



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- October 8**
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
- October 11**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
- October 12**
Ladies' Monday Night Bible Study
- October 14**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- October 15**
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Clothes Swap
- October 16**
Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study
- October 17**
Church Work Day
- October 18**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Membership Sunday
Diaconate Meeting
HS SNL (at Gregory's)
- October 20**
Mother's Encouragement Group
- October 21**
Wednesday Night Supper
Parent U
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- October 22**
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
- October 23**
Girls Night Out
- October 25**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
TVP Reformation Service
- October 28**
Reformation Celebration
- October 29**
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
- October 31**
Turn Clocks Back Before Bed

You may have noticed a few changes at the beginning of the worship service recently, so I wanted to take this opportunity to give some of the reasoning behind them.

Worship begins with God. We were made by Him, and more than that, we were remade by Him when He called us out of darkness into His light. We would not be gathered for worship if it were not for Him being both our Creator and Redeemer. Therefore God, the great initiator, speaks first in the worship service. The *Call to Worship* is God's summoning His people to gather. Once God calls us, it is fitting that we respond with one voice as His people. But what is appropriate to say when called by God Almighty to gather for the purpose of worshipping Him? Well if you know who God is, and have a good sense of who you are, a plea for strength would be wise. The scripture tells us that apart from Christ we can do nothing that is spiritually profitable, including worship. You may have noticed that for the past several weeks we have been responding to God's call in the following way. The minister speaks,

The Lord be with you!

This is merely a way of the minister saying to the people, may God give you strength for the task at hand. In like manner, the people respond,

And also with you!

This is the congregation's way of acknowledging the minister's need for God's help as well. Then comes the quote from Psalm 124,

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We will also make use of Psalm 51,
Lord open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Hopefully you can see the theme of these opening Scripture sentences. By using them, we are publicly and corporately acknowledging that God is our only source of true help in worship. One of the beautiful things about using these particular sentences is that they have been on the lips of our brethren at the beginning of worship since the days of Calvin and Cranmer. In fact, they were used in the worship of the western church long before the time of the Reformation. We confess what our brothers in Christ have confessed before us, God is the sole source of true spiritual help.

After our corporate response to the call, comes the *Salutation* of God. These words come from the mouth of the minister because they are a greeting given on behalf of God to the people. And what does the Holy God say to His people when He comes to meet with them?

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The apostolic greeting communicates God's disposition toward His people as He looks at them in Christ. People of God, may you hear those words at the beginning of the service and be comforted. May they move you to respond through the entirety of worship with the confidence and gusto of someone who is fully known by God and, at the same time, is fully loved by Him.

~Pastor Pirschel



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule October 11

Worship

Infants

Kelly Orthner
& Judy Foster

Creepers

Karen Saxton
& Lisa Hobbs

Toddlers

Scott Orthner
& Wil Foster

Floater

Isaiah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Russ & Bev Roop

Creepers

Amy MacLellan
& Cayce Weekley

Toddlers

Craig & Susan Miller

October Coordinator:

Judy Foster

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember our college students as you pray. Here are a few of the many we have:

Josh Baiert	MTSU
Brandon Cross	Covenant College
Jonah Gaines	Dalton State
Alyssa Griffin	Berry College
Sam Hobbs	UTC
Gracie Smith	Covenant College

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.

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. Labels 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** - items for shoe boxes. Sample items: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, small toys, combs, socks, school supplies, hard candy (no chocolate since it melts, no liquids), 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 15.
- * **Wrap and stuff boxes** on Saturday, November 21, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School classroom.

Covenant Corps is encouraging children to bring in items to give OCC. A large donation box is in the Children's Wing for kids to bring items on Sundays and Wednesdays, so they can develop a heart for giving and be a part of giving to children around the world.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Peggy Blevins

Email.....blevins@epbf.com

SNL CANCELLED

There is no SNL this Sunday, October 11, due to Chris and Reba traveling for a funeral.

CHURCH WORK DAY

There is a church work day on October 17. 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.

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 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wade at 706.937.5951.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please contact the church office by phone or email to set up an appointment.

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 October, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: T. Horton, D. Elwood, and T. Schreiner. We will contact you weekly by email to see if you are available to help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- October 14 Baked Sandwiches with Oven Fries
- October 21 Chili Pie
- October 28 Chicken 'N Biscuits