



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Church Treasurer and Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

September 13

Church Work Day
Communicant's Class
Reid's 50th Anniversary Party

September 14

Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Mission Committee Meeting
HS SNL

September 16

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

September 17

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
Sanctuary Choir Practice
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

September 18

Ladies' Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch

September 21

Morning Worship Service
Membership Sunday
Congregational Meeting
TVP Choir Rehearsal
TVP Combined Worship

September 22

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

September 24

Blood Drive
Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
Sanctuary Choir Practice
Wednesday Night Activities

September 25

Ladies' Bible Study

September 26

Marriage & Family Conference

September 27

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September 28

Shepherding Groups Meet
Coffey Baby Shower
HS SNL

October 1

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
Sanctuary Choir Practice
Wednesday Night Activities

To the members of Covenant Presbyterian Church from Ruling Elder Tom Lowe, Church Treasurer, and Teaching Elder J. Render Caines, Moderator of the Session.

Last fall, in response to a Diaconal questionnaire concerning possible improvements of CPC's physical plant, you identified the most pressing need to be enlarging the nursery and improving its security. After some study and planning, it has been determined that

- expanding the nursery,
- tightening its security, and
- funding necessary building maintenance

will require expenditures of approximately \$400,000.

Therefore, the Session has authorized an effort to seek pledges from the members to support meeting these needs. Many of you will remember this is what we did ten years ago to provide funds to begin building our new worship facility.

To begin this process, the Session calls for a congregation/corporation meeting on Sunday, September 21, following morning worship. The purpose of this meeting will be

- to answer questions concerning proposed plans to improve the facilities and security of the nursery,
- to hand out pledge cards, and
- to seek the approval of the members to borrow up to \$400,000 to carry out the nursery project and provide the maintenance funds *provided* certain conditions are met.

These conditions are

- the receipt of pledges for the next five years of at least \$115,000 per year or
- a combination of one time gifts and pledges that would provide the \$400,000 through cash and a bank loan which would be paid for over five years.

Based upon our experience using pledge efforts in 2004 which resulted in over

\$900,000 being given for the Building Fund and an additional \$200,000 to the Ministry Expansion Fund (MEF) over the next five years, we believe the Lord may once again provide through you the funds to meet these needs.

Again, as many of you will remember, in 2004 20% of everything given went into the MEF. This time the Session is asking that 20% of everything given be used to pay down our existing mortgage.

At the congregation/corporation meeting on the 21st, the treasurer *may* also recommend giving the Trustees the authority to refinance our existing debt and roll this additional \$400,000 along with the cost of refinancing into a new mortgage loan. The reason for the possibility of asking for this authority is the fact that our current mortgage loan has a rate reset in April 2019, and since rates are currently so low it may make sense to refinance now.

You will also be asked to vote for the second time on whether to amend the CPC's Constitution to set 16 as the age at which communicate members may vote during congregation/corporation meetings.

Also, Ruling Elder Adam Sanders will bring a report from the Search Committee.

Furthermore, in light of all the above, **THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE 21ST**. Please try to attend this meeting, and be praying for the Lord to lay on your heart whatever questions you would like answered and how you might participate in this effort.

May our God continue to bless CPC and all its members.

~Ruling Elder Tom Lowe,
Church Treasurer

~Teaching Elder J. Render Caines,
Moderator of the Session



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule September 14

Worship

Infants

Kristin Sotelo & Judy Foster

Creepers

Brian & Holly Lehmann

Toddlers

Josh & Diana Perrel

Floater

Liam Lehmann

Sunday School

Infants

Domekia & Ellie Gaines

Creepers

Amy Wright & Jeannie Hall

Toddlers

Jon & Heather Harris

September Coordinator:

Mindy Horton

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

September 24 Breakfast
October 1 Taco Salad

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration in honor of Lewis and Anna Reid is this Saturday, September 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. The presence of their friends and family is all that's requested.

CHURCH WORK DAY

There is a church work day on September 13. Please join us from 8:30 a.m. until noon to help make our facility and grounds look good. There is a continental breakfast available at 8:00 a.m.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

A Communicant's Class for young people preparing to make a public profession of faith and join CPC as communing (Lord's Supper) members begins Saturday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Frederick Room. The course will be guided at home by parents of the prospective communicants with only one or two corporate meetings led by Pastor Mullinax. The coursework is geared for (but not limited to) ages 10 and up. The cost of materials is \$10. Please contact Pastor Mullinax for introductory information.

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

COMBINED CHOIR FOR TVP COMBINED WORSHIP

Join with choirs from Covenant College and several churches in Chattanooga to form a mass choir for the special Reformation Service. Selections include *O God Beyond All Praising*, arranged by Dan Forrest and *Gather at the River* by Susan LaBarr. The choir rehearses on Sunday, September 21, at 4:45 p.m. to help lead worship during the service.

TVP COMBINED WORSHIP

Sunday evening, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. the churches of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery are meeting together at CPC for a time of worship. The service features Arch Bishop Orombi of Uganda. Please plan to arrive early for worship, as we are expecting a large number of people to attend, and the sanctuary will fill up quickly.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Need to strengthen your marriage? Seeking encouragement in your marriage? If so, you don't want to miss *Called to Marriage*, with Dr. Kelly Kopic and his wife, Tabitha, as the speakers. Held in Schum Fellowship Hall, the seminar begins Friday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m. with light desserts, and picks back up Saturday, September 27, at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast. Childcare is provided for children, 5th grade and under, by registration only, by September 21. There is no cost for the event, but there will be an opportunity for donations. Look for a registration table in the lobby for the next three Sundays. Contact Pastor Mullinax or Heather Harris for additional information.

MOTHERS' ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

The Mothers' Encouragement Group starts on September 16 and meets every first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the school year. Please mark your calendar now to be a part of this wonderful group. For more information, please contact Linda Caines.

BETHANY CHRISTIAN "CHURCH TEAM"

5K AND FUN RUN

Bethany Christian Services is having their 2nd Annual 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, September 20, at Enterprise South Nature Park. This event benefits pre-adoption education, post adoption counseling and support for adoptive children and families. Bethany invites us to involve our whole congregation by bringing a "team" to compete for the "Fastest Church in Town" award! The race will be "chip timed". Each participant's time will be added together and a time average for your congregation will determine the winner. The more runners, the better your average! Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the 5K Run/Walk begins at 8:45 a.m. The Family 1K Run/Walk begins at 10:15 a.m. For more information or early registration, please visit www.bethany.org/chat5K.

BLOODMOBILE

We need your blood! CPC will host Blood Assurance's bloodmobile at the church on Wednesday, September 24. Appointment times are every 15 minutes beginning at 3:30 p.m. The last appointment is at 8:30 p.m. All donors will receive an *IBLEED* t-shirt of several college teams. Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. To schedule an appointment, call the church office or sign up at the Welcome Center.

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

The CPC Handbell Ensemble is beginning preparations for Christmas starting Sunday, September 28, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. This ensemble will rehearse monthly for longer periods in order to help accommodate those who are unable to commit to a weekly rehearsal. Please let Jeremy know if you are interested.

SHOES NEEDED

Men's large shoes and socks, size 11 and up, are currently needed for the homeless (through an organization we work with). Please put donations in the box outside of Mark Wilson's office.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

There is no Chicks 'n Chocolate for the month of September. Be on the look out for more information about October's activity.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Wednesday Night Suppers 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, and the maximum family donation is \$15. The meal next week is Creamy Sausage Pasta (Heidie's Surprise).

For the month of September, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: K. Henry, E. Brown, J. Wykoff, J. Hildebrand and A. Sanders. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you are able to help.