



# The eNewsletter

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## Looking Ahead...

### October 14

CPC Autumn Golf Fellowship

### October 16

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Rehearsal  
MS Youth Bonfire  
at the Cathey's

### October 18

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

### October 19

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

### October 20

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch

### October 23

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Church Picnic

### October 26

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Covenant Corps  
Reformation Party

### October 27

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

### October 28

Girls Night Out - Movie Night  
Youth Fall Retreat at CPC

### October 29

Youth Fall Retreat at CPC

### October 30

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
TVP Reformation Service

### November 1

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
Women's Council Meeting

### November 2

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

### November 3

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

### November 4 & 5

Marriage Conference

## From the Pen of Judy Foster...

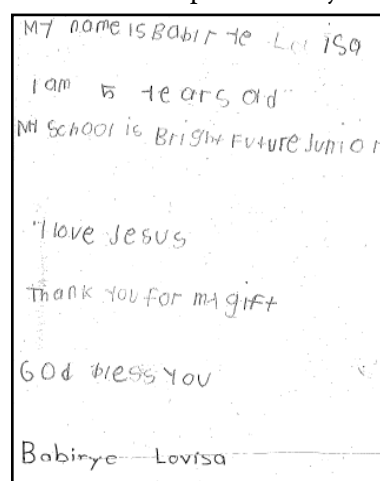
I am so excited to write to you about Operation Christmas Child this year. As you know, CPC has participated in OCC by sending shoeboxes for many years. I have read many stories of these precious children and how the shoeboxes, love, and prayers have impacted them. Many children have come to know Jesus, often joined by their parents and families. Entire villages have become Christians and many churches have been planted, sometimes started by the children. Only in heaven will we know how many lives have been impacted by the shoeboxes you and I have sent over the years.

I was excited to learn about one dear child last week when I received an envelope from Uganda! Inside was a picture of this adorable little girl, Babirye, holding a box I sent last year (it had the note open with my picture so I knew it was from me). She wrote a sweet note and she colored a picture of an old man with a walking stick. The note on that picture said, "A walking stick supports an old man to walk. You can be my walking stick." Isn't that precious? This was the first time I had ever heard from a child who had received one of the shoeboxes! You never know if you will hear from the children as some boxes are distributed through schools, some in tiny villages, and some in churches. Whether we actually hear from the children or not, we know that God is using the boxes for His purposes.

In addition, this year, I also met a young man who received an OCC shoebox about 10 years ago. Kojo lived in Ghana and was extremely poor. His family often did not have enough to eat. He desperately wanted to go to school and he finally went when he was 9. He had to walk three miles to and from school on very dangerous roads every day but he did not want to miss school. One Friday at school when he was 12 years old, buses brought children from other schools and then a big truck pulled up with big boxes. The children were very excited! First, they

were told about Jesus and taught to sing *Jesus Loves Me*. Kojo gave his heart to Jesus that day. Then, the children received their boxes. He and his sister ran home and opened them. He was thrilled with his yoyo and cars and pencils from the U.S. He started attending church on Wednesdays and Sundays; his family became Christians also. When he graduated from high school, his pastor encouraged him to apply for college even if he had no money. He applied all over the world. He had never heard of Tusculum or Greenville, Tennessee, but he was offered a scholarship. He arrived with two pairs of pants and a couple of shirts and nothing more, but he trusted God who had brought him so far. God has been faithful! Kojo will graduate in December with a scholarship to pharmacy school after which he plans to return to Ghana to minister in Jesus' name. He still loves to sing *Jesus Loves Me*. You can see Kojo's pictures and story on the bulletin board at the end of the hallway, across from the Nursery.

I look forward to joining with you again this year in the blessing of sending boxes to children around the world. You can pack your own boxes, bring supplies for boxes, provide money for shipping, come to the packing party on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> and/or pray for these little ones. I also encourage you to put notes in your boxes with your address and picture - you never know



when you might hear from your own little Babirye!

~Judy Foster



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule October 16

#### Worship

##### Infants

Gretchen Brown  
& Esther McEachern

##### Creepers

Tammy & Mandi Bacon

##### Toddlers

Tavis Brown  
& Wil Foster

##### Floater

Lexi Bacon

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Anna Yonkofski  
& Donna Armes

##### Creepers

Sherry & Rachel Baierl

##### Toddlers

Boo Mullinax  
& John Southworth

**October Coordinator:**  
VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### AUTUMN GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Join your CPC family at Fields Ferry Golf Club in Calhoun, Georgia tomorrow. Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$40. **A few spots still available.** Contact Tony DeMarco or Eric Mullinax for details.

### YOUTH BONFIRE

MS Youth are meeting at the home of Adam and Leanna Cathey (270 Indian Mound Road, Ringgold, GA) this Sunday, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### COVENANT CORPS PJ NIGHT

On Wednesday, October 19, the Covenant Corps classes are encouraged to wear pajamas to class and be ready to watch a movie about a hero of our Christian faith!

### CHURCH PICNIC

Please plan to join us at our annual Church Picnic on Sunday, October 23, at Heritage Park at 12:30 p.m. BYOPB (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket), drinks and desserts provided. Activities for everyone!

### MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Mark your calendars! The Marriage Committee invites you to their Fall Seminar on November 4, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in Schum Fellowship Hall. Pastor Pirschel is the speaker. Registration is required. Childcare provided for children 10 and under by registration only. Contact Jon or Heather Harris for registration details at jeh1224@aol.com. Cost is donations only.

### 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.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

October 19	Chicken Tikka Marsala
October 26	Hot Dogs
November 7	Beef Enchiladas

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory.

Shaun & Kristie Brock

Home Phone ..... 423.821.6521

### YOUTH RETREAT

High School and Middle School Youth are invited to a Youth Retreat on October 28-29 in Schum Fellowship Hall. Details available on the Registration Form in the holder outside the Youth Office. Registration required by Sunday, October 23. Please turn forms in to Gretchen Brown.

### 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 at the Welcome Center 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 points are in the Ladies Sunday School classroom across from the coke machine or in the Children's Wing.
- \* **Donate items** - 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), bowls, spoons, flip-flops, t-shirts 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 13.
- \* **Wrap and stuff boxes** on Saturday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School classroom.