



# The eNewsletter

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## From the Pen of RE Adam Sanders...

### Looking Ahead...

#### September 25

Ladies' Bible Study

#### September 26

Marriage & Family Conference

#### September 27

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#### September 28

Morning Worship Service  
Sunday School  
Shepherding Groups Meet  
Coffey Baby Shower  
HS SNL

#### October 1

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

#### October 2

Ladies' Bible Study

#### October 4

Men's Breakfast

#### October 5

Morning Worship Service  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School  
HS SNL

#### October 6

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

#### October 7

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council

#### October 8

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

#### October 9

Ladies' Bible Study

#### October 10

Ladies' Fall Retreat

#### October 11

Ladies' Fall Retreat

#### October 12

Ladies' Fall Retreat  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Mission Committee Meeting  
HS SNL

As Chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee, I am pleased to bring you an update on the progress we have made since you elected us and we began meeting three months ago. But, first, I want to thank you for your prayers. I know many of you have been praying faithfully for the members of and the work of the Committee (Paul Beatty, B.B. Bell, Lynda Brown, Dee Hobbs, Tracy Horton, Tom May, Doug McEachern and Danielle Wilkie).

It was several months ago that Pastor Caines announced he would be retiring by the end of 2015. He's not going anywhere, and Lord willing, he and Linda will remain with us, actively ministering among us for years to come. But, he does believe God would have his formal ministry as senior pastor come to a close in the relatively near-term future, so we have started the search for his replacement.

What have we as the Committee been up to? We conceptualize the search process in three main phases: First, is identifying and clearly articulating on paper *who we are as a church*, *what our needs are*, and *what kind of man we believe God would have us call*. Second, is the long process of discovering candidates and evaluating them against the standards we established in Phase One. And, third, is the end-game process of narrowing to final candidates, and ultimately selecting the one candidate to present to the congregation.

So where are we? Well, over the past three months, we have spent many hours working through that first phase of articulating a clear explanation of *who we are* and a vision of *who we are looking for*, and we are currently transitioning to the second phase of locating and evaluating candidates.

I want to say a few words about the kind of man we believe God would have us call as our next pastor. But to do that, I need to talk a bit about the past. It is not news to any of you that God has blessed Covenant immensely under the 26 years of leadership from Pastor Caines. And coinciding with His *blessing* us, He has also *shaped* us through Pastor Caines' ministry. We value the things he values: a strong preaching ministry that unfolds the arc of God's covenant of redemption across the whole span of Scripture – we value that; an appreciation of the family as the paramount

place where God is expanding his kingdom – we value that; and a commitment to discipleship and shepherding of the flock through all the grime, and the glories, of our messy lives – we value that.

So it should come as no surprise that the man we are looking for will have much in common with Pastor Caines. To put it succinctly: We are looking for a man who will honor and extend our heritage, not remake it. He will be an articulate, winsome, solidly Reformed preacher of the whole of Scripture with an ability to connect the lordship of Christ to every facet of life. He will be an effective teacher, in tune with the struggles and everyday needs of the various demographics in the church; a thoughtful planner of worship, committed to developing a well-integrated liturgy where songs, prayers, scriptures, catechisms and creeds, and preaching work harmoniously together; a committed and relational shepherd; an effective counselor; and a confident leader of the session. Also, and notably, we are looking for a young man, though one with experience, who desires to serve Christ and His body at Covenant for the long term. Although the statistics say the pastor to follow a long-term, founding pastor usually has a short tenure, we are trusting God to bless us with a pastor who will walk and grow with us through generations.

Please, thoughtfully, consider whether you are aware of men who you think the Search Committee ought to consider, and pass that name to one of us on the Committee. We have decided not to publicly post our senior pastor opening because we believe we will find a sufficient number of top-notch candidates through connections within the PCA, within our local church, and by word-of-mouth. Consequently, your recommendations of individuals you think would be a good fit for Covenant are valuable to us.

In closing, I thank you, again, for the trust you have placed in us. Please know we treat our task with great seriousness and care, as well as, hope and joy. God bless you, and please feel free to come to me with any questions.

~RE Adam Sanders



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule September 28

#### Worship

##### Infants

Anna Harnsberger  
& Emily Elwood

##### Creepers

Joey & Michelle Logterman

##### Toddlers

Eric & Lucy Mantel

##### Floater

Grace Logterman

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Selah, Brandon  
& Sophia Cross

##### Creepers

Dusty & Rachel Kemp

##### Toddlers

Sarah Wade

### September Coordinator:

Mindy Horton

### BABY SHOWER

A baby shower in honor of Catherine Coffey is Sunday, September 28, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Catherine is registered at Babies "R" Us.

### 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. There is no cost for the event, but there will be an opportunity for donations. Contact Pastor Mullinax or Heather Harris for additional information.

### HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

The CPC Handbell Ensemble is beginning preparations for Christmas starting Sunday, September 28, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office wing. 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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Any member interested in being on the nursery volunteer schedule, please contact Heather Harris by October 4. Volunteers are put on the nursery schedule quarterly. Please indicate whether you would like to work during worship or Sunday School, along with what age group you would like to work with. If you need to be taken off the schedule or need something changed about your nursery volunteer status, please contact Heather, as well. She can be reached via call or text at 423.503.8651.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 4, at 8:30 a.m. Pastor Steere is speaking on *Everything I Needed to Know, I Learned from Someone Else.*"

### YES ON 1 RALLY

We have the chance to reverse the Tennessee Supreme court decision on abortion on November 4. Amendment 1 would, once again, allow common-sense abortion regulations to protect women and children, including informed consent, a 24-hour waiting period and more. Morris Hill Baptist is hosting a Yes on 1 rally on Sunday, October 5, at 6:00 p.m. David Fowler, president of the Family Action Council of Tennessee and a former state Senator, will be the main speaker, sharing the legal issues and a Biblical perspective. We encourage you to attend this important event.

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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

### CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual All-Church Family Picnic returns to Camp Dixie, on the shores of Chickamauga Lake, Sunday, October 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join us for a great day of food, fellowship and fun! There are activities for everyone...or just rock on the veranda. Bring your own picnic basket (BYOPB). Drinks, ice, paper goods, dessert, ice cream & sundae fixin's are available throughout the day. Hope to see all of you there!!

### 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.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

This year's Fall Retreat is Friday evening, October 10, through Sunday morning, October 12, at Oak Haven Resort in Sevierville, TN. The guest speaker, Mary Lyn Huffman, is focusing on *Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus*. Registration is \$130, with an early bird special of \$110 if registered by September 28. A minimum deposit of \$55 is required to secure a registration, and registration ends on October 5. For more information, please contact Joan Denkinger at 423.899.8385 or stop by the Women's Ministry table in the lobby.

### YOUTH FALL RETREAT

All Middle School and High School youth, and their parents, are invited to a Fall Retreat, October 24 through 26, at Ponderosa Bible Camp in Mentone, Alabama. We'll leave the church Friday at 6:00 p.m. and return Sunday around noon. The cost is \$55.00 (all inclusive!), and registration is due by October 12. See Chris Gregory to register.

### 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.

For the first 3 weeks of October, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: T. Horton, D. Elwood, M. Wilson and T. Schreiner. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you are able to help.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

October 1	Taco Salad
October 8	Chicken Tetrazzini
October 15	Swedish Meatballs
October 22	Chili
October 29	Reformation Celebration
November 5	Chicken & Rice
November 26	Thanksgiving Service - No Meal
November 12	Mission Conference - No Meal
November 19	BBQ
December 3	Sweet & Sour Chicken
December 10	Cowboy Casserole