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how fearful and depressed I became on more than one occasion. And yet, I am eager for you to know how Dan ministered to me, prayed with me and for me, and by God's grace, allowed me to meet faithfully the task to which He had called us.

I will tell you more about our trip to Africa in the future. However, this week I felt like I needed to focus on some other things.

I love you all. It is good to be home. It is wonderful to return to Linda and my family. And it was a great delight to worship with you Sunday morning, knowing that many of you had prayed for us, holding us up before the One Who is indeed our Light and our Salvation.

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### 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 Service at TPC*

### September 21

- 9:30** *Infants:* L Rogers, E McEachern  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* A Creamer, L Rogers  
*Toddlers:* E & K Gaither
- SS** *Infants:* L Caines, J Mauroner  
*Creepers:* T & Y Owens  
*Toddlers:* M & L Lander
- 6 PM** *Combined:* L Grant & P Henry

**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...*

If you weren't able to be with us Sunday evening, I'd encourage you to get a copy of Dr. Steere's sermon. He preached Psalm 27. He didn't simply preach Psalm 27. He preached Psalm 27.

It was a powerful exposition of David's glorious praise of the One Who is his Light and Salvation. As is always true of such preaching, Dan's sermon was clearly applicable to anyone who has known what it is to be fearful because of circumstances that seem to be more than they can bear.

Dan was preaching to me. He wasn't preaching at me. But he was preaching to me. I want all who prayed for us during our time in Nigeria and Ghana – and especially those of you who prayed particularly for me – to know that your prayers were answered through the patient, kind, gentle ministry of this dear brother to one who was nearly overwhelmed by circumstances.

Sunday evening, September 14, we will worship at Trinity PC in Cleveland. My son, Philip, will be installed as pastor of our daughter congregation. Philip is a son of this congregation. It was here and at East Ridge PC that he was nurtured and raised up in the faith, not only by Linda and me, but by many of you as well. His wife, Sarah, is Tom and Freda Lowe's daughter. She also was mentored and disciplined by both her parents and you.

Sunday evening, September 21, Dan and I will report on our trip to Africa. I have mixed feelings about sharing with you the details of our journey.

We had the privilege and opportunity to encourage and instruct several key leaders of various churches and denominations. They represented approximately the same number of people worshiping on a Sunday morning in the PCA churches of the Tennessee Valley and North Georgia Presbyteries combined.

Dan is a wonderful teacher. I was free to respond to what he was teaching by preaching sermons that picked up on one of the themes of his instruction, walking my "congregation" through the Scripture, beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation. Those of you who know me well, can imagine how much I delighted in this task.

For example, the Lord allowed me to preach about the significance of John the Baptist proclaiming Jesus the "Lamb of God," beginning in Genesis 3 and ending in Revelation with the "Lamb looking as if It had been slain" seated upon the throne of God. On another occasion I was allowed to show them the unfolding of the biblical theme of God leading His people back to Eden – using our narthex window to illustrate my points.

These are things I am eager to share with you. But I tremble at having to tell you about

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## YOUTH & FAMILY

**High school & middle school youth** will meet following the evening service at Trinity PC at Stevie B's Pizza in Cleveland this Sunday. Stevie B's is located at 4440 Frontage Road NW (423-472-5654) near the Target.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, September 14, we will focus through worship on our **PRESENT** God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (pg. 598) and *I Need Thee Every Hour* (pg. 674).

## NURSERY NEEDS

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

### Paid Workers Needed

Would you be willing to work as a volunteer or paid worker on the first, second and third Tuesday of each month in the mornings? We need someone to help watch the kids for the mothers attending the Mothers Encouragement fellowship and Lynda Brown's fellowship at the church. If you are interested, contact Heather at 706-937-2603 or JE-H1224@aol.com.

## SUNDAY EVENING

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

Directions: From I-75 North take exit 27 right onto Paul Huff Parkwy. Proceed 3.4 mi. Trinity PC is on the right just past the YMCA on the left.

## CYAM FALL KICKOFF COOKOUT

The College & Young Adult Ministries will have a cookout this Sunday, September 14, following Sunday school. For more information or directions contact John Spalding at 423-504-6548.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd Fellowship 2 meets Monday, Sept. 15, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borchert's home. Eva Herberich leads this group.
- The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship meets Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 10 AM at the church. Linda Caines leads this group.

### 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.

## 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.

## COMBAT "CLOROX" HUNGER

CPC's campaign to provide relief monies for HAFF is needed now more than ever. HAFF is a CPC-sponsored ministry on the north central plateau of Haiti and the destination for our church's late October mission team. Recent hurricanes have left Haiti devastated. The burning, Clorox bleach type sensation in peoples' stomachs for lack of food in Haiti will only increase because of these latest storms. Floods have washed away gardens and made transportation within the country very difficult. Limited food and water supplies have pushed costs out of reach for most Haitians. Your spare change (bills and checks also accepted) in the "Clorox" bottles and the matching monies will aid HAFF in its crucial work.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Parents of children and youth: Prior to classes beginning at 7 PM on Wednesday nights, please encourage your children to remain in the fellowship hall area, the lobby or the grass field. The upstairs classrooms are off limits until 6:50 PM when there are teachers in those areas. Please encourage your children in this regard.

# For Your Information...

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Here are several opportunities for volunteer ministry at CPC:

- Help with the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. This person would greet any visitors and members that come by the counter, hand out literature (CPC brochure, Sunday School maps, etc.) and give directions for classes, etc.
- Christian Education supplies coordinator— Twice a month this person would check the supplies in the Sunday School storeroom and the various classrooms; straighten the Sunday School storeroom; prepare a list of items needed (Mark will take care of procurement). This should only take about two to four hours a month.
- Help with the Wednesday night children's ministry, Covenant Corps. We still need some folks to help with the children's classes, age three, five and second grade. This involves helping the children with a craft that is already prepared. We have the teachers for the classes.

Please let Mark Wilson know if you are willing to consider helping with any of the above ministries.

### DATE CHANGE

The church picnic this year will be Sunday, October 19, and the location is Camp Dixie.

### DEACONS MEETING

The deacons meeting has been moved to September 21 at 4:30 PM.

### UPDATES ON FREDA LOWE

The Lowe's have a new blog address for those who wish to keep up with Freda's progress following surgery and through chemo therapy— <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/fredalowe>.

### THANK YOU

In light of our move on September 15, we want to thank the CPC Body for all the prayers and support that God has used to help carry us through our family's seven-month separation. Thank you so much!! You will be dearly missed!! All our love,

John and Elizabeth Davis

### Our New Address:

1608 Langston Rd  
Carbon Hill, AL 35549  
205-924-3020

### 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).

### LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Sept. 14	Joint Service at Trinity Pres. Cleveland
Sept. 19-20	WM Fall Retreat
Sept. 21	Deacons Meeting
Sept. 25	A+ Women's Care Banquet (Colonnade)
Oct. 4	Ironman's Breakfast
Oct. 5	Men's & Women's Separate Services PM
Oct. 19	Church Picnic (Camp Dixie) 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