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Give your time, your talent, your treasures. We also collect old cell phones, used stamps and unused hotel/motel soaps and lotions — all used to promote and further missions. (5) **PARTICIPATE.** Consider going on one of CPC's regularly sponsored short-term missions trips. There are few things that will aid one's understanding of missions, and prompt you to pray more diligently for missions, and stretch you in new and unusual ways than participating in a short-term cross-cultural, out-of-your comfort zone, mission trip.

In every way that God may be pleased to do so, may He help us all to further His Kingdom in this world.

Pastor Mullinax

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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From the Associate Pastor . . .

CPC's Haiti missions team arrived back in Chattanooga last Friday afternoon worn but well. In the almost twenty years that I have been going to Haiti, this most recent trip may have been the best. Clearly, the Lord had gone before us and ordered our way. From early financial support, to team composition, to safe travel, to good health, to wonderful ministry opportunities, to the deepening of old friendships, to eye-opening and life-changing experiences . . . the Lord blessed abundantly!

Please join us in the Sunday evening service on November 23 for a full report. If you'd like a preview, check out HAFF missionary Connie Curilla's blog site at www.connieinhaiti.blogspot.com for pictures and comments about our team's work.

Speaking of missions, here's another plug for our annual missions conference coming up this weekend. Join us Friday night for the international dinner which kicks off the conference. Bring an "international" dish to share, and please arrive early so that we can begin promptly at 6:30 PM. Around 7:15 PM the evening program begins in Schum Fellowship Hall. Children, age 3 through fifth grade, will be dismissed for the "far destinations" program in the Perseverer's classroom at that time as well.

One more thing with regard to missions . . . get involved. There are many ways and this list is certainly not exhaustive:

- (1) **PRAY.** Pray that God would continue to build His church, that He would be pleased to save multitudes from every tribe, and every tongue and every nation. Pray that He would raise up laborers to go into those fields that are ready for harvest. Pray that God would encourage and strengthen all who labor for the cause of Christ domestically and internationally.
- (2) **GET INFORMED.** Use *Operation World* as a day-by-day guide to praying intelligently for the world. The children's and family-friendly version is *Window on the World* . . . a great resource for family devotions. Both books are available at Amazon. Use CPC's *Prayer Calendar* (available at the Welcome Center in the church lobby) to pray for all CPC's ministries and missionaries.
- (3) **SERVE.** There are many ways you can serve the cause of missions in this local church. Help with the missions conference, host visiting missionaries, serve on the missions committee, communicate encouragement and support to **our** missionaries.
- (4) **CONTRIBUTE.** I'm reminded of that stanza from the great missions hymn, *O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling*, which says, "give of your sons to bear the message glorious; give of your wealth to speed them on their way; pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious; and all your spending Jesus will repay."

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

YOUTH & FAMILY

High school & middle school youth will meet following the evening service this Sunday with Mark Griggs, Tom Schreiner & Jeff Gaither's shepherding groups to hear John & Kathy Clow who serve with I-55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico. Plan to meet in Schum Fellowship Hall.

Fall Youth Retreat The fall retreat will be at Camp Vesper Point, on November 21-23. Don't forget that the deadline for registering is this Friday, November 14.

Adult volunteers are needed for the retreat. If you are interested, please contact Chris Gregory at the church.

URGENT NURSERY NEEDS!

A nursery coordinator is needed for 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.

The deadline for bringing your food items to donate is Sunday, November 23. Thank you.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fellowship Group

The Mothers Encouragement fellowship meets Tuesday, November 18, at 10 AM.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, November 16, our worship focuses on our *ETERNAL* God. One of the hymns we will sing is *All Creatures of Our God and King* (pg. 115).

MISSIONS CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 14-16

The conference begins this Friday evening at 6:30 PM with an *INTERNATIONAL COVERED-DISH DINNER*. Please arrive early so that we can begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

On Sunday DR. DAN STEERE will bring the morning and evening message.

Also on Sunday the *SHEPHERDING GROUPS WILL COMBINE TO HOST EACH OF THE MISSIONARIES FOR A MEAL* following either the morning or evening service. Your shepherding elder will contact you with the details. Please take advantage of this opportunity to become better acquainted with our missionaries.

The missionaries joining us this year are: Bill & Dana Evans, John & Kathy Clow, Larry & Jane Neiswender, James & Karen Ashley, and Dan & Susan Steere.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Bob Cary and his family in the death of his father, John Robert Cary, on November 5, and to Maria Miller and her family in the death of her mother, Hilda Slaton, on November 8.



For Your Information...

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.*

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.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Spencer Whittier** — TTU (upper class)
- * **Carter Whittier** — GA Tech (upper class)
- * **Josh Adams** — UTC (freshman)

THE ANNUAL GRATEFUL GOBBLER WALK, RUN OR STROLL

This event to benefit the homeless will be held Thanksgiving morning, November 27, at 8:30 AM at Coolidge Park. Brochures are available in the lobby or call the Homeless Coalition at 423.752.4807 or contact Pastor Mullinax.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

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

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 under-graduate 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.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Nov 14-16	Missions Conference
Nov. 21-23	Youth Retreat
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Service
Nov 27-28	Office Closed
Dec. 6	Ironman Breakfast
Dec. 7	Lord's Supper
Dec 12	WM Christmas Dinner
Dec. 13	Deacon Workday
Dec 14	Children's Choirs Christmas Program
Dec 21	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec 24	Lessons & Carols Service