



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of Dr. Herb Ward...*

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### **September 3**

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School

#### **September 4**

Church Office Closed - Labor  
Day

#### **September 5**

Mother's Encouragement  
Group

#### **September 6**

Wednesday Night Dinner  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

#### **September 7**

Ladies' Thursday Morning  
Bible Study

#### **September 9**

Men's Breakfast  
Youth Family Hike

#### **September 10**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting

#### **September 11**

Ladies' Monday Night Luke  
Bible Study  
Ladies' Monday Night Peter/  
Jude Bible Study

#### **September 13**

Ladies' Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study  
Wednesday Night Dinner  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **September 14**

Ladies' Thursday Morning  
Bible Study

#### **September 17**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Daconate Meeting  
Getty Choir Rehearsal

#### **September 19**

Mother's Encouragement  
Group  
WM Craft Kinship

#### **September 20**

Ladies' Wednesday Morning  
Bible Study  
Wednesday Night Dinner  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

It has been our great privilege to spend the past four months with you at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Kathy and I want to thank you for your warm hospitality and generous encouragement. It has been one of the great honors of our lives and ministries.

I know that it is difficult to wait. We wait for packages to arrive, our flights to board, summer vacations to begin, and, sometimes, for a new Senior Pastor to arrive. Waiting on God's timing is hard. He is never late. His plans are always perfectly on time. However, His timing does not always coincide with our timing.

The writer to the Hebrews understood this. In Hebrews 13.6-8, he says:

“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

It is evident that the Lord has His hand on Covenant Presbyterian Church. Over the years, our faithful God has guided and provided abundantly for all that His people have needed.

In the past, the Lord provided wonderful under-shepherds to lead the church. In the present, the congregation is being served by a number of faithful under-shepherds who love you well: Dr. Render Caines, Senior Pastor Emeritus; Rev. Eric Mullinax, Senior Associate Pastor; Dr. Dan Steere, Associate Pastor; Rev. Jake Bennett, Assistant Pastor of Discipleship, and Jeremy Gaines, Director of Music Ministries.

If the Lord has provided faithful under-shepherds to lead you in the past and in the present, then you can surely trust Him for the man of His choosing to lead Covenant Presbyterian Church in the future. (As Christopher J. H. Wright says, “the best antidote to fear is a good memory”.)

My encouragement to you is simple: “stay the course”, and continue to trust that the Lord of the Church will send a new Senior Pastor to Covenant at exactly the right time.

You are an amazing congregation with extraordinary hearts and gifts. I am completely confident that the Lord will pour out His blessing on Covenant Presbyterian Church as you continue to hold forth the Word of Life. Be assured that Kathy and I will be praying for you all, and we look forward with anticipation to see what our faithful God will do.

~Dr. Herb Ward



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule September 3

**Front Desk**  
Sherry Baiertl

### Worship

**Infants**  
Judy Foster  
& Catherine Coffey

**Crawlers**  
Mark Watne  
& Tyler Bacon

**Toddlers**  
Sylvia Mills  
& Lexi Bacon

### Sunday School

**Infants**  
Laura Spotts  
& Kristie Brock

**Crawlers**  
John & Becky Pearce

**Toddlers**  
Susan Close  
& Amy Creamer

### MOTHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

The first meeting of MEG is September 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. MEG meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Nursery provided. Please contact Beth Griggs with any questions at [bwgriggs@comcast.net](mailto:bwgriggs@comcast.net).

### MEG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mother's Encouragement Group is looking for volunteers to help monitor the older children room (any children too old for the Nursery). Please let Gretchen Brown know if you are willing to help, even if it is just one week. MEG meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 9, at 8:30 a.m. Rev. Jake Bennett is speaking on *Why Am I Here?* Nursery provided.

### YOUTH FAMILY HIKE

Youth and their families are invited to a hike in Collegedale on Saturday, September 9, at 11:00 a.m. Bring your lunch and drinks and meet at the pavilion at 4707 Morningside Drive, Collegedale TN 37363. For more details, contact Abby Horton at [cpcyouth@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcyouth@covenantchattanooga.org).

### COLLEGE MINISTRY

As your college students begin their fall semester, please send their name, school, and mailing address to the Church Office. If they are living at home, please make sure we also have that information. Please send information to Church Office at [cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org).

### LABOR DAY

The Church Office is closed on Monday, September 4. There will be no eNewsletter sent on Thursday, September 7.

### 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.

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Please note that starting Sunday, August 27, Todd Gaither and Jason Coffey will begin leading a new adult Sunday School class titled *The Baranabas Class* (think Acts 4.32-37). The focus during the fall is Biblical generosity and during the spring the focus will be Biblical practical stewardship. This class will run through May 2018 and will include both what God says about generosity and how that applies to our daily decisions with all that he entrusts to our care. This class will meet in the Choir Room.

### CPC YOUTH CALENDARS

CPC Youth and Parents, if you were unable to attend the Kick-Off, please stop by Abby's office and pick up a brochure with the fall calendar. Contact Abby with any questions at [cpcyouth@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcyouth@covenantchattanooga.org).

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The September Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is available for pickup at the Welcome Center.

### 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

Sept 6	Spaghetti and Caesar Salad
Sept 13	Baked Potato Bar
Sept 20	Breakfast
Sept 27	Sliders and Fries
Oct 4	Stromboli
Oct 11	Chicken Divan
Oct 18	Pork Pot Pie
Oct 25	Pigs in a Blanket (Hot Dogs)
Nov 1	Chicken Bacon Pasta
Nov 8	Enchiladas
Nov 15	Butter Chicken
Nov 29	Soup and Bread
Dec 6	Spaghetti