

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Covenant College, will be preaching in both morning and evening services. Before coming to CC, Rev. Messner served as an associate pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

All the while, Pastor Mullinax and I will continue to preach Sunday mornings and evenings.

I know that all of these individuals would join with me in asking you for your prayers on our behalf. Whatever is taught and preached from the pulpit of our church, may it be honoring to our Lord and of eternal worth to you His people because it is according to His Truth. Amen.

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### September 13

- 9:30** *Infants:* E Herberich, M Bond  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* W & J Kesler  
*Toddlers:* J & D Herberich, S Evans
- SS** *Infants:* K, J & R Bingham  
*Creepers:* M & B Mason  
*Toddlers:* M & L Lander
- 6 PM** Combined: P Henry & L Caines

### September 20

- 9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, J Trask  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* B & G Lusk  
*Toddlers:* K & E Gaither, D Trask
- SS** *Infants:* S Nicely, D Gaines  
*Creepers:* K & J Gaither  
*Toddlers:* K & D Lambeth
- 6 PM** Combined: Fowler Family

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Julie Kesler at 423-893-7493.



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## From the Senior Pastor . . .

Did you notice the date of this week's newsletter? 09-09-09. I'm quite sure those numbers have no specific biblical significance. I just find such calendar anomalies intriguing.

I'm in a tizzy. I can't make up my mind. Lord willing, this coming Sunday we will look at our Lord's parable in Luke 19.11-27. But after that . . . I'm not sure.

Luke 19.28 begins the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry prior to His resurrection. Therefore, I'd like to wait until the first of the year to continue our examination of the third Gospel. That might provide us with the opportunity to preach about our Lord's arrest, trial, crucifixion, burial and resurrection closer to the time we celebrate Easter.

Our normal pattern is to focus on advent during the month of December. That leaves approximately seven or eight more Sundays when I will be preaching before we begin to celebrate the Christmas season.

Obviously, whatever I pick, it will have to be a limited number of verses or a particular theme of biblical theology. I'm telling you all of this, so you might ask the Lord to provide me with a sense of His leading.

I feel somewhat the same way about the Ladies' Bible Study that will meet on Thursday mornings in the Visitors' classroom at 9:45 pm.

I plan to begin this study on September 17. But what we'll be studying, I can't tell you at this moment.

I would like to teach again on covenant theology. I've done that twice in the past twenty-one years, so perhaps its about time we return to a biblical truth of central importance.

I would like to teach the book of James or Daniel. If you plan to attend the ladies Bible Study on Thursday morning, I'd be glad to hear your suggestions.

In the weeks to come we have some wonderful opportunities for worship and praise. This Sunday evening, Dr. Bill Higgins is preaching. Sunday evening, September 20, the ladies will meet in Schum Hall, while the men gather in the sanctuary. We do this about once a year. It allows us to address particular issues that most concern men, and likewise, women.

The last Sunday evening in October is our annual combined worship service for the PCA churches in the Chattanooga area. Again, we will be meeting here at CPC. Dr. Kelly Kapic, Professor of Biblical Studies at Covenant College, is the speaker.

November 13-15 are the dates of our annual missions conference. Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Aaron Messner, Chaplain of

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## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship will focus on our *WISE* God. We will sing *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (p. 38).

## YOUTH & FAMILY Points to Ponder

- October 30-November 1 is the Fall Retreat at Camp Vesper Point for both Middle & High School.
- Youth and their families are invited to attend the UTC vs. Wofford football game on September 26. Admission is \$5. Sign up outside of Chris' office.
- Middle & High school youth will meet this Sunday night.

## MOTHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

ME begins September 15 at 10 AM in the parlor. Volunteers are needed to help with the older children. Let Mark Wilson know if you are willing to help 1-2 times a month.

## COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

This class, intended to educate young people who are preparing to make a public profession of faith and joining the church, begins September 26 at 10 AM in Pastor Mullinax's office.

## THE DUST & RIB SERVICE

Our separate men and women's evening services are scheduled for September 20. The topic for the men is "They lied to me" with Pastor Mullinax in the Sanctuary. The ladies will learn about "Covenant Legacy" with Marla Neal in Schum Fellowship Hall.

## PERSEVERER'S GAME NIGHT

This Sunday School class is meeting this Saturday from 5:00-7:30 PM in Schum Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite finger foods and game for a great time of fun and fellowship!

## 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. Please sign up in the lobby.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Monthly Men's Breakfast this Saturday, September 12, at 8:30 AM. The speakers are Pastor Caines and Bill Coffey. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

## 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 is \$25. Last day to sign up is this Sunday, September 13. Space is limited. Contact Amy Wooten with questions or to register.

## COLLEGE MINISTRY

Parents of college students, please email your student's contact information to Brenda Mason (bren854@comcast.net). Without his or her addresses, the student cannot be contacted by their prayer partner or receive any cards or care packages.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Caines is teaching a bible study beginning Thursday, September 17, at 9:45 AM. A nursery is provided.

## CARING BEE

This group, which meets Wednesdays at 7 PM, is making quilts, hats, scarves and booties for the patients at Erlanger Hospital. If you have any material or yarn that you would like to donate, place them in the Caring Bee box in the receptionist's office.

## For Your Information...

### BUDGET REPORT

Year-to-Date as of 8/31/09

General Budget Giving \$761,419

Budget Requirement 662,347

Shortfall (99,072)

### HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY BANQUET

The annual support banquet is on Monday, September 14. A silent auction begins at 6 PM with dinner and program following. For more information please call 423-698-4733, x105 or visit [www.Hope4theinnercity.org/banquet](http://www.Hope4theinnercity.org/banquet).

### COVENANT CORPS

One helper is needed this fall in our Covenant Corps program on Wednesday evenings.

### CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

A+ Women's Care will hold their 6<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising banquet on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:30 PM at The Colonnade. You can sponsor a table of eight for \$300. Individual seats are \$50. For more information call 706-639-1889.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLEAN-UP

The following Shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of September: Wilkie, Ferrel, Mullinax, Owens/Cary and Schreiner. Please contact your Shepherding Elder to let him know when you can help.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Author Nate Larkin of *Samson and the Pirate Monks* will be the speaker at the October 10 Ironman's Breakfast. A seminar for the men will follow the meal. The next day he will speak during Sunday school to both men and women in Schum Fellowship Hall.

### STAMPS SUPPORT MISSIONS

Did you know that stamps from letters can be used as revenue for missions? Please place your saved foreign and domestic stamps, in good condition, in the collection container beside the door of Pastor Mullinax's office. These stamps are sent to a Christian retirement community in Florida for processing. The money from the sale of these stamps is then used to fund new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America.

### CPC PRAYER CALENDAR

This devotional/prayer tool covers all CPC members, family concerns, ministries, missionaries, personal growth in grace and the world in a one-month cycle. You may pick up a copy of the *CPC Prayer Calendar* in the lobby.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC



Sept. 12	Monthly Men's Breakfast
Sept. 15	Mother's Encouragement Group
Sept. 17	Ladies Bible Study
Sept. 19	WM Fall Seminar
Sept. 20	Dust & Rib Services PM
Sept. 26	2nd Annual Fall/Christmas Market
Sept. 26	Communicant's Class Begins
Oct. 10	Monthly Men's Breakfast with Nate Larkin
Oct. 11	Church Picnic at Camp Dixie
Oct. 16-17	PresWIC Fall Retreat
Oct. 18	Knecht Baby Shower
Oct. 25	Presbytery Wide Reformation Service
Oct. 30	Youth Retreat
Nov. 7	Monthly Men's Breakfast
Nov. 13-15	CPC Missions Conference
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Service
Dec. 6	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 10	WM Christmas Dinner
Dec. 13	Children's Choirs Christmas Program
Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols