

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Obviously, someone being born blind is not what was meant to be. Clearly, the terrorists attacks of 9/11 are not what was meant to be. We weren't meant to live in a fallen world. But we do. And the consequences of sin are horrible.

But God still sits on His throne. He still continues to work through the events of human history to make it clear to one and all that He alone is God, and that there will come a day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.

How grateful I am that my eyes have been opened to these truths. I pray that you can see clearly. I pray that you might be able to rest in knowing that God is never taken by surprise, but in fact has everything under control. He is working through all our lives and experiences to accomplish that which in the end will prove for us a blessing and bring glory, honor and praise to God.

Pastor Caines

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### September 11

**9:30** *Infants:* L & A Reid  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* C Stevenson, L Wykoff  
*Toddlers:* D & T Holland, J Pearce

**S.S.** *Infants:* D Lazor, Lynda Brown  
*Creepers:* A Creamer, R Bingham  
*Toddlers:* E Brown, J Mauroner

**6 PM** *Combined:* Rahm Family

#### September 18

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, S Knecht  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* J & M Logterman  
*Toddlers:* J & D Herberich, S Beatty

**S.S.** *Infants:* R & B Roop  
*Creepers:* M Jennings, T Higgins  
*Toddlers:* B Fingerlee, R Bingham

**6 PM** *Combined:* Denkinger Family

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Eva Herberich at 423.894.6013.



# THE NEWSLETTER

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

Jesus opened the eyes of the blind.

Sometimes He spoke and their eyes were opened. At other times, He reached out, touched their eyes and they opened.

In John 9, Jesus spit on the ground, made mud, applied it to the eyes of a blind man, and then told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam.

In Mark 8 Jesus spit and laid his hands on the eyes of a blind man and then asks him, "Do you see anything?" The blind man responds he sees what appears to be trees walking. So Jesus puts his hands on the blind man's eyes, and finally he can see clearly.

Jesus used many different methods to open the eyes of the blind. Whichever one He chose, what He did blessed others and testified to His unique greatness.

Of course, in these circumstances the first question we might ask is, why were these people blind anyway. Some were born blind. Others, perhaps, slowly went blind from aging. Still others may have suffered an accident or illness which took their sight.

What ever the case was, they're all blind. Why? Who allowed that? Who decreed that?

In John 9 the disciple asked in verse 2, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind." Jesus answers, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so *that the work of God might be displayed in his life.*"

How do you like that answer? What if this blind man is your son, your brother, your husband, your father?

Of course, since most of us know that in the end Jesus opened this blind man's eyes, it is easier for us to say, "Isn't God good? I trust in His purposes. I'm confident of His love. All that He does is good. Praise the Lord."

But what about when things happen that shock us so deeply we can hardly begin to believe what has happened, much less understand the why and wherefores?

Like terrorists hijacking four airliners. Flying two into the World Trade Center. Flying one into the Pentagon. Intending to fly a fourth into the White House, but stopped by courageous passengers, who while fighting for their own lives, saved the lives of hundreds of others.

What was God thinking? Where was God? Was He paying attention? Did He care? Was there anything He could have done to stop it?

Some would have us to believe that God was caught off guard - a passive onlooker taken totally by surprise. Others would have us believe that while God knew what would happen, He couldn't do anything to stop it. Or, He chose not to do anything to stop it. Some consider these options better than believing what the Scriptures clearly teach, which is that God permits whatsoever comes to pass, yet holding us completely and totally responsible for all we do or say, or fail to do or say.

Wrestling with the truth of the Scriptures enables us to believe even when we don't understand and rest in the truth that God is working all things together for the good purpose of making us more and more like His Son.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and is served until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4, for children ages 5 to 11 is \$2.50, and children under 4 eat for free. The maximum family donation is \$15. The next weeks entrées are listed below:

Sept. 14 Chicken Fried Rice & Egg Rolls  
Sept. 21 Spaghetti

## SHOWERS

A baby shower for Meagan Pierce will be held on Sunday, September 11 at the home of Amy Wooten from 2 until 4:00 p.m. Meagan is registered at Baby's R Us and Walmart

A baby shower for Anna Yonkofski and baby Lillian will be held on Sunday, September 11 in the Parlor from 4 until 5:30 p.m. Please help us welcome our newest member.

A bridal/baby shower for Emily Musto will be held on Sunday, September 18 in the Schum Fellowship Hall from 4 until 5:30 p.m. She is registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Pampered Chef.com

## THANK YOU

*I want to thank everyone for their prayers before and after my surgery and the cards I received. The surgery took care of the problem. thanks to everyone - God is Good! Len Williams*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 17, at 8:30 a.m. BB Bell will speak on 9-11: *Then and Now; the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, discussing current issues during the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

An additional discount is now available for *Amazing Grace 360 Conference* in Atlanta, October 7-9. Author Nancy Guthrie is the keynote speaker. Spots are still available at the discounted rate of \$120. Lodging and food are extra. Hotel rooms have been reserved by CPC. Reserve your spot with a non-refundable deposit of \$25. For more information, call Emily Calloway at 423.432.1743 or Tammy Higgins at 706.820.0491.

The Fall Seminar, *Be on the Lookout...*, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 23 - 24. Friday evening from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. will include time for fellowship. Please bring a dessert and/or finger foods to share. Saturday will start with a light breakfast around 9:00 a.m. and a lunch will be served. The seminar is scheduled to finish at 2:00 p.m. Cost for Saturday is \$7 for adults and \$3 for girls 12 and under. Please register at the WM Table.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS

On September 11, the Revelation Study will meet in the Sanctuary. The Youth will meet in the Schum Fellowship Hall and Kids' Inc. will meet in the Perseverers Class.

## SAWS BRUNCH

Please make a note on your calendar; the SAWS Brunch is scheduled for October 29.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 11	Pierce Baby Shower
Sept. 11	Yonkofski Baby Shower
Sept. 11	Kids, Inc. Resumes
Sept. 11	Revelation Study Begins
Sept. 15	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Sept. 17	Men's Breakfast
Sept. 18	Musto Bridal/Baby Shower
Sept. 20	Mother's Encouragement Group
Sept. 29	Pictures for Directory

## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members to our CPC family.

### Bill Caudle

70 Melrose Drive  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
813.758.6106

Bill Caudle has been attending CPC since March. He retired and moved here from Florida.

### Brittany Jones

533 Ethelynn Lane  
Hixson, TN 37343  
423.762.3906

Brittany is the bride-elect of Caleb Ray. She lives in Hixson and is a senior at MTSU.

### Dorothy Gillette

7511 Shallowford Rd.  
Apt 308

Chattanooga, TN 37421  
239.220.2475

Dorothy is a native of Chattanooga who has lived in south Florida. She moved back recently after her husband passed away in March.

### Tim & Susan Gunter

Tim, Caroline, Elyssa, Rebecca  
1038 Shady Fork Rd  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
423.531.7747

Tim & Susan are former CPC members who have joined after recently moving back from SC. Tim is a pediatrician.

### Curtis & Rebecca McGee

2404 Royal Fern Trail  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
423.899.3792

Curtis works for Alston and Rebecca is a retired educator.

### Dan Vatt

Dan (husband of Edyne Vatt) has attended CPC for many years and has been active in various ministries. He works for UNUM.

### Rob & Crystal Zimmerman

4226 Cripple Bush Court  
Apison, TN 37302  
615.406.5175

Rob & Crystal moved here from Indiana to work with VW. Crystal grew up in Tennessee.

## CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Please make these changes in your directory:

### E-mail Changes:

Shannon Leamon: smleamon@yahoo.com

### Phone Changes:

Holly Lehmann: 423.667.1196

### Address Changes:

Adam & Leanna Cathey  
JT, Jake  
270 Indian Mound Road  
Ringgold, GA 30736

Mary (Flatt) Caudle  
70 Melrose Drive  
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