



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

October 12

PresWic Fall Retreat
High School Father/Son
Wilderness Adventure

October 14

Mission Committee Meeting
Daconate 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

October 27

Youth Costume Party

October 28

Joint Reformation Service

October 31

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

November 1

Ladies Bible Study

November 3

Men's Breakfast
Daylight Savings Ends

November 4

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Evening Bible Study
Kids, Inc.
Youth Meeting

Politics is a messy reality. For Christians it is particularly messy. Believers are citizens of the Kingdom of God first, then citizens of a nation. By God's grace, as citizens of the United States, we have both the right and obligation to be involved in the political process. On the first Tuesday of November, we have the privilege and responsibility to let our voice be heard.

As Christians, our first responsibility is to proclaim the Gospel of grace, remembering that the Gospel of grace is far more than simply a ticket out of hell and into heaven. The Gospel of grace teaches us how to live our lives in this world. Only the Holy Spirit can use this Gospel to change the hearts of individuals and thus turn this world right side up.

Dr. John Frame is Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. He is also a teaching elder in the PCA. Dr. Frame reminds us that while "Christians are not saved...by political action...they must bring their faith with them into their families, their workplaces, and their politics."

As citizens of the USA, we are protected by a Constitution that forbids the state to make laws that will usurp our right to actively proclaim and practice our faith. Dr. John Jefferson Davis in his "Evangelical Ethics" correctly teaches that our Constitution does not mandate the separation of church and state as defined in our day. The Constitution says that Congress shall make no law to create a state church to which all citizens must belong. But in our day "the federal courts have taken this to mean a virtual separation of

Christian *values* from government . . . an understanding quite foreign to the intention of the framers of the Constitution and Bill of Rights."

As believers, Dr. Frame writes, "[we] have an obligation to vote according to God's standards . . . and, as [we] are gifted and called, . . . [to] influence others to vote in the same way."

In most cases, we must choose the lesser of two evils, which is why I have never felt comfortable endorsing any particular candidate for office. Few, if any candidates, hold views with which we can fully agree.

But if a candidate's position suggests that he will be supportive of abortion on demand, of condoning a homosexual life style, of not taking seriously the threat to our nation's safety, of not protecting private property, of not seeking the best means to provide for those genuinely in need, I will find it difficult to vote for him or her. Seldom, if ever, will we have a candidate we can trust to uphold the moral standards set forth in God's Word.

So, we must prayerfully decide who to vote for and remember that, in the final analysis, it is the proclamation of the Gospel and the living out of its truth that the Holy Spirit uses most profoundly to impact our community, our state and our world.

At all times and in all cases, we must be prepared to obey God rather than man, trusting the Lord to use us, whether by living or dying, to impact this world with the Light of His Gospel.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

October 14

Worship

Infants

Beth Griggs
& Sandi Schreiner

Creepers

Cathy, Grace & Katie Smith

Toddlers

Katherine Gaither
& Carla Stevenson

Floater

Andrew Schreiner

Sunday School

Infants

Keith & Julie Bingham

Creepers

Allison Millard
& Anna Steere

Toddlers

Frank & Nicole May

P.M.

Combined

Lisa Grant & Boo Mullinax

October Coordinator:

Camille Platt

HIGH SCHOOL FATHER/SON WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

All high school boys and their fathers registered to go on the wilderness adventure will meet at the church Friday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m. and return Sunday evening, October 14, around 5:00 p.m. The balance of the trip (\$45) is due at that time.

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 Denking must have a final count by October 15. For further information or if you have questions, please contact Rich Denking 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.

26.2 FOR ANDREW

Rachel Kemp is going to run her first marathon Saturday, November 10, at 7:30 a.m. She would like to use this opportunity to raise money for Andrew and Tori's new home. If you would like to make a pledge per mile that 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.

CLOTHING SWAP

It's time to clean out your closets again! Bring items you do not wear, like, or that do not fit and swap them for something you can use. There are usually men's, women's, kid's, infant's and maternity clothes with the occasional household item thrown in. Even if you don't have anything to bring, come "shop". It will be Thursday, October 25, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wade at 706.937.5951.

LOVE THE LITTLE ONES

A volunteer is needed in the nursery Sunday, November 25, with the Creepers during Sunday School. Monthly Coordinators are needed for November thru May. Volunteers are also needed to fill positions on holiday weekends. If you are willing to help any of these times and/or fill any of these positions, please notify Heather Harris. A sign-up table will be in the Welcome Center this Sunday, October 14, following the Morning Worship Service. Please come by the table and fill out a nursery volunteer form, even if you are presently on the nursery schedule.

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:

Eric Griggs	Georgia Tech
John Mark Griggs	Covenant College
Caroline Gunter	UTC
Joshua Haynes	UTC

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.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. The third Thursday of each month, we provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you can contribute one of the following items this week, please call or email the church office.

Sandwiches: Ham and Cheese, Turkey, Chicken Salad or Pimento Cheese

Chips: individually packaged

Snack Cakes: individually packaged

Fruit: Bananas, Apples, Bananas or Oranges

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

This month CPC women are meeting at Diane Lazor's home for a movie night on Friday, October 19. Please RSVP to Mandi Johnson or Leanna Cathey if you plan to attend.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

CALENDAR

The monthly birthday and anniversary calendar is available at the Welcome Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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