



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- October 5**
Habitat for Humanity:
Mutubwa's Home
- October 6**
Men's Breakfast
Habitat for Humanity:
Mutubwa's Home
Haynes Wedding Shower
- October 7**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Evening Bible Study
Kids, Inc.
NO Youth Meeting
- October 10**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- October 11**
Ladies Bible Study
- October 12**
PresWic Fall Retreat
High School Father/Son
Wilderness Adventure
- October 14**
Mission Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Membership Sunday
Evening Bible Study
Kids, Inc.
- October 16**
Mother's Encouragement
Group
- October 17**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- October 18**
Ladies Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- October 19**
Chicks 'n Chocolate
- October 20**
Church Work Day
- October 21**
Church Picnic
- October 24**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- October 25**
Ladies Bible Study
Clothes Swap
- October 26**
Men Visit National Infantry
Museum, Ft. Benning

In a few short weeks we will vote for local and state officials, as well as for President of the United States. As Christians, we do so with confidence.

It's not because we are certain that we know who will be elected. It's because we know that God rules over all the affairs of this world, including the raising up and the casting down of governments.

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, after being humbled by God, confessed at the end of Daniel 4 that he now understood that the Most High "does according to His will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth" (Daniel 4.35). For Nebuchadnezzar this was good news, for "all His works are right and His ways are just" (Daniel 4.37).

As a minister of the Gospel it is not my place, right, or responsibility to tell you how to vote. But it is my privilege, as a preacher of the Gospel of the Kingdom, to encourage you with the good news that God is still King over all.

I am too old to be impressed when the political pundits suggest that this is the most important election of our lifetime. I've heard that before, several times.

I will vote. And I will vote my convictions. But I will not wring my hands, nervously awaiting the outcome of the election. Instead, I will pray and beg God not to treat us as we deserve.

Let me recommend to you the advice given by Jeremiah to the covenant people living as exiles in Baby-

lon. Jeremiah, as instructed by the Lord, called upon them to "build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare" (Jeremiah 29.5-7).

Furthermore, let me remind you of Paul's advice to Timothy, the young pastor of the church in Ephesus, one of the leading cities of the Roman Empire: "First of all...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved [including even the godless rulers of Rome] and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2.1-4).

It is our privilege to participate in the political process outlined in our constitution. But it is an even greater blessing to know that we are citizens of a Kingdom that can never be shaken, and that our lives are held firmly but gently in the Hands of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

October 7

Worship

Infants

Sandy Coffey & Reita Pierce

Creepers

Adam & Millie Sanders

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Elizabeth Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Peg May & Nancy Cooper

Creepers

Becky Pearce & Julia Gracy

Toddlers

Aaron & Michelle Self

P.M.

Combined

Elwood Family

October Coordinator:

Camille Platt

WEDDING SHOWER

A wedding shower for Caleb and Mary Haynes is being given Saturday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Caleb and Mary are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and also need the basics in setting up a household. Here are a few specific things they requested: dust buster, mop, Swiffer and refills, watering can, toolbox, large storage containers (Rubbermaid or Sterilite for under the bed), Zip-lock disposable food containers, food storage bags (snack, sandwich, quart and gallon sizes, regular as well as freezer) and decorative boxes. Gift cards to Walmart, Sam's, Target, Lowe's, Home Depot or Amazon would be a great help too!

ALL COVENANT MEN INVITED

All CPC Men are invited on an outing to the National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia. We will be leaving Friday, October 26, at 2:30 p.m. and returning Saturday evening, October 27. There will be three vans for the trip and motel accommodations for the overnight in Columbus. A special tour of the Museum has been arranged for the group on Saturday. Rich Denkinger must have a final count by October 15. For further information or if you have questions, please contact Rich Denkinger at 423.605.9676.

DONATION FOR QUECHUA INDIAN WOMEN

Eva Herberich will be going to Peru to teach at a conference for Quechua Indian women. She will be in Peru October 22 to November 5. Eva would like to take a donation of yarn, beads and pearls for craft projects. If you are able to help with this project, please place your donation in the box labeled "Peru". Eva would appreciate your prayers while she is ministering in Peru.

PARENTING BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Dan Steere is teaching a class on *Parenting by the Grace of God* in the Kingdom Seekers class during the Sunday school hour. It started last week and meets in room 203 of the Education Wing.

26.2 FOR ANDREW

Rachel Kemp is going to run her first marathon. She would like use this opportunity to raise money for Andrew and Tori's new house. If you would like to make a pledge per mile she runs, find the sign-up sheet and collection box on the table outside Mark Wilson's office. Let's show Rachel, Andrew and Tori our support during this exciting time in their lives.

HELP NEEDED THIS WEEKEND

Our good friends, the Mutubwas, are building a house! Your help is welcomed at the work site in the East Lake area. All skill levels accepted (must be 16 or older) and all tools will be provided at the site. Just show up ready to work!

We still need 3 volunteers for Friday, October 5, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please sign up by either calling the church office or emailing the church office (cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org).

Note: You will need to sign a waiver form available at church when you sign up.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

There will be NO Youth Group Meetings during the month of October. Please enjoy the various church activities with your families.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember our college students as you pray. Here are a few of the many we have:

Bobby Fugatt	UTC
Ellen Gaither	Georgia College & State University
Alyssa Griffin	Berry College
Bethany Griffin	Vanderbilt

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and is served until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4 and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children under 4 eat for free. The maximum family donation is \$15.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of October: K. Henry, D. Hobbs, J. Hildebrand, E. Brown, J. King, N. Lazor, M. Lander and T. Lowe. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you can help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

October 10	BBQ
October 17	Chicken Tetrizzini
October 24	Chicken & Dumplings
November 14	Chicken & Rice
November 28	Chili
December 5	Lasagna
December 12	Baked Potato Bar