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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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by God to glorify Himself and to impact for good the lives of those with whom they lived, worked, grew old and died.

Some have suggested that their circumstances most closely parallel our own experience. We are strangers living in a strange land, waiting for the Lord to return us to the Land of Promise. The question we must answer is the question they had to answer: How can we sing songs of Zion while living as strangers in a strange land?

The book of Daniel provides us with the example of four young men singing as loudly as they could. And therefore, it encourages us to realize that no matter what our circumstances are, God can still accomplish in and through us great and wonderful things for His glory and for the good of others.

Thursday morning, 9:45 a.m. We'd love to have you.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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SS *Infants:* S Nicely, D Gaines
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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 . . .

Most weeks, the people of CPC are involved in many different Bible studies, prayer huddles, accountability groups, and service projects. In addition, there are several things going on at church on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. And now, I'm offering one more. It's a Bible study for the ladies of CPC. It meets in the Visitors' Classroom at 9:45 a.m., beginning this Thursday, September 17.

Attendance of this class is not a mark of your spirituality. I offer this class to those who are interested, can meet at this time and believe this would be the best use of their time on a Thursday morning. A nursery is provided for those with young children.

As you read this newsletter, the first class has already met. Don't worry. You can catch up easily. I assign no homework. There are no tests to take. But I do expect you to read and re-read the book of Daniel, which will be the focus of our study. And I would strongly suggest that you purchase two study Bibles.

One, the NIV "Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible" (published by Zondervan), and two, "The ESV Study Bible" (published by Crossway). I am persuaded that these two books go a long way in providing for you a library of information that will serve you well for many years to come.

You have introductory material to Scripture as a whole, to the testaments, and to individual books. "The Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible" (SRSB) offers many good articles addressing

various theological issues. And in the back of the SRSB you'll find many of the most significant confessions of faith and catechisms used by millions of believers for the past five hundred years.

"The ESV Study Bible" (ESVSB) offers many articles concerned with issues of systematic and biblical theology. It also offers many good maps, charts, diagrams, and drawings. One special feature of the ESVSB is that it comes with a DVD so you can download all these articles, maps, charts and drawings.

Both books are expensive. But they're both well worth the price. In most cases, the bookstore at Westminster Theological Seminary offers the best price on both books and shipping.

A study in Daniel will involve consideration of eschatological issues. Eschatology is the study of last things. Daniel's prophecy is primarily focused upon events that have already occurred. But there are a few prophecies that still await fulfillment.

I will offer few charts or maps. And whatever charts or maps I do offer will be quite simple in detail, and be worth nothing more than an insight into what I believe the book of Daniel is teaching us.

There is much to be learned from this brief book. Most of what we learn does not have to do with unfulfilled prophecies, but instead with the example of four young men forcibly removed from family and friends, transported into a foreign culture, educated in a strange language and taught stranger ideas. And yet these young men are used

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship will focus on our *PRESENT* God. We will sing *Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim* (p. 12) and *The God of Abraham Praise* (p. 34).

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Irene Willingham is this Saturday at 1 PM. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, you send a contribution to Hearts for Kenya. The family appreciates all the prayers for them and Irene these last few weeks and months.

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.

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 that you would like to donate, place them in the Caring Bee box in the receptionist's office.

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. Doors open at 9:30 AM.

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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership this Sunday afternoon, September 20. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

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.

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.

YOUTH & FAMILY Points to Ponder

- October 30-November 1 is the Fall Retreat at Camp Vesper Point for both Middle & High School.
- This Saturday the youth is involved in a service project from 9 AM - 11 AM. The young ladies will help in the nursery during the WM fall seminar while the gentlemen are involved in a manual labor service project.
- 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.
- All youth are invited to the Separate Men's and Women's service this Sunday night at 6:00 PM.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

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

For Your Information...

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Helpers, not teachers, are needed in Covenant Corps on Wednesday nights and in Sunday School. See Mark Wilson for more information.

CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

A+ Women's Care will hold their 6th 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.

SERMONS ON THE WEB

If you would like access to Pastor Caines' recent sermons in MP3 format, use the following web address: <http://www.covenantchattanooga.org/sermons.aspx>.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Please call the church office to notify us of anyone who is in the hospital.

THE BOOK SHELF

Looking for something to read? Good books are available for you to purchase here at the church. Check out the Book Shelf located next to the Coke machine.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A nurse is available between worship and Sunday school each Sunday in the receptionist's office to check blood pressure.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving-- Office Closed
Dec. 6	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 10	WM Christmas Dinner
Dec. 13	Children's Choirs Christmas Program
Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols
Dec. 25	Christmas-- Office Closed

