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Granddaddy would die of a heart attack.

Meanwhile, Mom and Dad rode the train back to Ft Sill, where they would live for the next eight or nine months. When Daddy was sent to the Pacific, Mama returned to the home place, where my brother, Lennon, Jr., was born on July 26, 1943.

It's a great story. I thought you'd enjoy it. I've taken the liberty of relating all this information in honor of my mother's birthday. On September 30 she will be 89. I know you're not supposed to tell a lady's age, but she's proud of how old she is. She is amazed by how the Lord has constantly worked in her life to bless her in more ways than she can number. Just ask her. She'd be happy to tell you more!

And by the way, I'm named for both by Uncle John Caines and my Uncle John McCutchen, my father's good friend who just "happened" to have this younger sister . . .

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

September 25

9:30 *Infants:* D Nimmer, S Coffey
Creepers/Toddlers: J & R Ray
Toddlers: T, A, M Horton

S.S. *Infants:* A Wooten, D Gaines
Creepers: S Close, R Bingham
Toddlers: J & J McNeeley

6 PM *No Evening Service - Shepherding Groups Meet*

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

October 2

9:30 *Infants:* K Wenzler, B Griggs
Creepers: *Toddlers:* M & J Schleger
Toddlers: E Griggs, K Sotelo, C Murphy

S.S. *Infants:* N Cooper, D Gardner
Creepers: C Arrington, R Bingham
Toddlers: C Morrison, G & H Morrison

6 PM *Combined:* A Walker, A Gaines

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Heather Harris at 706.891.8754.



THE NEWSLETTER

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Covenant
Presbyterian Church

September 21, 2011

From the Senior Pastor....

In the early thirties, the height of the Great Depression, Daddy, about age 12, left home to work for Mr. Hodges, a farmer living just north of Jacksonville, Florida.

In the middle thirties, Daddy's brother, John, ten years older, took a government contract to help build several new school buildings in the Asheville district of Lee County, SC. Uncle John Caines sent for Daddy.

After the schools were built, Uncle John returned to NJ. Daddy stayed on to keep shop for Mr. B. J. Barnett. While running the shop as a teenager Daddy made friends with a young man named John McCutchen. John often invited Daddy to the family farm, where John's mother and four other siblings lived. One of them was a fifteen year old girl named Mary.

In 1938 Uncle John sent again for Daddy to come work with him cutting and hauling pulp lumber in south Jersey. In 1939 Daddy joined the National Guard, the 112th field artillery. In 1940 he was called to active duty, serving as a medic, and was sent to Ft. Bragg in south eastern NC, just a two hour drive from Lee County, SC.

Daddy again found himself often at John McCutchen's home. Only now, Mary McCutchen was a senior in high school. In the fall of 1940 Mom began nurses' training in Camden, SC. Daddy frequently found reasons to show up at the training hospital, dressed in his best uniform. Mom remembers all the other girls wanting to know who this guy was and

why he kept coming around.

Due to extenuating circumstances, Mom's training ended and she returned home. Frequently she found her brother John's friend hanging around the house. He would be there when she left on a date, and would still be there when she returned home.

Some time in late 1941 or early 1942, Daddy's outfit was shipped to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Daddy began to write letters to Mama (which have been lost). In one of them he proposed. Mama didn't know what to make of it. She had lots of beaux and wasn't particularly interested in getting married.

The first of July, 1942, Daddy hitchhiked from Ft. Sill, OK. to Lee County. On July 2 he proposed to Mama, telling her it was now or never. Encouraged by her mother and siblings, Mama, nineteen, accepted. On July 4, 1942 they were married in the living room of her pastor in Sumter, SC.

The next day they attended morning worship at Hephzibah PC in Bishopville (which is where my father and brother are buried). Daddy sat with Mama. It was the first time in decades a man and woman sat together on the same side of the church. Mama had always told the people at the church, "When I get married, I'm sitting with my husband." And she did.

The first of that week they rode a bus to Wadley, Georgia, and visited my Granddaddy Caines, the pastor of the First Baptist Church (Ardeh West's home church!). A week later my

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THANK YOU

I want to thank all who have prayed for my mother and for our family during her hospital/rehab stay. She was released on Friday, August 26 to go home. She made remarkable progress, beyond everyone's greatest expectations! She gained an astounding 8 pounds in less than three weeks. Though she is still in a delicate place, I know her gains were because our living, healing GOD heard our prayers.

With a Grateful Heart, Christine Morrison

I humbly thank God for His mercy to me regarding my recent heart surgery, and I thank all of you who have prayed for me the last few weeks; for your visits, beautiful cards, phone calls and food. I also give thanks to our pastoral staff for their dedication and concern. May each of you be blessed as I have been.

In Christ's Love, Gary Ratliff

We want to thank everyone for your kind words, thoughtful cards and especially for your prayers at the recent passing of Mark's mother. The Lord has used you to be our encouragement during this time.

Thank You! Mark & Patty Wilson

Dear Covenant Church Friends!! Thank you so very much for your prayer for us. It was a very tense period for us before the surgery. According to the surgeon, the surgery went well as he planned and he did not expect any serious complications rather he was very optimistic. The surgery (Endovascular stent for abdominal aortic aneurysm) was done on August 23 at Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. We came home on August 30th avoiding hurricanes. Post operation some ups and downs but over all recovery is relatively smooth. We are very thankful for His grace and blessings and I do believe that he is listening to our prayers.

Thank You Again, Chung & Suni Kim

*You are invited to a program
of sacred duets and solos by
soprano Patty Wilson*

and

*mezzo-soprano Gretchen Hanks,
accompanied on the piano by*

Alayne Griffin

*on Tuesday, October 11, 2011
at 7:00 p.m.*

at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Some of the composers

represented in the program include:

J.S. Bach

G. F Handel

F. Mendelssohn

A. Copland

H. Johnson

CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic will be October 16 following the Sunday School hour at Camp Dixie. Bring your own picnic, blankets, games and lawn chairs. Drinks, ice, desserts and ice cream will be available throughout the day.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept 23-24	WM Ladies Fall Seminar
Sept 29-Oct 1	Pictures for Directory
Oct 1	Men's Breakfast
Oct 2	Kelly Baby Shower
Oct 4	Mother's Encouragement Group
Oct 4	WM Council
Oct 5	Belarussian Choir Concert
Oct 7-8	PCA Women's Conference in Atlanta
Oct 11	Patty Wilson Concert
Oct 15	Church Work Day



NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members to our CPC family.

Anna Byrd

Anna is a 6th grader at CCS and is the daughter of Tom and Cheryl Byrd.

Mackenzie Hobbs

Mackenzie is a 9th grader at GPS and is the daughter of Dee and Lisa Hobbs.

Grace Morrison

Grace is a 6th grader at CCS and is the daughter of John and Christine Morrison.

Steve & Nicole Lewin

James, Etienne, Sebastien, Christian
5416 St. Elmo Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37409
423.298.6575

Steve is in construction and repair work. Nicole is a stay-at-home mom.

Ken & Bev Mealor

154 Falcons View Drive
Ringgold, GA 30736

Ken works with an industrial gas and welding supply company. Bev teaches with Precept Ministries.

Jerry & Miyeon Brotherton
Lenox

8667 Pershing Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421
423.424.9292

Jerry & Miyeon are both accountants who moved here from Huntsville.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Please make these changes in your directory:
Email/Phone Numbers:

Michael Schleger: mpschleger@gmail.com

New Address:

Susan Perrin
244 Delaware Avenue
Dayton, TN 37321

Correction:

Holly Lehmann: 423.667.2582

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Tiffany Kelly will be held on Sunday, October 2 in Schum Fellowship Hall from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. Tiffany is registered at Amazon.com, Target and Babies R Us.

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' entrees are listed below:

Sept. 28 Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad and Fruit Salad

Oct. 5 Chicken & Dumplings

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 1, at 8:30 a.m. David Denmark, Executive Director of the Maclellan Foundation will speak about the spread of Christianity around the World, with an emphasis on the Middle East, India and China. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

CALENDARS

The church birthday/anniversary calendar is available at the Welcome Center.