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Please know that your participation in the "Combat Clorox Campaign" is a very needed and tangible way to help. Nickels, dimes and quarters add up, especially with the addition of the pledged matching funds, and are a real expression of the loving nature of our Savior Jesus Christ.

ALL RELIEF MONIES FOR HAITI THROUGH OUR "COMBAT CLOROX HUNGER" CAMPAIGN MUST BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 TO QUALIFY FOR THE MATCHING FUNDS. THANKS.

Pastor Mullinax

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

September 28

- 9:30** *Infants:* L & A Reid
Creepers/Toddlers: D Misner, S Evans
Toddlers: B & H Lehmann
- SS** *Infants:* J & B Parker
Creepers: E Beatty, J Gracy
Toddlers: H & J Wade
- 6 PM** *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

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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From the Associate Pastor...

Although many things rightfully concern us here and call for our prayerful attention — our families, our church, our community, our nation — heart-breaking stories keep coming in, detailing the disastrous conditions present in Haiti. The needs in Haiti are almost incomprehensible for those who enjoy the comforts of life in the United States. Even for the people of Haiti their present suffering far surpasses their normal destitute way of life.

Perhaps the hardest hit area from the four hurricanes (Fay, Gustav, Hannah and Ike) that have ravaged that island in the past 30 days, is Gonaives. This city, on Haiti's north-west coast, is only 65 miles due west of CPC's supported work in Bohoc, Haiti. Bohoc is located in the high central plateau of Haiti and is home to the Haitian American Friendship Foundation (HAFF) and the destination of CPC's mission team next month. The steep mountains that separate the plateau from the coast mean that HAFF usually gets lots and lots of rain, but places like Gonaives get deadly mudslides and flooding.

For decades now there has been serious doubts that the area around Gonaives could be revived ecologically. The terrain has looked much more like a desert than the tropics. During the past 20 years the mountains have been stripped bare of trees to make charcoal for cooking. Almost nothing

exists to stop the run-off when heavy rains come. That story of consequences does not make it any easier for those in the midst of misery, loss, hunger and death. Please pray for these people.

The main highway between Haiti's two largest cities, Port au Prince in the south and Cap Haitien in the north, has been "washed out." That highway used to run through Gonaives. Now the city is "cut off" and is like a flooded island making access difficult for rescuers with supplies.

More and more traffic, including trucks with relief supplies, is attempting to travel by the other main north and south road, National Highway 3, which runs right through Bohoc. The term "**highway**" for this deeply rutted dirt road, with untrustworthy bridges at some points and precarious river fording passages at other points, is quite an overstatement!

Please pray that the God of all comfort (2 Cor. 1:3) will comfort the people of Haiti. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ there. Pray for ministry leaders, like the Van Schoycks at HAFF, in Haiti as they are now challenged with new obstacles. Pray for those workers involved in the direct relief operations and decision making, that the Lord will equip them with Godly wisdom. Pray for the preparation and productivity of CPC's team as they go in October.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

YOUTH & FAMILY

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, September 21, our worship focuses on our *LOVING* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *To God Be the Glory* (pg. 55) and *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know* (pg. 189).

If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, the website www.cyberhymnal.org may be helpful. The words, a recording and sometimes the history of the hymn and hymn writer can be found there.

NURSERY NEEDS

Nursery volunteers are needed for November 23 in the infant nursery during Sunday school. Contact Heather Harris if you wish to volunteer.

Paid Workers Needed

Would you be willing to work as a volunteer or paid worker on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month? 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 Harris at 706-937-2603 or JE-H1224@aol.com.

DEACONS MEETING

The deacons meeting is this Sunday, September 21, at 4:30 PM.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Fall Retreat is this weekend, September 19-20. Pray this would be a time of encouragement and growth for those attending.

CHURCH PICNIC

Be sure to put Sunday, October 19, on your calendar for this year's church picnic. We will meet following Sunday school at Camp Dixie. No evening service is scheduled for that day.

COMBINED SERVICE

On Sunday, October 26, a combined service of the churches in the Tennessee Valley Presbytery will be held at CPC at 6 PM in celebration of the Reformation. Rev. Randy Nabors will bring the message.

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.

CPC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Please notify us of any address, phone or email changes for the new directory. If you have had ANY changes since the last directory was published, please make sure we have those corrections. Thank you.

Email awalker@covenantchattanooga.org.

BUDGET REPORT

Year-to-Date as of 8/31/08

General Budget Giving	\$631,178
Budget Requirement	734,262
Shortfall	(103,084)

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * Heather Adams — UTC (upper class)
- * Laura Hall — UT (upper class)
- * Johnny Herberich — Covenant College (freshman)

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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Covenant College Quest offers working adults in the Chattanooga area the opportunity to earn the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management degree at Quest's downtown Chattanooga location. Want to learn more? Quest will host an open house on Monday evening, September 22, from 5 – 7 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Quest is located at 535 Chestnut Street, Suite 100, Chattanooga, 37402. RSVP: 423.265.7784. Learn more about the Quest program at their website — www.quest.covenant.edu

FREE FIREWOOD

Chris Gregory has free oak firewood for anyone who can come by and pick it up. Call Chris at 702-5460 if you are interested.

REMINDER

Give your cards and gifts of encouragement for Courtney Arrington to Carrie Harper. She will send them each week. Place any items or cards in the box in the receptionist's office. Suggested items include snacks, chocolate, magazines (interior decorating), gift cards (Target, Walmart, Panera, Starbucks, Papa John's Pizza, Subway). These are all businesses near the hospital. Cash donations will be put on a Visa gift card.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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