



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

#### **November 1**

Men's Breakfast  
Turn Clocks Back Before Bed

#### **November 2**

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
HS SNL

#### **November 3**

Walker State Prison Choir  
Concert  
Ladies' Night Owl Bible Study

#### **November 4**

Election Day  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council

#### **November 5**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Youth Parent Information Mtg.  
Children's Choir  
Sanctuary Choir Practice  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **November 6**

Ladies' Bible Study

#### **November 9**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal  
Youth Talent Show

#### **November 10**

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

#### **November 12**

Missions Conference Activities

#### **November 13**

Ladies' Bible Study

#### **November 15**

Missions Conference

#### **November 16**

Missions Conference

#### **November 17**

Ladies' Night Owl Bible Study

#### **November 18**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

Reformation Sunday services? Reformation celebrations? What is the Reformation that we hear so much about...especially in "reformed" churches? The Reformation was the end result of a series of events whose purpose was to reform the medieval Roman Catholic Church from within, initially. It finally became a movement of separation from this same church. The doctrine of justification by faith alone was recovered by the reformers, and the Bible, rather than the Bible and tradition, was given its rightful place of authority in the life of the believer. The Bible was made available in the language of the common person, and the Roman Catholic Church lost its stronghold of interpretation of the Scriptures for the masses.

Many events were working together to set the stage for the Reformation, all under the sovereign authority of God. The Renaissance brought a rebirth of learning and the emergence of classical humanism, or the desire to look to the past for instruction, including an interest in the original languages of the Scriptures. (Pastor Steere mentioned this in last Sunday's sermon.) Political, economic and social changes were giving rise to a new group of people, the middle class. As the middle class became more educated and read the Bible in the common tongue, discrepancies became blatantly obvious between what the Roman Catholic Church taught and what the Scriptures said. The result was a favorable climate to the ideas promoted by these "reformers."

There are many important places and names of "reformers" to remember concerning the Reformation. The Waldenses in France, John Wycliffe in England, John Hus in Bohemia, Jerome Savonarola in Italy, Erasmus in the Netherlands — these were some of the forerunners who set the stage for the

pivotal Reformation events in Germany. Other famous men who followed the Reformation in Germany included Ulrich Zwingli in Switzerland, John Calvin in Geneva, John Knox in Scotland and Thomas Cranmer in England.

But, the spark that really set the Reformation movement ablaze was on October 31, 1517, when a young Augustinian monk, Martin Luther, posted his now famous 95 theses/arguments on the church door of the Wittenberg (Germany) Castle. The timing and place of Luther's posting is significant. The castle church held one of the largest collections of supposed relics outside of Rome (pieces of bones from saints, locks of hairs from martyrs, a piece of the true cross, a twig from Moses' burning bush, bread from the Last Supper, a veil sprinkled with the blood of Christ - all venerated and held in holy awe). The relics were kept in special reliquaries, ornamented with gold, silver and precious stones. They were specially exhibited on All Saints (Hallows) Day, November 1. The church taught that paying a special fee and viewing the relics would shorten a soul's stay in purgatory (...this was one teaching Luther challenged in his 95 theses). Luther promoted the free, gratuitous remission of sin, not by relics, papal pardons or indulgences, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

The next day, November 1, All Saints Day, the multitudes flocked to the church, read Luther's charges, and the Reformation was born in earnest.

We continue the Reformation, and continue in the Reformed faith, as we ever seek to "reform" our beliefs and lives by the Word of God.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule November 2

#### Worship

##### Infants

Kelly Orthner  
& Sandi Schreiner

##### Creepers

Anna Harnsberger  
& Andrea Waldecker

##### Toddlers

Scott & Meg Orthner

##### Floater

Andrew Schreiner

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Donna Armes  
& Selah Cross

##### Creepers

Tammy Knotts  
& Sue Spalding

##### Toddlers

Britt Collier  
& Babs Leach

#### November Coordinator:

Martha Krabbendam

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

November 5	Chicken & Rice
November 12	Mission Conf. - Pot-Providence
November 19	BBQ
November 26	Thanksgiving Service - No Meal

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, November 1, at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Stephen Estock, Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries for the PCA, is speaking on *Following Jesus in the Covenant Community*.

#### YOUTH TALENT SHOW

All youth and parents are invited to attend our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Youth Talent Show on Sunday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall.

#### PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING

Are you interested in joining other CPC men in rewarding ministry work at Walker State Prison? The next training/qualifying sessions take place at First Presbyterian Church (Chattanooga) on Tuesday, November 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more details, contact Tim Owens or Rich Denking.

#### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

CPC's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference is November 12-16. This year's theme is *A Heart to Change the World*. Throughout the week, we'll hear of God's work in distant lands, from massive international cities to the remotest hamlets and how we can partner in the extension of His kingdom. We'll also hear of the Lord's work here in our land and among us. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Richard Pratt, founder of Third Millennium Ministries. Make plans to join us Wednesday, November 12, through Sunday, November 16, for many planned events.

#### INTERNATIONAL ITEMS NEEDED

If you have any international items that could be used for decorations during the Missions Conference, please put your name on them and drop them off in Pastor Mullinax's office by Tuesday, November 11.

#### 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 19. Monetary donations are always welcome, and are needed to purchase perishable items (turkey, ham, etc.) on the day of delivery, November 22. If you know someone in need or if you, yourself, could use a hand this year, please contact the church office or an elder.

#### BUDGET REPORT

Through October 26:

Budget:	\$1,187,438
Actual:	\$985,409
Shortfalls:	\$202,029

#### SPECIFYING PLEDGE MONEY

We appreciate the participation we've seen in pledge cards for the nursery expansion project. Please remember, when writing out your checks, to specify Nursery Fund or Building Debt, as money is going to both places. If you want your donation to go towards the building debt reduction, please write Building Debt on your check, and if you want your donation to go towards the nursery expansion project, please write Nursery Fund on your check. Thank you for giving so generously to these needs.

#### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Richard Chapman

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#### 30 DAYS OF PRAYER

Mission to the World (MTW), the PCA's foreign mission arm, has produced a *30 Days of Prayer for World Missions* calendar. This helpful prayer tool is available at the church's welcome center. Please commit to pray for our missionaries and ministries throughout the month of November. (This coincides with CPC's Annual Missions Conference, November 12-16.) Particularly, pray for those in restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. The calendar also highlights the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 2, giving you the opportunity to join the worldwide body of Christ in prayer for the persecuted church.

#### 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 month of November, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: J. Harris, D. Hobbs, T. Smith and C. Wilkie. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you are able to help.

#### 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. Stickers are available to place on the boxes marking age and gender of the child. You can participate several ways:

- \* **Fill a shoe box** for a specific gender/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 17.
- \* **Wrap and stuff boxes** on Saturday, November 22, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School classroom.

*November 22 is the deadline for boxes and items.*

#### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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