



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...*

### **Looking Ahead...**

- 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**  
Reformation Celebration
- November 1**  
Ladies Bible Study
- November 3**  
Men's Breakfast  
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 4**  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Handbell Ensemble  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Evening Bible Study  
Kids, Inc.  
Youth Group Meeting
- November 6**  
Election Day-Time to Vote  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council
- November 7**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Practice  
Session Meeting
- November 9**  
Missions Conference
- November 10**  
Missions Conference  
Youth Rake and Bake
- November 11**  
Oates/Smith Bridal Shower  
Diaconate Meeting  
Handbell Ensemble  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Evening Bible Study  
Kids, Inc.
- November 14**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

The history recorded in the Old Testament teaches us about God and ourselves.

His faithfulness to those whom He calls to be His people, despite their unfaithfulness, is comforting. On the other hand, their supernatural ability on occasion to obey Him without knowing the whys and wherefores is also comforting as well as challenging.

We will not always prove faithful. But often, by His enabling grace, we will do what pleases Him and blesses others. We may never literally march into battle against a Goliath, armed only with a sling shot, but we know what it is to be supernaturally strengthened by His Spirit to fight the good fight and keep the faith in living our lives from day to day. For the Lord provides what we need when we need it.

Could Noah have given himself to the building of an ark prior to God's call? Could Abraham have set out on a three-day journey to offer up his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice to the Lord prior to being called upon by the Lord to do so? Could Abraham's servant successfully carry out his mission to find a wife for Isaac prior to God leading him to that well in the city of Nahor?

Soon, we'll ask ourselves where Jacob found the strength to face the brother whom he had so horribly sinned against. We'll ask where Joseph found the strength to face the horrors of an Egyptian prison, where he languished accused of a crime he did not commit. We'll ask where Judah found the courage to offer himself as a hostage out of concern for his youngest brother and love for his aged father.

The Lord provides what you need when you need it. So what do you need? What are your circumstances? What is your situation? Do you understand the whys and wherefores of your life? Do the promises of God seem to be for you null and void?

You're not alone. Furthermore, others have passed through raging waters and blazing fires and been brought by God safely out on the other side. That includes your brothers and sisters whose stories are told in the Old Testament Scriptures.

In Romans 15.4 Paul tells us that "whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

For as Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 2.13, even "if we are faithless, He remains faithful."

Of course, Paul isn't encouraging Timothy to live faithlessly. Instead, Paul tells Timothy in 2 Timothy 3.16, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable

- for teaching,
  - for reproof,
  - for correction and
  - for training in righteousness,
- that the man of God may be
- competent,
  - equipped for every good work."

Furthermore, Paul tells Timothy in 1 Timothy 4.7-8: "Train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."

Therefore, like the saints of old, "Set the believers an example

- in speech,
- in conduct,
- in love,
- in faith,
- in purity" (4.12).

May others read our lives, learn from our failures, but also learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

October 21

#### Worship

##### Infants

Esther McEachern  
& Jeanie Ray

##### Creepers

Katherine Fisher  
& Lisa Hobbs

##### Toddlers

Nathan & Olivia Bowers

##### Floater

Julia Bowers

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Joanna Wilson  
& Diane Lazor

##### Creepers

Jeanie Hall & Rachel Ely

##### Toddlers

Abigail Jennings

##### P.M.

Church Picnic  
No Evening Service

### October Coordinator:

Camille Platt

### 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.

### JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE

Sunday evening, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. the churches of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery are meeting together at Covenant Presbyterian Church for a time of worship. Dr. Jerram Barrs, Professor of Christian Studies and Contemporary Culture and Resident Scholar of the Francis A. Schaeffer Institute at Covenant Seminary will be preaching. A combined choir will practice at 5:00 p.m. in order to help lead worship during the service. An offering will be received for the support of our five RUF pastors ministering at Carson Newman, Covenant College, University of Tennessee-Knoxville and University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Please plan to join us for this wonderful evening of worship.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts to deliver to needy children around the world at Christmas time. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. Included are stickers to be placed on the boxes marking age and sex of the child. You can participate several ways:

- \* **Fill a shoe box** for a specific sex/age child (2 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 14). OCC requests the use of Walmart or Dollar store's plastic boxes which are shoe box sized as they are more durable. If you are able to write a note to include in your box, it would be a great blessing to that child as they have been known to prize things like letters and pictures well into adulthood. Collection point is the Ladies Sunday School classroom across from the coke machine.
- \* **Donate** - empty shoe boxes or items for shoe boxes. Sample items: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, small toys, combs, socks, school supplies, hard candy (no chocolate since it melts), etc.
- \* **Donate money** - OCC requests \$7 for shipping per box. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, and put OCC on the memo line. Drop it in the offering plate no later than November 11.
- \* **Wrap and stuff boxes** on Saturday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School classroom.

*November 17 is the deadline for boxes and items.*

### CHURCH WORK DAY

You are needed for the church workday this Saturday, October 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A continental breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and a nursery will be available for children 3 years and under. We have projects for all skill levels on the inside and outside. This is always a great time of fellowship as well an important time to spruce up our facilities. Thank you for considering this ministry opportunity.

### REFORMATION CELEBRATION

This is a great evening for everyone filled with fun, fellowship, food and instruction. Join us Wednesday evening, October 31, for "reformation" supper and activities.

### 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.

### YOUTH HAPPENINGS

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

There will be a youth costume party held at the home of the Heltons' on Saturday, October 27 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy a good time. Please choose costumes that are modest and not too scary.

### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

Taylor Helton	Chattanooga State
David Herberich	UTK
Jonathan Herberich	UT Dental School/Memphis
Sam Hobbs	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 4 and under 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.

### 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.

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Save the dates and look for more details about CPC's 18<sup>th</sup> annual missions conference, November 7 to 11. Christ's atoning sacrifice for a world of people from every tongue, race and nation will be our focus (*Not For Ours Only* ... 1 John 2.2).

### LOVE THE LITTLE ONES

Two volunteers are still needed for November 25. Monthly Coordinators are needed for November through 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.