



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- 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
Diaconate Meeting
HS SNL
- October 15**
Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
Sanctuary Choir Practice
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- October 16**
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Clothes Swap
- October 19**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Church Picnic
HS SNL
- October 20**
Ladies' Night Owl Bible Study
- October 21**
Mothers' Encouragement
Group
- October 22**
Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
Sanctuary Choir Practice
Wednesday Night Activities
- October 24**
Youth Fall Retreat
- October 25**
Youth Fall Retreat
- October 26**
Youth Fall Retreat
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Teacher Training
Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
HS SNL
Shepherding Groups Meet

Hebrew is read from right to left, which to us seems "backward."

Our denominational school, Covenant College, has been located atop Lookout Mountain for fifty years. At the beginning of last week's meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Rob Rayburn (the eldest son of CC's founding President) observed: "Divine providence is like Hebrew: it is best read backward."

With Rob's permission, I want to share with you a few lines from his opening remarks to the Board of Trustees.

In 1964, the entire Reformed Presbyterian world was small potatoes. No R. C. Sproul. No Tim Keller. [We] knew little of the works of C. S. Lewis. Even Francis Shaeffer was only beginning to fashion the ministry that would later restore the confidence of American evangelicalism.

The New American Standard Bible had been published in the New Testament the year before. The whole Bible would not appear until 1971. The New International Bible [was not published] until years later.

No one in 1964 had the ghost of an idea of what was to come. No one anticipated the influence of Francis Shaeffer, the intellectual stimulus of neo-Calvinist thinking, the cultural earthquake of both the social revolution of the 1960s and the Jesus Movement of the 1970s.

No one anticipated the spiritual revival that revolutionized the lives of the young marrieds at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, including Frank Brock [former President of CC] and Hugh Maclellan. No one had any idea in 1964 that the move to Lookout Mountain would mean so much financially to the College.

What was true in 1964 was that the people who came to Lookout Mountain were committed to the authority of the

Bible, to Calvinist soteriology [the doctrine of salvation], and to a thoughtful, serious, committed Christian life. They realized, as if by a spiritual instinct, that the Lordship of Christ had implications for the way one thought about everything and for the way one lived his or her life.

The Bible was always going to be our authority. ["Christ preeminent in all things" is still our motto.]

The College did not move forward by leaps and bounds. The College didn't secure its accreditation until it had been here for some years. Finances were a perpetual worry. It has taken more than a generation to build out the campus. Only in fits and starts did the College carve out the intellectual position and the educational niche that distinguishes it today.

Dogged perseverance animated by prayer was the formula. The Lord did what pleased Him. Like any individual Christian, under God's hand of blessing, the College grew in the grace and knowledge of God and became increasingly fit for fruitful service. That is as it ought to be.

Now it is ours to guard what was always right about the College and remains fundamental to its future: an inflexible loyalty to the Word of God and desire to honor the Lord in the task of Christian higher education.

If we do that, fifty years from now, God willing, the College will have progressed from this point as far as we have progressed over the last fifty years. I don't know what that would mean; nor do you. But, I do know - it will be really something!

All I will personally add to Rob's looking "backward" is a resounding, "Amen!"

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule October 12

Worship

Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

Creepers

Tammy & Lexi Bacon
& Mollee Brown

Toddlers

John Pearce
& Catherine Pippin

Floater

Ava Akovenko

Sunday School

Infants

Diane Lazor

Creepers

Josh & Teri Akovenko
& Maggie Wade

Toddlers

Jean Mauroner
& Patty Liner

October Coordinator:

Teri Akovenko

HONORING THE SACRIFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Honoring the Sacrifice Golf Tournament is this coming Monday, October 13, at the Chattanooga Golf & Country Club. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at approximately 1:00 p.m. Teams are sold out, but volunteers are still needed to make this event a success. Hole sponsors are still available, if you have an organization that would like to support the Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation. Volunteer information can be found at honoringthesacrifice.org/volunteer. Please contact Todd Smith for information about hole sponsorship opportunities.

CLOTHES 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". The Clothes Swap is at CPC on Thursday, October 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wade at 706.937.5951.

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.

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 and sundae fixin's are available throughout the day. Hope to see all of you there!!

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 this Sunday. See Sam Hobbs to register.

PLEDGE CARDS

As a reminder, pledge cards for the Nursery Expansion Project are located in the lobby. If you would like to make a donation in someone's honor or memory, please note that on your pledge card, and we'll be sure to publish it.

LOST AND FOUND

The bookcase and stairwell next to the coke machine have filled up with precious items left behind at church. Please be sure to check these two locations for any item you may have misplaced!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

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REFORMATION CELEBRATION

On Wednesday evening, October 29, we'll celebrate our Reformation heritage here on the church grounds with food and lots of fun-filled, informative activities, including: Tyndale's Treats (hotdog supper, "dirt cake" and chili), Bunyan Bounce House, Tetzels Toss, Calvin's Catapult, The Diet of Worms, Pin the Theses and Reformation Rings...just to name a few! Costumes are optional. Be on the lookout for the funny-looking fat friar.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

CPC's 20th Annual Missions Conference is November 12-16. This year's theme is *A Heart to Change the World*. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Richard Pratt, founder of Third Millennium Ministries. Beginning with a pot-providence dinner on the 12th, there are activities for the entire family. Plan now to attend.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

It's time to start thinking about this year's Thanksgiving Pounding. If you know someone in need, or if you yourself could use a hand this year, please contact the church office or an elder.

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. Next week's meal is Swedish Meatballs.

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 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