

grown up as covenant children at CPC and

now come before the Session making their own personal profession of faith. We, the ruling elders, along with the pastors, get to do some pretty great stuff in the life of the church. But there is just no way to adequately describe the joy of hearing the testimony of folks when they join the church. And even better, we get to watch these children grow up . . . and be involved in their lives . . . and witness their profession of faith in Christ; wow – this is exciting stuff!

We are truly blessed to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of the children at CPC. Thank you for allowing so many of us in the body at CPC to partner with you in the great adventure of raising your child to be a warrior for the cross of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

Mark Wilson

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

October 26

- 9:30 *Infants:* S & T Helton
Creepers/Toddlers: M & M Krieg
Toddlers: P & L Spotts
- SS *Infants:* D & R Kemp
Creepers: D & E Reynolds
Toddlers: J & J McNeely
- 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 Director of Christian Education...

Our grandchildren are precious and adorable! Of course all grandparents say that, but it's really true . . . I've got the photos and testimonies to prove it! Patty and I praise the Lord every single day for our daughters and their families. We have "no greater joy than to hear that [our] children are walking in the truth" (3 John 4), and that they are raising our grandchildren in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Covenant Church has over 160 children, age 11 and younger. Most of them attend our Sunday School program and about half of them attend our Wednesday night catechism program (Covenant Corps). As Director of Christian Education at CPC, it is my commitment to you parents to ensure that your children receive solid biblical training. It's great; in this way, I get to be a grandfather to more than my own grandchildren.

There are many curriculum resources available for teaching children. Each have strengths and weaknesses, but I want to explain why we have chosen the materials from Great Commission Publications (GCP) as the main curriculum source for our children's programs.

If your child is raised as a covenant

child here at CPC, he or she will be taught the "whole counsel of God" from a reformed and covenantal perspective. We use the GCP curriculum for our children because we believe it provides them with a solid biblical foundation for life. Over their critical years of development they will be consistently taught the practical application of covenant theology from God's Word. That is our commitment to you and your children.

While you parents have the primary responsibility of raising your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we are privileged to assist you in this "great adventure." We are blessed with great teachers and helpers in the children's ministry of CPC. We take very seriously the vow we make every time one of your children is baptized.

Here are a couple of ways you can help us share this awesome responsibility with you: periodically ask your child, "What did you learn in Sunday School today (or Covenant Corps tonight)?" And regularly help them practice their bible verses and catechism questions. Even better, let them quiz you to see if you're learning with them!

Several young people have become "communicant members" recently. They've

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Chris Gregory, Director of Youth & Their Families

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

YOUTH & FAMILY

High school & middle school youth, please join us for a day of activity, fellowship and fun at the church picnic.

CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic is scheduled for this Sunday, October 19, following Sunday school. BYOPB (bring your own picnic basket). Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Camp Dixie. There will be no evening service .

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.

MEALS FOR MOMS

Meals for Moms is planning to help the Arrington's with meals for a few weeks when they return home. If you could provide any meals for them, please contact Gretchen Brown at (706) 891-5968 or e-mail JTBGECB@aol.com.

IRONMAN BREAKFAST

Men, you are all invited to the Ironman Breakfast Saturday, November 1, at 8:30 AM. Jason Coffey will be our speaker. Please join us for great fellowship, food and a time to sharpen one another with godly wisdom.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY Fellowship Group

The Mothers Encouragement fellowship group will meet Tuesday, October 21, at 10 AM at the church. Childcare is provided.

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 19, our worship focuses on our *INFINITE* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Vast the Immensity*, *Mirror of Majesty* (pg. 24) and *El-Shaddai* (pg. 42).

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.

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!

BUDGET REPORT

Year-to-Date as of 9/30/08

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| General Budget Giving | \$761,679 |
| Budget Requirement | <u>653,812</u> |
| Shortfall | (107,877) |

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Caleb Haynes** — Bryan (upper class)
- * **Ginny Henry** — College of Wooster (upper class)
- * **Holly Schreiner** — Covenant College (freshman)

For Your Information...

WELCOME HOME BASKET

Please give any cards and gift items to Carrie Harper by this Sunday, October 19, for Courtney Arrington or drop them by the receptionist's office. A welcome home basket will be given to Courtney on her return. She will be house bound until Jacob is recovered.

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.

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.

MEN'S GROUPS

Please note the following men's groups are available each week. Each are "open," and you are encouraged to invite other men to participate with you. In addition to these group leaders, you may contact Will Kesler or Mark Wilson for more information about the Men's Ministry.

- ◆ Tues. 6 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Jason Coffey (423) 313.5125
- ◆ Tues. 6:30 AM; Dr. Swan's office; Cleveland; leader: Larry Swan (423) 472-8632
- ◆ Tues. 6:45 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Tracy Brown (423) 493-9665
- ◆ Wed. 6:30 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Eddie Rahm, (423) 892-1477
- ◆ Wed. 6:30 AM; Jim Martof's office, EB Road; leader: Doug McEachern, (423) 894-5708
- ◆ Wed. 7 PM; CPC - 2nd floor office wing; leader: John Herberich (423) 894-6013
- ◆ Fri. 6 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Mike Fingerle (423) 605-1405
- ◆ Fri. 8:30 AM; Brainerd Baptist BX building (Belvoir Rd); leader: Pastor Mullinax (423) 899-5377

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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| 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 |