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born in August 2006. Two words describe him: High Energy. He's brought unimaginable joy into our lives but the kid never slows down. It's unbelievable.

That's our family in a nutshell. My hope in writing this is for you to get a little fuller picture of the servants God has brought to you. We are available any time and are excited about the relationships that God is already developing here at CPC.

Chris Gregory

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

October 19

9:30 *Infants:* J Trask, E McEachern
Creepers/Toddlers: H & C Armao
Toddlers: M & C Stevenson, D Trask

SS *Infants:* M Johnson, S Nicely
Creepers: P Plucker, C Weekley
Toddlers: P Johnson, B Fingerle, L Choquette

6 PM No PM Service—Church Picnic

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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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Director of Ministry to Youth & Their Families...

Paul wrote to the church at Philippi: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..."

Reba and I know how he felt. I can't tell you the number of times *daily* I've been moved to stop what I'm doing and thank our heavenly Father for the blessing Covenant Presbyterian has been to our family. Reba has often said to me over the last few weeks, "You know, this is *supposed* to feel so much harder than it has." God has richly blessed us through your generosity, and we are grateful to both you and Him.

While it would be impossible for me to mention everyone by name in this short article, I would like to especially thank a few families who have been particularly gracious to us. First off, Jeff and Kay Gaither agreed to let us live with them several weeks before they even knew us. We lived with them for over three weeks and were treated like members of their family. *Thank you!*

Tracy and Davis Brown both drove to south Alabama to pick up our dog, and Tom and Sandi Schreiner agreed to keep and care for him for several weeks. There's no way to repay that kind of generosity so, like Paul, our family spends lots of time thanking God for you.

While I'm on the subject of family, I thought I'd tell you a little about who we are. Reba and I met while working at a small camp in North Carolina. I liked her from the beginning, and we quickly became close friends. Several months later we nervously confessed our feelings for each other, and a year or so later, we were married. Reba is a tireless, motivated servant. She expresses her love through service and is frankly a wonderful wife and mother. I can't imagine attempting to do ministry, or anything for that matter, without her by my side.

Four years into our marriage Reba came home one afternoon and asked how my day had been. I told her it had been hard before asking her about hers. She said, "It was a long day, and I've been feeling a little sick. But now I feel better because I just found out I'm pregnant." After picking myself up off of the ground, we prayed for our new child and began making preparations.

Michaela Ellen Ruth Gregory was born just prior to our relocation to Dothan, Alabama. Like her mother, she possesses boundless supplies of energy and enthusiasm. I've frequently wondered about what we did before she came along. I honestly can't remember.

For Christmas the next year Reba gave me the news that another Gregory would be joining us. Christopher Forrest Gregory was

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YOUTH & FAMILY

High school & middle school youth

are invited to come to the welcome reception for the Gregorys on Sunday evening following the service.

CHURCH PICNIC

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

Directions: Camp Dixie is located 21.4 miles from the church. Head north on 153 for 8.2 miles and exit onto Hixson Pike. Go 8.9 miles and turn right on Dallas Pl Rd. After .1 turn right on Old Hixson Pike and go .4. Turn left on Schooner Circle and continue on Buffalo Lane and turn left into Camp Dixie.

MISSIONS REMINDER

The *MTW 31 Days of Prayer* is a brochure that is available in the lobby at the welcome center. Feel free to pick one up and make use of it this month. It is an excellent way of focusing our attention through prayer on missions in time for our upcoming missions conference in November.

THANK YOU

A+ Women's Care would like to thank all those who participated or helped with the fundraising banquet on September 25. Your support and encouragement are very much appreciated.

Lucy Wykoff

Director A+ Women's Care

DEACONS MEETING

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd 2 fellowship will meet Monday, October 13, at 7 PM at Jean Mauroner's home.
- Acts of Service fellowship will meet Tuesday, October 14, at 10:00 AM at the church.

Christmas Market

The women of the church are going to have a Christmas Market on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. If anyone would like to participate, please contact Carol Beatty at 706.965.5151.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, October 12, our worship focuses on our *JUST* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him* (pg. 17) and *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* (pg. 500).

If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, the website www.cyberhymnal.org may be helpful. It has the words, a recording and sometimes the history of the hymn and hymn writer.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Following the evening service this Sunday there will be a reception for Chris & Reba Gregory. Please take this opportunity to welcome them to Covenant Presbyterian.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

For Your Information...

COMBINED SERVICE

The combined service with other Tennessee Valley Presbytery churches will be here at CPC on Sunday, October 26, at 6 PM. Rev. Randy Nabors will speak, and James Ward will lead the music.

A combined choir will lead in worship. A rehearsal for the choir will be at CPC at 4:00 PM. Join us!

WELCOME HOME BASKET

Please give any cards and gift items to Carrie Harper by Sunday, October 19, for Courtney Arrington. You may also drop them by the receptionist's office. They will be given to Courtney in a welcome home basket on her return. She will be house bound until Jacob's recovery time is over.

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.

RECYCLE!

Blue recycle containers are located throughout the church for plastic and paper products.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

Do you know of a family who is struggling financially this year, perhaps due to a sudden illness or crisis? Each year we collect food items for our Thanksgiving Pounding in order to give to these families as an encouragement. If you know of someone in need, please contact Joyce Trask at 423.499.9771 by the end of this month. The person or family does not have to be a member of CPC. Also remember that we will be collecting food supplies in the next few weeks.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Lindsey Gardner** — MTSU (upper class)
- * **Audrey Griggs** — Auburn (upper class)
- * **Will Musto** — Montreat (freshman)

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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. 8	WM Christmas Market
Nov 9	Bridal Shower-J. Mason's fiancée Meagan
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