. 10	Pastor Caines' Wed. Night Study resumes
Sept. 11	Ladies Bible Study resumes
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