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lords. You are the Most High God, sovereign over the kingdoms of men. Your kingdom is eternal. Your kingdom endures from generation to generation.

“May we believe and find rest in knowing that no one can hold back Your Hand, or say to you, ‘What have you done?’”

“May we rest before Your throne, confident that Your purposes are yea and amen. May You be glorified. May we, therefore, be blest. Use us, and use us up, for the sake of Your Kingdom, for the expansion of Your Church into all the world.

“Amen.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### November 16

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, J Nelson  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* C, K & G Smith  
*Toddlers:* J & R Ray

**SS** *Infants:* B & K Smith  
*Creepers:* J & B King  
*Toddlers:* R & P Lyons

**6 PM** *Combined—* M & A Walker

### November 23

**9:30** *Infants:* S Schreiner, L Swan  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* A Creamer, A Wagner  
*Toddlers:* T & M Schreiner

**SS** *Infants:* T Bacon  
*Creepers:* R & B Roop  
*Toddlers:* J & A West

**6 PM** *Combined:* B & E Mullinax, A Gaines

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Mindy Horton 706-375-5828.

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# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Associate Pastor . . .*

Sunday morning, one of our members was worshiping elsewhere for family reasons. He was present Sunday evening for our study in Romans 13. He told my wife that what I said Sunday evening was almost exactly what the preacher had said Sunday morning.

That’s not surprising. Biblical truth is biblical truth. We may not all explain the text in the same way, our illustrations will differ, and our applications may vary. But Biblical truth is biblical truth, and therefore I’d hope that if two preachers of the Gospel used the same text, the hearts of their messages would be quite similar.

It’s Tuesday morning. The church is lined with people waiting to vote. I’ve never seen such a turn out. In Graysville, the lines weren’t too bad. That’s one of the (many) advantages of living in north Georgia.

Today, this is my prayer:

“Lord, I pray for those who will be elected to serve as our local judges and lawmakers. I pray for those who will represent my district and state in Washington. I pray for those who will be chosen to serve as president and vice-president of our nation.

“Lord, I pray that you would grant them the wisdom they need, and the willingness to do what they will know is right and best.

“Lord, please, do not treat us as we deserve. Be merciful to us as a people.

“I thank you for the impact of the lives of many who name the Name of Christ. I thank you for how their deeds and words proclaim your Gospel before others.

“Forgive us, for our failures.

“Father, we believe, but at this moment in our history we ask you to help our unbelief. Renew us for the days ahead. Strengthen our determination to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that You are at work within us so that we might both will and do your good purposes.

“Work in and through those who govern us. As Your servants, may they serve Your purposes, and allow us to live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. We know this pleases You. And we know such lives are used by You to radically change the world around us.

“Lord, may others know that we are Your people, and You are our God. May we live as Your servants, showing proper respect to everyone – loving the brotherhood of believers, fearing God, and honoring our governing officials.

“We pray that You would open the eyes, ears, hearts and minds of our leaders. May they acknowledge You as the one true God, their Savior, Lord and King. Bring them to a knowledge of Your truth.

“And Lord, may we, as Your people, rejoice. For You are King of kings and Lord of

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## YOUTH & FAMILY

**High school & middle school youth**, will meet following the evening service this Sunday. Please note new time is from 7:15 until 8:30 PM.

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

## URGENT NURSERY NEEDS!

Coordinators are needed for the months of November and December. Also nursery volunteers are needed for the Thanksgiving service and Christmas Eve service. Contact Heather Harris at 706.937.2603.

## 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 are 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.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

Labeled directories are available in the lobby for each member family. Regular visitors may request a copy by calling the church office.

## PLEASE NOTE:

Because the missions conference begins Friday evening, *there are no Wednesday activities at church Nov. 12* except for choir practice.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd fellowship 2 meets Monday, November 10, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borchert's home.
- Acts of Service fellowship meets Tuesday, November 11, at 10 AM at the church.

## Christmas Market

The women of the church will have a Christmas Market Nov. 8, from 9 AM until 1PM. If interested, contact Carol Beatty at 706.965.5151.

## BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower will be given in honor of Meagan Rimshaw, bride-elect of John Mason, this Sunday, November 9, from 4 - 5:30 PM in the Perseverers classroom. John & Meagan are registered at Target, Kohl's and Home Depot.

## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, November 9, our worship focuses on our *PATIENT* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *My People, Give Ear, Attend to My Word* (pg. 366) and *Be Still, My Soul* (pg. 689).

## Choir Practice

Choir practice next Wednesday, November 12, will begin at 6:30 PM.

## MISSIONS CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 14-16

The conference begins Friday evening at 6:30 PM with an international covered-dish dinner. Please join us as we get to know our missionaries a little better. The missionaries joining us this year are: Bill & Dana Evans, John & Kathy Clow, Larry & Jane Neiswender, James & Karen Ashley, and Dan & Susan Steere.

We need decorative table items from other countries to use in decorating for the missions conference. Bring these, with the country of origin and your name clearly marked, to the table outside Mark Wilson's office no later than November 9.

# For Your Information...

## PRAYER REQUEST POLICY

The Session would like you to be aware of our policy regarding publishing church-wide prayer requests. Our policy is to send requests only on behalf of the immediate family of church members, longtime attenders and our missionaries.

Therefore, we are not able to include requests for extended family members (cousins, etc.), close friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. When you have such a prayer request for friends or extended family, we recommend that you share it with your shepherding group and Sunday School class. That way it will spread pretty far throughout your circle of friends within the church.

Occasionally, we may publish the urgent needs of pastors or other folks within our presbytery.

You may contact Ann Walker in the church office if you would like to receive a printed prayer list weekly. These lists are also available in the church lobby each week.

## OPPORTUNITY

Covenant College offers the opportunity to earn the Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management degree in Chattanooga for adults who are interested in completing their undergraduate degrees in a Christian environment. Want to learn more? Covenant College Quest will host an open house at its downtown Chattanooga location on Saturday, November 15, from 10 AM until noon. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP: 265.7784 or 1.800.960.5020.

## RECYCLE!

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

## **PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* **Mary Stevenson** — UT (upper class)
- \* **Scott Toombs** — GA Tech (upper class)
- \* **Cliff Maouroner** — UT (freshman)

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) project collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts to deliver to needy children around the world at Christmastime. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. **Brochures about OCC will be in the bulletin and the lobby this Sunday.** These include stickers to be placed on the boxes marking age and sex of the child. You can participate several ways:

- ♦ **fill a shoe box** for a specific sex/age child (2-4, 5-9, 10-14). Collection point is the Ladies SS classroom across from the Coke Machine.
- ♦ **donate items** for shoe boxes and empty shoe boxes. Sample items: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, small toys, combs, socks, school supplies, hard candy (no chocolate - it melts), etc.
- ♦ **donate money** - OCC requests \$7 for shipping per box. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, and put OCC on memo line. Drop in offering plate no later than November 23.
- ♦ **wrap and stuff boxes** on Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 AM -12:30 PM in the Ladies SS classroom. *November 22 is the deadline.*

## REMINDER

If you have a gift or note of encouragement for Courtney Arrington it is not too late to bring it in. Drop off in the reception office by this Sunday, November 9.

## **LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC**

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