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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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God's World News. One young lady, currently a student at the University of Virginia, wrote them to say, "I'd always enjoyed [the publication], but now I realize that you were teaching me to think like a Christian."

It thrills me to hear that because my greatest worry at this point is the lack of worldview training for youngsters. When they go off to college or enter the workplace, the studies show that most of them lose their faith.

So I've got a great idea for you for a Christmas gift for your children or grandchildren—give them a subscription to *God's World News*. You can find out about it on our website, Break-Point.org.

Now . . . you see why I'm justly delighted and proud of how the Lord has used my brother-in-law and good friend's vision and talents.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- 9:30** *Infants:* S & T Helton
Creepers/Toddlers: C & M Stevenson
Toddlers: J & M Schleger, Emilia Reynolds
- SS** *Infants:* B Lusk, Alayne Griffin
Creepers: Alyssa & B Griffin
Toddlers: J Mauroner & C Weekley
- 6 PM** *Joint TVP Reformation Service:* Paid Workers

November 1

- 9:30** *Infants:* A & L Reid
Creepers/Toddlers: L Swan, J Hall
Toddlers: R & J Ray, C Gaither
- SS** *Infants:* B & R Roop
Creepers: T Bacon, L Choquette
Toddlers: K Fisher, M Horton
- 6 PM** *Combined:* A & M Walker, Jonah Gaines

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 . . .

Disclaimer: This week's newsletter is an article published by Chuck Colson on October 12, 2009. As you will read, it's about God's World News for children. The founder of God's World News is Linda's brother-in-law, Joel Belz. Some of you will remember that Joel's wife, Carol, Linda's sister, was with her last Wednesday evening. So, obviously, it is with delightful prejudice and family pride that I ask you to consider what Mr. Colson suggests . . .

How do you help your kids understand the world from a Christian perspective? Well, I've got a good tip for you.

In the early 1980s, Joel Belz, who would go on to become the founder of *World Magazine*, had five daughters in grade school or getting ready to head there. He was eager to show them how a Christian worldview had something to say about everything they were going to be studying.

Belz had fond memories of [looking forward] to the arrival of *Weekly Reader* and *Scholastic* circulars, with their colorful pages, new stories, features and puzzles. He mused to himself, "Wouldn't it be terrific if we could do the same thing for Christian kids now? — except that to all those good features we would add a faithful biblical perspective."

That was the genesis of what today is *God's World News* children's magazine.

Each week, the magazine's writers produce 24 pages of original news coverage and commentaries on a range of topics. From political

and international affairs, to scientific and technological achievements, to art and music, these publications, with their colorful maps, photos, and posters, bring God's involvement in the world alive to young readers in a way they can understand.

Belz says, "We want kids to ask the question over and over: 'What do you suppose God is up to?' We don't want to be preachy on that front — but we do want to be persistent."

And that persistence is definitely needed. A recent study by the Center of Public Values at Trinity College reveals that 15 percent of the U.S. population doesn't identify with any religion. That percentage is highest — almost 22 percent — among the youngest adults, those aged 18 to 29. That trend, researchers predict, will only continue to grow in the next 20 years.

For Belz [reasons]: "One reason our nation is as secularist in its mindset as it is, is that we've left [God] out of the conversation. Sometimes, even in our Christian schools and homes, we've left Him out of our discussions and out of the curriculum in so-called 'secular' topics."

Well, I agree with Belz. And that's one of the chief reasons *God's World News* exists—to help families and schools learn how to talk about God's ongoing activity in the world as both creator and sustainer.

Almost 28 years since its founding, the staff is beginning to see a generation of young adults who've been raised on *(Continued on back page)*

MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship will focus on our *JUST* God. We will sing *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ* (p. 524 TH) and *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* (p. 520 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. The youth will leave on Friday at 7PM and return Sunday at noon.
- Youth will meet this Sunday night. Dan Steere is speaking at the Youth service.
- Service Project: November 21, 9am—1 pm. The girls will be restocking the Mercy Ministry Freezer while the guys serve our widows by doing yard work. Guys please bring gloves, rakes and other equipment.
- Turkey Bowl II (Youth vs. Adults Flag Football) is on November 28 from 10:30 am—12:30 pm.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Sandy Coffey and her family in the death of her mother, Doris Gillespie, on October 8.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- *Brient Hobbs — Sewanee*
- *Aubrey Griggs — Auburn*
- *Ruth Stevenson — ETSU*



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.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Joanna Wilson and her family in the death of her sister, Pam Wilson, on October 7.

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!

GIDEONS MINISTRY

Dale Reardin will briefly speak at this Sunday evening's service. A love offering will be collected to help aid this ministry.

DIACONATE MEETING

The deacons will meet this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 PM.



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!

Tony & Tabitha Croucher
10057 Scenic Highway
Lookout Mountain, GA 30750

Tony & Tabitha are newlyweds. Tabitha is the daughter of Bill & Tammy Higgins.

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 Dee Hobbs or Jason Coffey for more information about the Men's Ministry.

- Mon. 7 PM; Samson Society; Visitor's classroom; leader: Reid Swanson 423.867.1669
- Mon. 7:30 PM; Dead Theologian Society, 2nd floor Office Wing leader: Nathan Bowers, 423.260-5950
- 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
- Fri. 6 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Mike Fingerle 423.605.1405
- Fri. 8:30 AM; Brainerd Bapt BX bldg (Belvoir Ave); leader: Pastor Mullinax 423.899.5377

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLEAN-UP

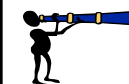
The following Shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of October: Hildebrand, E. Brown, Hobbs, Steere/Gaines, and Walker. Please contact your Shepherding Elder to let him know when you can help.

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>.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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



LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Oct. 16-17	PresWIC Fall Retreat
Oct. 16-18	CYAM Retreat
Oct. 18	Sarah Knecht Baby Shower Alison Forrester Bridal Shower Diaconate Meeting
Oct. 21	Session Meeting
Oct. 25	Presbytery Wide Reformation Service
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	Youth Fall 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. 5	Monthly Men's Breakfast
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
Jan. 1	New Year's Day- Office Closed
Jan. 2	Monthly Men's Breakfast
Jan. 22-24	Youth Winter Retreat