



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

October 13

Mission Committee Meeting
Bible in the School
MS D-Groups
HS SNL
Parent Class

October 14

Clothes Swap
Ladies' Evening Bible Study

October 15

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

October 16

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
MS Rt. 68
HS D-Groups
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

October 17

Ladies' Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch

October 18

Chicks 'n Chocolate

October 20

Membership Sunday
Diaconate Meeting
MS D-Groups
HS SNL
Parent Class

October 23

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
MS Rt. 68
HS D-Groups
Wednesday Night Activities

October 24

Ladies' Bible Study

October 25

Youth Fall Retreat

October 26

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October 27

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Shepherding Groups Meet
Reformation Service at New
City Fellowship

October 30

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
MS Rt. 68
HS D-Groups
Wednesday Night Activities

October 31

Ladies' Bible Study

Sunday's worship, *Dinner on the Grounds* and the time of remembering the Lord's blessings of Covenant Presbyterian Church were glorious. I'm tempted to begin a series of thank yous, but hesitate to do so for fear that I'll forget someone important as I did Sunday afternoon while trying to address my appreciation for various members of the staff.

But, I'm going to give in to temptation and hope that those who I should have mentioned, but fail to do so, will understand.

First and foremost, I thank Jeremy for his long-range planning and the hours of intense preparation over the past few days. I am confident that our worship this past Sunday honored our Lord. It blessed and encouraged me, as I hope it did you as well.

I also want to publicly acknowledge the Lord's leading in bringing Dr. Rayburn to our minds as the one we should invite to preach and teach for us during the Men's Breakfast, Sunday Worship and afternoon program. Rob and Florence have been friends of Linda's and mine for many years. Many of you have already expressed your appreciation to me for Rob's sermon and instruction.

Next, I want to thank the choir and our accompanists for their diligent preparation for Sunday and being our voices in offering praise and adoration to our great God. We are blessed to have such gifted musicians lead us into the Lord's presence. How amazing it was to have the original anthems written by John Wykoff add to the specialness of our day.

To Mary, Sarah, Heidie, and all those who assisted them, we're all grateful for a delicious dinner and a well-planned scheme for serving so many people so quickly. I was worrying about whether there would be enough food, but then I relaxed as I remembered that Mary never runs short of food.

To Susan, Carol, and Sandy, a sincere thank you for the work they did in making available to you the various albums that you enjoyed perusing.

To Huston, Len, Doug and those who assisted them, thank you for preparing Schum Hall and our "revival" tent. Just before I ate, I checked outside to see how things were going under the big top and was delighted to find it densely populated.

To Paul and Jonathan, and those who assisted them, thank you for making voices clearly heard throughout the day. And thanks to Jeremy's brother, Jon, who supplied the screen and rear projectors.

To those who shared a word of testimony concerning CPC's beginning and "what makes Covenant Covenant," and to Gretchen and others who helped supply and organize the pictures – thank you for aiding our memories by reminding us of what the Lord has done over the past twenty-five years.

Finally, and most importantly, to our Lord, Savior and King, we give our thanksgiving for allowing us all to be part of a wonderful day of celebrating His blessing poured out abundantly upon our congregation – including holding off the rain that was scheduled for Sunday.

Jesus promises, "I will build my church." He has graciously allowed us to play a small part in His work of spreading from shore to shore the truth of His Gospel and the expansion of His Kingdom.

Twenty-five years. The blink of an eye. If the Lord tarries, in another twenty-five may the next generation have reason to celebrate how the Lord enlarged our "tent" so that its curtains had to be stretched out, its cords lengthened, and its stakes strengthened, throughout the greater Chattanooga community and around the world to His glory, honor and praise (Isaiah 54.2-3).

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

WORK DAY FOR ANDREW AND TORI

On Saturday, October 12, there is a work day planned at the Smith's home beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be many jobs available for all ages and abilities, so feel free to make it a family service outing! Please bring work gloves and yard tools if you have them.

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. Even if you don't have anything to bring, come "shop." Bring your items and lay them out on the tables provided in Schum Fellowship Hall and stay to shop! Monday, October 14, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is the "shopping" time with clean-up on Tuesday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wade at 706.937.5951.

RENT-A-YOUTH

Rent-A-Youth helps our students raise the needed funds to attend youth activities. The youth need to raise money throughout the year, so more jobs are needed. At this time, the youth are working on raising money for the Fall Retreat. If you would like to Rent-a-Youth, request forms are outside of Chris' office or at the welcome center. Have questions or a request? Please email Christine Morrison at rpgchatt@comcast.net.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

It's time again for our annual collection of nonperishable food items to share with those in need. Please bring your donations of canned goods and staples and place them in the box outside Mark Wilson's office by November 20. Monetary donations are always welcome and are needed to purchase perishable items (turkey, ham, etc.) on the day of delivery. If you know someone in need or if you yourself could use a hand this year, please contact the church office or an elder.

TVP REFORMATION SERVICE

Sunday evening, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. the churches of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery are meeting together at New City Fellowship for a time of worship. A combined choir will practice at 4:30 p.m. in order to help lead worship during the service. Please plan to join us for this wonderful evening of worship.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The new Membership Directories are almost ready to be printed. If you have recently moved, changed phone or email service and have not notified the office, please contact Susan immediately.

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 sandwiches, chips, snack cakes or fruit this week, please call or email the church office.

DVD ORDERS

You may fill out an order form for a DVD of *Covenant Beginnings* and *What Makes Covenant Covenant* at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$3.

BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS BANQUET

Come join with 13 area churches, October 13, for a prayer service for our students, teachers and administrators as well as a dinner to fund Bible history classes for East Hamilton Middle/High School and Tyner Academy. More information is available in the lobby.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Night Dinners are served from 5:30 p.m. 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 October 9: K. Henry, E. Brown, J. Hildebrand, D. Hobbs and A. Sanders. Please contact Adam Cathey (deacon in charge) to let him know you can help.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

On Friday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. the women of CPC are invited to Diane Lazor's home for a movie night. Bring a sweet or salty treat to share and be ready to enjoy the movie "Amazing Grace". RSVP to Leanna Cathey (leannacathey@gmail.com) if you are able to attend.

STEPS2HOPE OPPORTUNITY

Steps2Hope, the local non-profit organization that built a house for Andrew and Tori Smith, would like to announce two opportunities to partner with them.

Tazikis restaurant has offered to donate a portion of their sales to Steps2Hope on the FIRST Tuesday of EACH month! They have two locations: downtown across the street from Panera Bread and on Gunbarrel Road in the shopping strip behind Dairy Queen (to the left of Babies R Us and The Dollar Tree).

Please visit the website for information about our newest project...Team Austin!

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

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| Christine Armao | Lee College |
| Elizabeth Beatty | University of N. GA |
| Abby Horton | Covenant College |
| Andrew Helton | Millsaps College |

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please call or email the church office for an appointment. Elders meet every month on the third Sunday by appointment only with prospective new members.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- October 16 Meatball Subs
- October 23 Cowboy Casserole
- October 30 Chili
- November 6 Lasagna
- November 13 Chicken Tetrizzini
- November 20 Meatloaf
- November 27 No Meal-Thanksgiving Service
- December 4 Chicken and Dumplings
- December 11 Pizza

Nursery Schedule

October 13

Worship

Infants

Josh & Diana Perrel

Creepers

Eric & Lucy Mantel

Toddlers

Duane & Mindy Horton

Floater

Will Horton

Sunday School

Infants

Russ & Bev Roop

Creepers

Kelly, Madeleine
& Abigail Jennings

Toddlers

Selah, Brandon
& Sophia Cross

October Coordinator:

Teri Akovenko