

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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we go through the Christmas story through scripture and carols in order to truly reflect upon the Incarnation of Christ.

These services are but a few of the focuses we bring to the Advent and Christmas seasons. The Morning Worship service is bursting at the seams with wonderful ways to praise the newborn King. Please try not to miss a moment of these services by making a special effort to be here on time. Handbells and Choir will be playing or singing early in most services. Set your clocks a little earlier so you can be a part of the entire worship service.

Christmas is a very special time. Let's celebrate together "when Love came down to earth and made His home with men."

Jeremy

NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 6

- 9:30** *Infants:* S Coffey & E Herberich
Creepers/Toddlers: D & O Bowers
Toddlers: J & D Herberich, J Bowers
- SS** *Infants:* C & D Platt
Creepers: B & M Mason
Toddlers: K & J Gaither
- 6 PM** *Combined:* Paid Nursery Workers

December 13

- 9:30** *Infants:* J, K, & R Bingham
Creepers/Toddlers: T & D Holland
Toddlers: H, C & Jenny Armao
- SS** *Infants:* Y Cornell & D Gaines
Creepers: D & E Reynolds
Toddlers: Y & T Owens
- 6 PM** *Combined:* Paid Nursery Workers

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Gretchen Brown at 706.891.5968.



THE NEWSLETTER

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December 2, 2009

From the Director of Music Ministries . .

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2.13-14

Peace. I don't know if there is any one thing longed for more in creation than peace. Peace with foreign countries, peace with neighbors, peace and quiet, a rest from our labors. John Lennon dwells on it incessantly in his later music. Hippies made a lifestyle out of it.

Creation longs for peace even when it doesn't understand what true peace really is. The peace the angels declared that day is not a general peace that is declared by putting two fingers in the air in a sign of greeting. They declare a stronger, more meaningful peace. A peace with God.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. Romans 5.1-2

I can honestly say that I never truly understood the Luke 2 passage above until I understood this passage from Romans 5. It is the peace in Romans 5 that the angels were proclaiming. It is this peace to which we gain access through God the Son becoming flesh and dwelling among us. It is this peace that

the whole world groans for while not even knowing for which they groan.

Here is a verse from one of the Sanctuary choir's songs for the Christmas concert that reminded me of this truth:

O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong.

Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound, carol of joy- a Savior is found!

The CPC Sanctuary Choir will present its annual Christmas concert, *When Love Came Down*, this Sunday evening, December 6, at 6:00 pm. This concert will feature our choir, orchestra and soloists portraying the impact of Christ coming to earth and dwelling among us. This concert is always a highlight of the Advent and Christmas season at Covenant, so please come and bring guests to this glorious time of worship.

The children of CPC request your presence the next Sunday evening, December 13, for this year's children's musical, *Christmas Hang-Ups*. The children will be showing where the focus of Christmas really needs to be through the perspective of ornaments. From Frosty, angels and stars to hula girls and Elvis this is a musical that is not to be missed.

Please mark your calendars for our annual *Lessons and Carols* service on Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm. Together (Continued on back page)

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship will focus on our *MERCIFUL* God. We will sing *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (p. 194 TH).

YOUTH & FAMILY

Points to Ponder

- Mom's Day Out - 10 AM - 2 PM Free child-care so parents may Christmas shop.
- Youth clean up and gift wrap every Wednesday this month.
- Junior High Christmas Party, Friday, December 11, from 6-8 PM at the Armao home.

WM CHRISTMAS DINNER

The WM Christmas Dinner is Thursday, December 10. We will be collecting money for the Sage Center to put towards the purchase of an ultrasound machine. Help is needed for clean up after the dinner.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Sanctuary Choir Christmas concert, *When Love Came Down*, will be presented Sunday, December 6, at 6 PM.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting following the morning worship service to vote on elders, deacons, and trustees.

COMMUNION / DIACONATE OFFERING

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service this Sunday. Please prepare your hearts.

This is also a time when a special diaconate fund offering is received. The funds supply the financial resources for the ministry of mercy conducted by our deacons, primarily assisting CPC family members who are in need.

DEANCON'S MEETING

The deacons meet next Sunday, December 13, at 4:30 PM

BUDGET REPORT

As we approach the end of the year, we are \$210,684 short of making budget. With four weeks remaining in 2009 we need to average \$52,671 a week if we are to finish the year in the black.

HELP WANTED!

A helper and a teacher are needed for a combined 1st & 2nd grade Covenant Corp class beginning in January. Contact Mark Wilson if interested.

BURUNDI & RWANDA CHRISTMAS

A large group of folks from these nations will be gathering at East Ridge Presbyterian from December 24-27. ERPC is accepting any food donations to assist in making this Christmas a memorable one.

THANK YOU!

We are so thankful for our church family! Your prayers, love and concern for us during my fall has been a joy and a delight! God bless you all!
Denson & Gloria Broadfoot

GOD BLESS YOU!

It's that time of year again! The cold and flu bug is amongst us. Parents, please use discretion when placing your child in the nursery or class. If they have a bad cough or have a very runny nose, please keep them with you.

HAITI

Calling all short-term missionaries! A 9-day spring trip, March 10-19, is planned for the impoverished island of Haiti. We're looking to fill a 12 person team. The only prerequisite is a heart to serve. See Pastor Mullinax for a fact sheet.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * Jonathan Herberich — Covenant College
- * Erin Sisemore — Bryan College
- * Sam Roop — UTC

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!

Rick & Anna Yonkofski
6220 Shallowford Rd. Apt. #164
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Rick is a pharmacist with Walgreen's and Anna is a homemaker. They have recently moved to Chattanooga.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Please note that the Men's Breakfast for December has been changed from December 5 to December 12. General B.B. Bell will be speaking on "My Journey across the Big River."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLEAN-UP

The youth of CPC are responsible for clean up after Wednesday night meals for the month of December. Please let Chris or Reba know when you can help.

SERMONS ON THE WEB

If you would like access recent sermons in .mp3 format, use the following web address:

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership next Sunday afternoon, December 13. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

www.covenantchattanooga.org/sermons.aspx.

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



LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Dec. 5	Adult Christmas Choir Rehearsal	Jan. 1	New Year's Day - Office Closed
Dec. 6	Adult Choir Christmas Program	Jan. 2	Monthly Men's Breakfast
Dec. 10	WM Christmas Dinner	Jan. 22-24	Youth Winter Retreat
Dec. 12	Monthly Men's Breakfast	Jan. 29-30	Men's Retreat
Dec. 13	Children's Choirs Christmas Program	March 6	WM Spring Seminar
Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols	Apr. 1	Seder Dinner at The Colonnade
Dec. 25	Christmas - Office Closed	Apr. 17	Men's Ministry Spring Seminar