

crowding you to do so. It's not a big deal,

but it is important. At the very least, it is courteous toward those who've prepared to lead you in worship, beginning with the prelude, which begins at 9:25. It's an issue I try not to address regularly. So you can view this as my yearly or once every-two-years harangue. . . . Okay, that's over. Let's move on to other things.

True story. Two of our younger children were riding home from church. One of them looked out the car window and saw a man doing what the youngster didn't think appropriate for a Sunday afternoon. "Look at that man breaking the Sabbath," the child quipped. To which the second child responded, "What are you . . . a Pharisee?"

And that's one reason we don't have children's church.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

November 2

- 9:30 *Infants:* J Foster, S Forrester
Creepers/Toddlers: E & J Martin
Toddlers: D & A Heisig
- SS *Infants:* K & S Orthner
Creepers: M & B Mason
Toddlers: L Orthner, M Horton
- 6 PM *Combined—* M & A Walker

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 Senior Pastor . . .

Sunday afternoon was ideal. Beautiful skies, a perfect temperature, a magnificent setting, and lots of children. It was great to be with "family and friends," in a place nostalgic for some and enjoyable for all.

I want to thank Pastor Mullinax, Elder Ernie Brown and the many others who helped prepare for our afternoon at Camp Dixie – and then, when everything was over put everything back where it belonged!

I had a great time. Of course, I'm wondering how I'm going to get up from this desk after writing this week's Newsletter . . .

This coming Sunday evening, October 26, the people of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery, friends and members of churches located in the Chattanooga/Knoxville corridor, will gather at 6:00 PM here at CPC to celebrate the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, a monk named Martin Luther nailed to the front door of his church in Wittenburg, Germany, a document listing 95 points of "protest" with the practices and theology of his church. And thus began the "Protestant" Reformation.

Please, join us. It's important. It's important to remember our heritage. It's important to join with others of like precious faith to worship our sovereign God and faithful Lord. Obviously, the church of Jesus Christ is

much

greater than the PCA. But I love the PCA. I love our sense of covenant. I love our form of government. But most importantly, I love the many good people that are members and leaders of so many of our congregations, especially here in the TVP.

It will be encouraging to you, and you will be an encouragement to others if you can take the time to join us in honoring our Lord as we worship Him in spirit and in truth. New City Fellowship will lead the worship, and the Rev. Randy Nabors will preach.

An offering will be received. The money collected will be divided between the Hispanic ministry of Grace PC in Dalton and the new church plant in East Lake.

Speaking of worship, I want to encourage you to do what you can to be with us Sunday mornings prior to the beginning of worship. Worship begins at 9:30 with the singing of a chorus of praise. I realize that after we have sung this opening chorus, we then share a few announcements, before further preparing ourselves to worship the Lord. I can understand how this "encourages" some not to be concerned about getting here until twenty of the hour. And if you can't get here until then, that's fine. We're glad to have you.

But if you're able to be here on time, I'm

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YOUTH & FAMILY

High school & middle school youth, will meet following the combined evening service this Sunday, October 26.

Fall Youth Retreat The fall youth retreat will be at Camp Vesper Point, on November 21-23. *The deadline for registration is Friday, Nov. 14.* The cost is \$35. Adult volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please contact Chris Gregory at the church.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Make plans now to attend our 14th annual missions conference, *Salutation to the Nations*. The dates are November 14 -16. That Friday evening there will be an international dinner. Our guests and presenters include Bill & Dana Evans (MTW Scotland), John & Kathy Clow (MTW I-55 Ministries, Mexico), Larry & Jane Neiswender (Wycliffe, USA), James & Karen Ashley (Wycliffe, Solomon Islands) and Dan & Susan Steere (EPI, USA/International).

COMBINED SERVICE

The combined service with other Tennessee Valley Presbytery churches is this 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 PM. Join us!

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped make this past Sunday's church picnic a great afternoon at Camp Dixie. Let's do it again!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY Christmas Market

The women of the church will 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.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, October 26, our worship focuses on our **SOVEREIGN** God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (pg. 92) and *O Worship the King* (pg. 2).

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.



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.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership Sunday afternoon, November 16. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Abby Lyons** — Samford University (upper class)
- * **Scott Steere** — Chatt. State (upper class)
- * **Tyler Smith** — Covenant College (freshman)

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!

Erica Coffey
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Erica is the daughter of longtime members, Bill & Sandy Coffey. She is engaged to be married to Rudy Hausler.

Rudy Hausler
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Ringgold, GA 30736
423.580.8812
rudolph.hausler@gmail.com
Rudy is the general manager of Interstate Battery.

Eric Griggs
Eric is the son of members, Mark & Beth Griggs. He attends CCS.

Andrew Schreiner
Andrew is the son of members, Tom & Sandi Schreiner. Andrew is homeschooled.

PRAYER NEED

Please pray for members of our mission team traveling to Haiti next week, October 29-November 7: Boo Mullinax, Diana Crawford, Beverly Fowler, Eric Mullinax, Kyle Mullinax, Gerald Schreiner, Mike Walker, Terri Jackson. Others who are going from outside CPC are Dawson Gladding, Dick Fessel, Danielle Moss, and Leigh Alvarez.

Pray for safety and for the Lord to be glorified through their efforts.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

Sign-up sheets are available in the adult Sunday school classes to collect food items for those in need. We will provide for several families in our church and community and also continue our tradition of helping New City Fellowship. Collection boxes will be located in the office wing hallway. Monetary donations for the purchase of perishable food items will also be accepted. Make checks payable to CPC and indicate on the memo line that it is for the Thanksgiving Pounding. Thank you.

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. I John 3:17-18

SERMONS ON THE WEB

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

RECYCLE!

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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