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and through us what He intends. And it will be good.

That's true for us as a church. That's true for us as business people. That's true for us as employers and employees. That's true for us as families.

Now . . . if I could only remember what I told my mother.

Men and ladies, I hope you plan to be with us this coming Sunday evening, October 5. The men will meet in the sanctuary with Rev. Jim Suddath. The women will meet in Schum Fellowship Hall to hear from Ruth Sisemore.

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### October 5

- 9:30 *Infants:* J Ray, B Griggs  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* T & M Bacon  
*Toddlers:* E & JM Griggs
- SS *Infants:* K Lambeth, M Parker  
*Creepers:* C & D Platt  
*Toddlers:* M & S Haywood
- 6 PM *Combined:* Paid Workers

### October 12

- 9:30 *Infants:* D Gardner, G Brown  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D, O & J Bowers  
*Toddlers:* M Arbuckle, B Firth
- SS *Infants:* S Choi, D Gaines  
*Creepers:* A & B Griffin  
*Toddlers:* A Griffin, A Millard
- 6 PM *Combined:* Elwood Family

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Julie Kesler at 423.893.7493.

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# THE NEWSLETTER

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

Mom was at the house Monday evening. She asked me to explain to her what was going on in Washington and on Wall Street. I provided her with an expert analysis of the entire situation, sharing with her what the future would bring, informing her of what Congress should do . . .

But now I can't remember anything I told her.

Just kidding.

The truth is, I have very little understanding of what just happened.

I've served as a trustee of Covenant College since 1985. It is now well understood by most members of the administration that I struggle greatly to make heads or tails of the financial reports regularly submitted to the Board. It's all I can do to keep our personal checkbook balanced.

So, as far as our country's economy is concerned, I have no idea what the future will bring. I've lived long enough to know that by the time you read this newsletter article things may have changed significantly for the better . . . or for the worse.

Clearly, we must assume that all that is happening will impact our budget as a

church. As a staff we've already talked about this possibility. We are doing everything we can think of to keep spending at a minimum.

In our twenty year history we have never failed to make budget. But we are not going to be presumptuous of the Lord's blessing. As most of you realized from reading the newsletter we are approximately \$100,000 behind in our giving. This is not uncharted waters. Giving always lags behind until December. But we realize that those who in the past have given generously at the end of the year, may be hard pressed to do so again this year.

I also realize that by writing such things, some may think that I'm providing excuses for not giving. I don't think that's true. I am confident that those who can give, will give as generously as the Lord enables. That's been true for twenty years, and I believe it will continue to be true this year and in the years to come.

I just want you to know that the staff is not blind to the realities of our present economic circumstances.

The Lord still reigns, and His purposes are yea and amen. He will accomplish in  
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## YOUTH & FAMILY

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

## HAITI RELIEF CAMPAIGN

As of Monday, September 29, \$7500 is the total amount raised through CPC including matching diaconal funds for the Combat Clorox Hunger campaign. With the promised matching funds from a generous HAFF donor, the potential for money given to the relief work in Haiti could be \$15,000. Thank you to everyone who participated in the effort.

## HAITI MISSION SUPPLY ITEMS

Our CPC mission teams will be engaged in operating some remote mobile medical clinics while serving in the north plateau of Haiti. We need donations of the following over-the-counter medications and/or money donations so that we may purchase prescription meds:

Prilosec, Pepcid, Zantac, Maalox, Milanta, Tums, Roloids, Aspirin or Tylenol products, PeptoBismol, Imodium, Kaopectate, Advil, Aleve, Ibuprofen, Hydrocortisone, Vicks VapoRub, Neosporin, feminine (Monistat, Vagisil, etc.), children's vitamins

Place donated items in the basket outside Pastor Mullinax's office. Make any checks payable to CPC with "Haiti Missions" on the memo line. Any excess money may also be used toward other team projects.



## IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

Men, you are all invited to the Ironman's Breakfast this Saturday, October 4, at 8:30 AM. Will Kesler will speak on the Paul/Timothy relationship that hopefully we each have with another man. There will also be an opportunity to share a couple of life lessons you would like to pass on to other men. Please join us for great fellowship, food and a time to sharpen one another in godly wisdom.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd 1 fellowship will meet Monday, October 6, at 7 PM at Linda Lander's home.
- The Mothers Encouragement fellowship will meet Tuesday, October 7, at 10:00 AM at the church. Childcare is provided.

### Council

The WM council will meet Tuesday, October 7, at 7 PM in the parlor.

### Conversational Dinners

If you have not signed up for the conversational dinners, it is not too late to get involved in this ongoing program. The hostess sets the date and provides the main dish. The guests provide sides, salad and dessert. Contact Boo Mullinax if you have questions or are interested.

## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, October 5, our worship focuses on our *UNCHANGING* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Forever Settled in the Heavens* (pg. 59) and *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (pg. 184).

## SUNDAY EVENING

This Sunday Evening, October 5th, the men and women will meet separately for the evening worship service. Ruth Sisemore will speak to the women in the fellowship hall. In the sanctuary, PCA pastor, Jim Suddath, will speak on "Leaving a Legacy of Wisdom." He will challenge and encourage the men of CPC by recounting some of the most fundamental truths he has learned in 20 years of ministry.

## COMMUNION

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service this Sunday, October 5. Please prepare your hearts.

# For Your Information...

## New Members

Listed below are the names of those who joined CPC this month. Add their names and addresses to your membership directory. Check out their snapshots on the New Member Bulletin Board outside the Visitors Classroom. Help make these new folks feel welcome at CPC when you see them!

Mickey & Barbara Blevins  
741 Mystic Brook Court  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
423.553.1099

mickeybarbara@bellsouth.net

Mickey & Barbara moved to the area from Bristol, Tennessee a little over two years ago. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.

Chris & Reba Gregory  
Michaela\*, Christopher\*  
8229 Tyne Ridge Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37421  
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As you know, Chris is our new director of youth and family ministries. They have come to us after serving with a church in Dothan, Alabama.

Kaitlyn Smith

Kaitlyn is the daughter of members Todd & Cathy Smith.

## 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](mailto:awalker@covenantchattanooga.org).

## **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership Sunday afternoon, October 12. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

## Deacons Meeting

The deacons will meet Sunday, October 12, at 4:30 PM.

## REMINDER

Give your cards and gifts of encouragement for Courtney Arrington to Carrie Harper. Place any items or cards in the box in the receptionist's office. All cards and items will be given to Courtney on her return to Chattanooga. At that point she will be house bound until Jacob's recovery time is over.

## CHURCH PICNIC

The picnic is scheduled for October 19 and is BYOPB (bring your own picnic basket). Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Camp Dixie. No evening service that day.

## **PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* **Brient Hobbs** — Sewanee (upper class)
- \* **Suzanna Ker** — UT (upper class)
- \* **Bethany Miller** — FSU (freshman)

## **LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC**

Oct. 4	Ironman's Breakfast
Oct. 5	Men's & Women's Separate Services PM
Oct. 12	Reception for Gregorys 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