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their time, talents, and efforts to make our music program glorifying to the Lord. Thanks especially to Alayne Griffin and Melissa Ferrel who help us each and every week approach the Throne of grace through the playing of instruments. I am proud to be ministering with each and every one of you.

May I, on behalf of all involved in the Music Ministry, wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pastor Caines & Jeremy Gaines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 7

- 9:30 *Infants:* Y Cornell, S Coffey
Creepers/Toddlers: J & K Bingham
Toddlers: B & H Lehmann
- SS *Infants:* J & B Parker
Creepers: J & K Gaither
Toddlers: J & H Wade
- 6 PM *Combined:* E & M Rahm

December 14

- 9:30 *Infants:* R Getz, R Pierce
Creepers/Toddlers: T & A Horton
Toddlers: T & M Horton, T Higgins
- SS *Infants:* L Caines,
Creepers: K & S Close
Toddlers: D & T Holland, D Thurman
- 6 PM *Combined:* Paid Workers

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



THE NEWSLETTER

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Dec. 3, 2008

From the Senior Pastor . .

In this week's newsletter Jeremy will tell you about our special Christmas celebrations in December.

But before he begins, I want to remind you that this coming Lord's Day, following morning worship, we'll hold our annual congregational meeting to elect men to serve on our Session, Diaconate and Board. You'll find a list of names inside this week's newsletter.

I also want you to know that with four Sundays left in 2008, we are approximately \$190,000 short of making budget. Please pray and then give joyfully as God prospers you.

Now . . . here's Jeremy.

As we continue to celebrate the advent, or coming of our Savior, there are several services here at the church that you will not want to miss. These programs will help us reflect on the coming of Emmanuel over 2,000 years ago as well as anticipate His certain return.

The first of these programs will be our annual children's Christmas musical. This year, all of your children will be angels — at least for the performance of *Angels We Have Heard!* In this musical, the angels are given

the special task of announcing that the King is coming. This performance will take place **Sunday evening, December 14, at 6 PM.** Come support our children as they sing to and for the King of kings.

The following Sunday evening, the Covenant Christmas Choir will present *And His Name Shall Be Called*, a compilation of songs which deal with the names of Christ. Through the music, focus is given to Christ's many names — names which show fulfillment of prophecy as well as hope for the present and the future. The choir will be joined by almost 20 instrumentalists as well as our own handbell ensemble. Make sure you reserve **Sunday evening, December 21, at 6 PM** for this Christmas tradition.

As your family gathers on Christmas Eve, plan to join us as a family for our *Lessons and Carols* service **Christmas Eve at 5:30 PM.** Through music and scripture, the story of the birth of Jesus Christ is brought to life. This service helps all of us focus upon Christ instead of ourselves as we head into the coming days of celebration.

Those involved in music here at Covenant prepare for this season like none other. I thank all of the choir members, handbell ringers, and children's choir helpers for sharing

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

YOUTH & FAMILY

Joy to the Women Girls, we will offer FREE babysitting services for our moms on 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our annual congregational meeting will follow morning worship this Sunday, December 7. The following men are candidates for the office of deacon, elder or trustee:

For election to the office of elder: Duane Ferrel

For re-election to the session: Ernie Brown, Tim

Owens, Mike Walker

For re-election to the diaconate: David Close, Tony

Horton, Brian Lehmann, Doug McEachern, John

Morrison, Eddie Rahm, Lewis Reid, Russ Roop,

Gerald Schreiner, John Spalding, Dan Struthers,

Larry Swan.

For election to board of trustees: Jay Helton, Duane

Ferrel, Greg Duble, Larry Miller.

IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast this Saturday, December 6, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Bob Cary. Join us for a great time of food, discussion, fellowship and prayer.

THANK YOUS:

We would like to thank our family at CPC for your many prayers and acts of kindness during my mother's illness and death. We know that every prayer, card, flower arrangement, visit and each embrace was your beacon of light that pierced the darkness.

Maria & Larry Miller

Many thanks to all those who helped us move to our new home. We are very grateful to be finally "settled in."

Lewis & Anna Reid

MEALS FOR MOMS

Contact Gretchen Brown if you can provide meals for Tammy Bacon's or Mindy Horton's family. Both moms are due in December.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fellowship Groups

- East Brainerd Fellowship groups 1 & 2 will meet Monday, December 8, at 6:30 PM at Janet Wade's home for a soup supper.
- Acts of Service Fellowship will meet Tuesday, December 9, at 10 AM at the church.

WM Christmas Dinner Service Project

At the dinner we will collect items for Widows Harvest. Suggested items include toiletries, bath powder, lotions, hand sanitizers, no-slip house socks, gloves, shawls/scarves, handkerchiefs, scented candles, spiced/scented soaps, small chocolates, hard candies, pretty stationery, etc.

BRIDAL SHOWER

In honor of Dan & Susan Steere's future daughter-in-law, Kinsey Bolinger, a shower will be given this Sunday, December 7, from 4-5:30 PM in the parlor. Kinsey & Scott are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, December 7, our worship focuses on our **GRACIOUS** God. One of the hymns we will sing is *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (pg. 194).

OCC SHOE BOXES

Thank you to all the Covenant family for your help with the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Whether you brought completed boxes, helped wrap and fill boxes on Saturday, gave wonderful items to include, helped carry boxes to the front of the church on Sunday, gave money for shipping or prayed for the children, or did all of these things, your help made it possible to deliver 124 filled Christmas shoe box gifts to the drop off location on Sunday afternoon!!! Praise the Lord for His goodness! May He bless these gifts to show the children who will receive them His great love for them through His marvelous gift, Jesus Christ.

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!

Curtis Owens

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Chattanooga, TN 37421

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curtisjowens@gmail.com

Curtis is the adult son of members Tim & Yvonne

Owens.

Scott & Pat Harrington

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423.238.9716

harrington.scott@comcast.net

pat.harrington@comcast.net

Scott & Pat moved to the area from Chicago a few months ago. They have three grown children.

*Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Bolinger
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter,
Kinsey Nicole Bolinger*

to

*Jason David Scott Steere
son of Dr. and Mrs. Dan Steere
on Saturday, December twentieth,*

*two thousand and eight
at two o'clock in the afternoon*

at

*Covenant Presbyterian Church
8451 E. Brainerd Road
Chattanooga,, TN 37421*

Reception to follow

*Please RSVP with the number in
your party by December 10 to:
kinseybolinger@yahoo.com*

or

423.645.2832

HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY'S "CHRISTMAS STORE"

The Christmas Store offers hope to low-income families in our community by offering brand new toys, books and winter clothing at well below retail prices. The purpose is to empower low-income parents by providing an affordable option to purchase gifts for their children.

The store is stocked with donated new items and those purchased through charitable contributions. You can donate new toys, electronics, gift cards, books, winter clothing, coats, gloves shoes, socks, etc.

Bring your donations to the labeled box in the office hallway. Please consider helping those less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas season.

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

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| Dec. 6 | Ironman Breakfast |
| Dec. 7 | Lord's Supper |
| Dec. 10 | Last Wed. Supper of 2008 |
| Dec. 12 | WM Christmas Dinner |
| Dec. 13 | Deacon Workday |
| 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 |