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comment on Eric's age, but would serve to distinguish his role from Dan's.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call your elder, or any member of the staff. I'd be happy to talk with you.

Therefore, the Session calls for a special congregational meeting to be held Sunday morning, January 4, 2009, immediately following the service of worship: (1) to extend a call to Dr Daniel Steere to serve (for one dollar a year) as an associate pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, and (2) to change Rev Mullinax's title to that of "Senior Associate Pastor."

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With three weeks to go in December, CPC must receive just over \$160,000 in gifts if it is to make budget for 2008. "Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9.7).

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### December 14

**9:30** *Infants:* R Getz, R Pierce  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* T & A Horton  
*Toddlers:* T & M Horton, T Higgins

**SS** *Infants:* P May  
*Creepers:* K & S Close  
*Toddlers:* D & T Holland, D Thurman

**6 PM** *Combined:* Paid Workers

### December 21

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, L Rogers  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* E & K Gaither  
*Toddlers:* L Rogers, S Evans

**SS** *Infants:* S Nicely, D Lazor  
*Creepers:* D & E Reynolds  
*Toddlers:* W & J Kesler

**6 PM** *Combined:* P Henry, L Grant

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Heather Harris.



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Senior Pastor . .*

Dan and Susan Steere have been actively involved in the life of CPC for nearly 3 years. Susan is a member of CPC. Dan, an ordained PCA Teaching Elder, is a member of Presbytery.

Dr. Steere has preached for us on several different occasions. Along with Susan, he teaches the College and Young Adult Ministry class. And frequently, of late, he has assisted me, in Pastor Mullinax's absence, with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Susan teaches at Chattanooga Christian School.

Dan is a missionary with ELI (Equipping Leaders International), working primarily in western Africa, particularly in the lands of Nigeria and Ghana. As most of you know, I accompanied him on one of his trips this past August.

The Session has voted to recommend to the congregation that we extend a call to Dr Steere to serve as an associate pastor of CPC. This position would be without pay. The Session is recommending that the support we provide through the missionary budget for Dr Steere's ministry be raised by \$3,000 a year. This raise in his support is not tied to the congregation calling him to be an associate pastor.

If you do extend to him such a call, and the Tennessee Valley Presbytery approves, it will provide Dan with additional credentials while serving overseas. It was of great significance for

those whom I taught while in Nigeria and Ghana to know that I was the senior pastor of a church in Chattanooga. Likewise, it would be valuable for Dan to be recognized as the associate pastor of our congregation.

Furthermore, it would be an honor for us as a congregation to be more closely identified with Dan's ministry in Africa. It would be a great privilege to know that one of our own pastors was being used by the Lord to equip church leaders in western Africa to impact their people with the truths of God's revealed Word.

This type of arrangement is not uncommon. Other teaching elders actively involved in a particular ministry of preaching and teaching, whose families are actively involved in particular congregations, have been called by those congregations to serve as associate pastor.

The Session could on its own initiative hire Dan as an assistant pastor. But the Session has chosen not to do this, because they want you, as a congregation, to "own" Dan as one of your pastors. Also, as an assistant pastor, Dan would not be a member of the Session. If you call him as an associate pastor (and his call is approved by Presbytery), Dan will be a member of the Session.

If you call Dan as an associate pastor (and the TVP approves), the Session asks that Pastor Mullinax's title be changed to "Senior Associate Pastor." This title is not meant to be a

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## YOUTH & FAMILY

**Joy to the Women Girls**, we will offer FREE babysitting services for our moms this Saturday, December 13 from 9 AM—1 PM. **Guys**, we will need you to help with some service projects both around Chattanooga and at the homes of our widows and shut-ins. Lunch provided.

**Junior High Christmas Party** is Friday, Dec. 19 from 6:00 - 9:30 PM at the church.

**Senior High Progressive Dinner** is Saturday, Dec. 20, from 5-9:30 PM. Meet at the church and bring a \$5 white elephant gift.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone from head-to-toe for all you have done. The prayers, cards, and food have meant so much and have helped us during Jacob's recovery time.

Bryan & Courtney Arrington

## MEALS FOR MOMS

Tammy Bacon is due in December. Mindy Horton had her baby this week. If you can provide meals for either family, contact Gretchen Brown at 706.891.5968 or JTBGECB@aol.com.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

All the men who were on the ballot this past Sunday were elected or re-elected to the offices of deacon, elder or board of directors. Congratulations to those who have agreed to serve and have been elected. Please pray for them in their respective tasks.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The pictorial directories are in! You may pick up your copy in the lobby this Sunday. They are labeled with each member family name.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Fellowship Group

The Mothers Encouragement fellowship will not meet Dec. 16 but will resume January 6.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, December 14, our worship focuses on our *LOVING* God. One of the hymns we will sing is *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* (pg. 195).

## IRONMAN'S RETREAT

Men of CPC, mark your calendars for Jan. 23 & 24. Ken Henry & Dee Hobbs will lead our men's retreat, "No Man Left Behind," that weekend. Info sheets are in the lobby, or check with Will Kesler or Jason Coffey for details.

## OFFICE MEMOS



We will not publish the *Newsletter* the weeks of December 22 and 29.

Any end-of-the-year contributions need to be in the church office or postmarked no later than December 31 to be counted as tax-deductible contributions for 2008.

If you do not wish to use offering envelopes for your contributions in 2008, please notify Linda Brown in the church office by December 18 at lbrown@covenantchattanooga.org.

## COMMUNICANTS CLASS

This class for young people in preparation for making a public profession of faith by meeting with the Session, joining the church, and being admitted to the Lord's Table begins Saturday, January 10, at 10 AM. The course work, which is primarily self-study under parental guidance, is suitable for about age 10 and up. Contact Pastor Mullinax for more information.

# For Your Information...

### NEW MEMBERS

Listed below are the names of those who joined CPC in November. 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!

B.B. & Kathleen Bell  
8319 Mitchell Mill Rd  
Ooltewah TN 37363  
423.238.1212

The Bells have recently relocated to the Chattanooga area after a long, distinguished military career. One adult son, Buck, lives in Tampa.

### NURSERY NEED!

Two nursery volunteers are needed in the creeper nursery on December 28 during morning worship. Contact Heather Harris if you can help 706.937.2603.

### CHRISTMAS CARD STAMPS

Please remember to save those Christmas card stamps. Deposit them in the "mailbox" by Pastor Mullinax's office. These "used" stamps are processed and resold with all proceeds going to finance Sunday school curriculum for churches in Latin America.

Also if you have old cell phones no longer in use, you may drop them in the "mailbox" and these will be donated to A+ Women's Care.



### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- \* **Kenton Martin** — UT (upper class)
- \* **Matt Mason** — GA Tech (upper class)
- \* **Ruth Stevenson** — UT (freshman)

### POUNDING THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who was able to help with food donations for our annual Thanksgiving pounding. This year we were able to pound 3 church families and 5 community families.

### "CHRISTMAS STORE"

Your donations of new toys, electronics, gift cards, books, winter clothing, coats, gloves shoes, socks, etc to Inner City's Christmas Store must be brought to the labeled box in the office hallway no later than **Monday, December 15**.

### BIBLE READING PROGRAMS

The new year is always a good time to begin a planned read-thru-the-Bible program. A very popular and time-proven aid is available in the lobby. Free.

### AED TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Larry Swan will offer hands-on training in the use of our church's AED on Saturday, January 31, beginning at 8:30 AM at the church. This training is open only to those with current CPR certification who would be willing to respond to an emergency on CPC's campus. Contact Polly Henry if you have questions. Contact Mark Wilson if you plan to attend.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Dec. 12	WM Christmas Dinner
Dec. 14	Children's Choirs Christmas Program
Dec. 17	No Wed. Activities (Choir Only)
Dec. 21	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols Service
Dec. 28	Shepherding
Dec. 31	No Wednesday Activities
Jan. 4	Lord's Supper Congregational Meeting
Jan. 23-24	Ironmen's Retreat
Jan. 31	AED Training