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the book of Acts, or the book of Revelation, or the book of Psalms, or the Prophetic books, or the book of Proverbs (or James), or even, the book of Leviticus — “Its legal regulations concerning holy objects, sacred days and sacred places speak directly to the cultures” inherited by many new world Christians.

Near the end of his book Dr. Noll quotes from Isaiah 60.2,3: “For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” He then quotes Revelation 21.24: “The nations will walk by [the light of the glory of the Lord (see vs. 22,23)], and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.”

Obviously these passages speak “about the universal outreach of the gospel. . . for Americans who read this stirring account of the fulfillment to which the whole world points, it should be enough to imagine that one of those ‘kings’ will come from the White House — but only one.”

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

October 11

9:30 *Infants:* J Foster & J Ray
Creepers/Toddlers: M & S Haywood
Toddlers: H & B Lehmann, E Beatty

SS *Infants:* S Nicely, D Crawford
Creepers: M & B Parker
Toddlers: J & H Wade

No Evening Service Church Picnic

October 18

9:30 *Infants:* E McEachern, B Griggs
Creepers/Toddlers: P & L Spotts
Toddlers: JM Griggs & E Griggs

SS *Infants:* R & D Kemp
Creepers: J Gracy, A Millard
Toddlers: M & P Johnson

6 PM *Combined:* T. Brown Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Judy Foster at 423.645.1086.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor . . .

I spent Monday reading Mark Noll's latest book, *The New Shape of World Christianity: How American Experience Reflects Global Faith*. Dr. Noll is an evangelical scholar who serves as Professor of History at Notre Dame University.

On November 13-15, we will hold our annual missions' conference. In that light I want to share with you a few of Dr. Noll's comments and observations.

- “More than half of all Christian adherents in the whole history of the church have been alive in the last one hundred years. Close to half of Christian believers who have ever lived are alive right now.”
- “This past Sunday it is possible that more Christian believers attended church in China than in all of so-called ‘Christian Europe.’”
- “This past Sunday there were more members of Brazil's Pentecostal Assemblies of God at church than the combined total in the two largest U.S. Pentecostal denominations, the Assemblies of God and the Church of God in Christ in the United States.”
- “This past Sunday Roman Catholics in the United States worshiped in more languages than at any previous time in American history.”
- “This past Sunday the churches with the largest attendance in England and France had mostly black congregations. About half of the churchgoers in London were African or African-Caribbean.”
- “Today, the largest Christian congregation in Europe is in Kiev, and it is pastored by a Nigerian

of Pentecostal background.” Kiev is the capital of Ukraine, one of the former Soviet Socialist Republic states.

- “This past week in Great Britain, at least fifteen thousand Christian foreign missionaries were hard at work evangelizing the locals. Most of these missionaries are from Africa and Asia.”
- Dr. Noll suggests that these three questions “hint at the challenges of theological rediscovery posed by the church's recent history around the globe”:
- How close is the world of spirits to the everyday world?
 - What is the unit of salvation? “Much of the emerging Christian world has not experienced conversion individually. Conversion, instead, has taken place by families, villages or even lineages extending back in time.”
- In light of this question, Dr. Noll writes: “Once before . . . a great world power passed through tumultuous times as Christian ranks expanded on the margins of society. It was late in the third and early fourth centuries. In that turmoil the Emperor Constantine was converted and became, from the top of the imperial system, a supporter of Christianity as a new glue for the empire. Is it impossible to imagine that a new Constantine might exist somewhere in the junior ranks of the Chinese Communist party?”*
- How should believers read the Bible? Which parts of the Bible are the keys to understand the whole Bible? For many, in the West, it has been the Pauline epistles and the Gospels. For many new world Christians it is (Continued on back page)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship will focus on our *OMNIPOTENT* God. We will sing *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* (p. 119 TH) and *El-Shaddai* (p. 42 TH).

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Alison Forrester is scheduled for October 18 in the Perseverers' classroom from 3:30-5:30 PM. Alison is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target and Dillard's.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Points to Ponder

- October 30-November 1 is the Fall Retreat at Camp Vesper Point for both Middle & High School. Cost is \$47 per person. Scholarships are available.
- No Youth this Sunday night. Dan Steere will speak at the Youth service on October 18th.



NEAR.....AND FAR

Missions Conference

November 13-15

This year's theme will be NEAR..... and FAR (Ephesians 2.13). Joining us for the conference is Aaron Messner (Chaplain, Covenant College), Jean Sharpe (Partners in Asian Missions), Lee Leadbetter (RUF-International, UTK), Ruth Caines (MTW-S. Africa), Sam Oppong (ELI Coordinator for Ghana) and others. Look for more information to come!

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Sarah (McEachern) Knecht is to be held on October 18 in Schum Fellowship Hall from 4-5:30 PM. Chris and Sarah are expecting a little girl and they are registered at Babies R Us.

CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual church picnic is scheduled for this Sunday, October 11th following Sunday AM services. BYOPB (bring your own picnic basket). Beverages, ice cream & desserts will be provided. Join us from 1-5 PM for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Camp Dixie. No evening services 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 Place Road. After .1 miles turn right on Old Hixson Pike and go .4 miles and turn left on Schooner Circle and continue on Buffalo Lane and turn left into Camp Dixie.

REFORMATION SERVICE

The combined service with other Tennessee Valley Presbytery churches will be here at CPC on Sunday, October 25, at 6 PM. Dr. Kelly Kapic will speak, and CPC will lead the music.

A combined choir will lead in worship. A rehearsal for the choir will be at CPC at 4:30 PM. Join us!

PLEASE HELP

- The two-year-old Sunday School class needs a helper. If you are interested please contact Mark Wilson.
- Volunteers are needed for the nursery for November 22 during SS. Please contact Heather Harris if you are able to help.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Jeanie Ray and her family in the death of her brother, Gerald Lane, on October 2.



For Your Information...

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Author Nate Larkin of *Samson and the Pirate Monks* will be the speaker this Saturday at the Ironman's Breakfast. A seminar for the men will follow the meal. The next day he will speak during Sunday school to both men and women in Schum Fellowship Hall.

STAMPS SUPPORT MISSIONS

Did you know that stamps from letters can be used as revenue for missions? Please place your saved foreign and domestic stamps, in good condition, in the collection container beside the door of Pastor Mullinax's office. These stamps are sent to a Christian retirement community in Florida for processing. The money from the sale of these stamps is then used to fund new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America.

CONVERSATIONAL DINNERS

There will be no conversational dinners for the months of November and December. They will begin again in January. These dinners are a great time of adult conversation without the kids. It's also an excellent way to get to know others at CPC. If you would like to be added to this list or taken off please contact Boo Mullinax.

CPC KITCHEN

If you use the kitchen or any items from the kitchen for an event here at the church such as a shower or dinner, please remember to wash up and put away all things that you have used. You are responsible to clean up any mess that you make.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

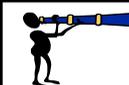
The session will meet with anyone desiring membership next Sunday afternoon, October 18. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLEAN-UP

The following Shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of October: Hildebrand, E. Brown, Hobbs, Steere/Gaines, and Walker. Please contact your Shepherding Elder to let him know when you can help.

STAMPS, CELL PHONES, EYEGLASSES & TOILETRIES

We continue to collect postage stamps to assist in raising money for new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America. Cell phones are also being collected to assist with the ministry of Sage Center (A+ Women's Care). And we are accepting donations of new toiletries and old eyeglasses. These will be sent to HAFF to assist with their ministry to the people of Haiti. You may drop off any of these items at Pastor Mullinax's office. Thank you!



LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Oct. 10	Monthly Men's Bkfst with Nate Larkin
Oct. 11	Church Picnic at Camp Dixie
Oct. 16-17	PresWIC Fall Retreat
Oct. 16-18	CYAM Retreat
Oct. 18	Sarah Knecht Baby Shower
Oct. 18	Alison Forrester Bridal Shower
Oct. 25	Presbytery Wide Reformation Service
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Youth Retreat
Nov. 7	Monthly Men's Breakfast
Nov. 13-15	CPC Missions Conference
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving- Office Closed
Nov. 28	Turkey Bowl II
Dec. 6	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 10	WM Christmas Dinner
Dec. 13	Children's Choirs Christmas Program
Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols
Dec. 25	Christmas- Office Closed