



The eNewsletter

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Looking Ahead...

September 18

Ladies' Friday Bible Study

September 20

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Membership Sunday
HS SNL

September 22

Mother's Encouragement
Group

September 23

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

September 24

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

September 25

Women's Retreat

September 26

Women's Retreat

September 27

Women's Retreat
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet
HS SNL

September 30

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

October 1

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

October 3

Men's Breakfast

October 4

Morning Worship
Sunday School
HS SNL

October 6

Mother's Encouragement
Group
Women's Council

October 7

Wednesday Night Supper
Belarus Choir Concert
Session Meeting

October 8

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

These words are what we've come to know as the **Doxology**. They are very familiar to us here at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Hopefully, the words of this ascription of praise represent our sincere belief that God is the fount and source of every true blessing and to Him alone belongs praise and worship.

The origin of the **Doxology** is interesting. The lyrics are actually the last stanza of a longer hymn, *Awake, My Soul and With the Sun*. Thomas Ken, a seventeenth century Anglican bishop, wrote this hymn at a time when the established church believed only Scripture should be sung as hymns - with an emphasis on the Psalms. Some considered it sinful to write new lyrics for church music, akin to adding to the Scriptures. However, it was Bishop Ken's desire that Christians be allowed to express their praise to God without being limited to Psalmody and the Bible canticles.

It was in that atmosphere, Ken wrote this hymn (*Awake, My Soul and With the Sun*) and several other hymns for the young men at Winchester College. He reluctantly added instructions that the students use them only in their rooms for private devotions. Ironically, the last stanza has come into widespread use as the **Doxology**, perhaps the most

frequently used piece of music in Christian public worship.

There are so many things that should quickly evoke our praise and doxological sentiments. Recent events in the life of Covenant Presbyterian Church come to my mind. Has not God been good to us in this whole "transition" process? Can we not see His benevolent hand upon the search for and installation of a new senior pastor? Was not the unity of the call offered by our church family an indicator of God's blessing? Has not the instruction to us and the example of our previous pastor's reception of the new pastor another evidence of God's protection upon us? Can we not rejoice in the Lord's provision as we already benefit from the Pirschels' ministry here?

As we have been rightly charged, we dare not over-extend our confidence in a person (past or present). Our help has been, is, and forever will be in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth (Psalm 124.8). But, tracing His kindnesses to us (frequently by way of the giftedness of His people) over this past year is a healthy exercise and only increases our oft-limited perspective of God's grace and goodness. These few things noted are only a small sampling of God's rich benevolence upon us. May our praise always be directed to the Lord Himself...the One through Whom all blessings flow!

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

September 20

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Grace Morrison

Creepers

Becky Pearce
& Britt Johnson

Toddlers

Katherine Fisher
& Mindy Horton

Floater

Will Horton

Sunday School

Infants

Lynda Brown
& Selah Cross

Creepers

Anna Steere
& Amy Creamer

Toddlers

Brandon Cross
& Sophia Cross

September Coordinator:

Diana Perrel

CPC VISITORS

Long-time friends of CPC, Drs. Sujai and Lavanya Suneetha, directors of *Nireekshana* in Hyderabad, India, will speak in Schum Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 20. *Nireekshana*, launched with *seed funds* from CPC's Ministry Expansion Fund, is a Christian holistic ministry (medical, Biblical counseling, training, and socio-economic support) dedicated to the compassionate care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

The Women's Ministry is hosting their Fall Retreat, September 25-27, at the popular Oak Haven Resort in Sevierville, TN. The retreat will begin on Friday evening, September 25 and end with worship on Sunday morning, September 27. The cost for the retreat is \$99. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up at the Women's Ministry table in the lobby. A deposit of \$40 will hold your reservation. The deadline for registration is this Sunday, September 20. If you have any questions about the retreat or the possibility of scholarship help, please contact Emily Calloway at emilycalloway@epbf.com or 423.432.1743.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

Please send your college student's name, school, and mailing address to the church office. If they are living at home, please make sure we have that information also. Send to cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.

SNL

SNL (Sunday Night Live) is our High School youth meeting each Sunday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the youth suite. The youth are studying the Westminster shorter catechism after a time of fellowship and praise.

RENDER UNTO CAESAR

The Kingdom Seeker's class invites you to join them on a new study led by John Southworth, starting September 13. *Render Unto Caesar: the Christian and the State* will touch on the separation of church and state, civil disobedience, criminal justice, and many more topics as we seek to understand what God's Word says to American Christians today.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who recently joined Covenant Presbyterian Church.

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Charlotte and Grace Pippin

Charlotte and Grace are the daughters of John and Catherine Pippin.

Maggie Middleton

Maggie is the daughter of Jason and Crystal Middleton.

Lorelei Bradley

Lorlei is the daughter of Jonathan and Kansas Bradley.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

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 September, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: K. Henry, E. Brown, J. Wykoff, J. Hildebrand, and A. Sanders. We will contact you weekly by email to see if you are available to help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

September 23 Taco Salad
September 30 Breakfast