



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Pastor Emeritus...

Looking Ahead...

November 3

Autumn Golf Fellowship
High School Pumpkin Carving

November 4

Men's Breakfast
Daylight Savings Ends

November 5

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Instrumental Rehearsal

November 7

Mother's Encouragement
Group
Officer's Training Group

November 8

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

November 9

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study

November 10

Youth Retreat

November 11

Youth Retreat

November 12

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Youth Retreat
Missions Committee Meeting
Turnbull/Schreiner Bridal
Shower
Diaconate Meeting

November 13

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

November 15

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

November 16

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry

What a great weekend spent celebrating the Protestant Reformation's 500th anniversary. Thank you to all who worked long and hard at organizing, arranging, practicing, and leading the concert Saturday evening and the Sunday Evening Service. Our worship was adorned by our own instrumentalists, the combined choirs, and Covenant College's choir and orchestra. Dan's sermon Sunday morning and Dr. Madueme's preaching Sunday evening focused our minds and hearts on the glory of our Lord and the privilege and responsibility that is ours to live glorious lives. Please appreciate the long hours spent by Jeremy, our staff, and many others to make it all possible. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

Now...allow me to offer two observations.

First, as we celebrate the Lord's goodness in raising up leaders such as Luther and Calvin to restore to us a biblical understanding of the doctrines of grace – that Scripture alone is the Word of God, and that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, to the glory of God alone – let us not forget that all who embrace Jesus as Savior, Lord and King are together His one holy, catholic (small "c") church. No matter the denominational label we embrace, no matter whether we agree on every point of doctrine, all who by grace exercise an obedient faith in Jesus are members of one and the same church.

Without hesitation, I believe that our reformed and covenant doctrine most accurately reflects the teachings of Scripture. I believe without hesitation

that our Presbyterian form of government is most biblical. But I do not for a moment believe that we are "it." I am ready and willing to stand as one with all who embrace Jesus as their Savior, Lord, and King. We need each other. And if the opposition of our culture to the Lord and His inerrant truths continues to escalate, we will need each other, as together we strive in His strength to remain faithful to our Lord and His Word.

Second, as we give all glory to God for graciously choosing to save us, we must also remember that while we are saved by grace alone, grace is never alone. For the grace that saves is the grace that enables, equips, and empowers us to do those good works which He prepared in advance for us to do. We are saved by His grace that we might serve Him, His church, and this world. We are saved by His glorious grace, that we might live glorious lives – lives that reflect His glory in all we do, think, and say. We are saved by His grace so that we might blaze with His glory, so that in and through all we do and say He might draw others to Himself.

So we celebrate the Protestant Reformation's 500th anniversary, let's remember that we are but a small part of His one, holy, and catholic church. And let us remember that the grace that saves is the grace that enables, equips, and empowers us to live as image bearers of Him before a people enshrouded in darkness, so that by His grace they might step into the life-giving Light of His inspired, infallible and inerrant Word.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule November 5

Front Desk

Emily Calloway

Worship

Infants

Karen Saxton
& Camille Ambrose

Crawlers

Carla Stevenson
& Maggie Middleton

Toddlers

Elijah & Isaiah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Laura Spotts
& Rebekah Gernhard

Crawlers

Domekia & Ellie Gaines

Toddlers

Julia Gracy
& Heather Morrison

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Hannah Turnbull (bride-elect of Micah Schreiner) is on November 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Hannah is registered at Target and Amazon.

HIGH SCHOOL PUMPKIN CARVING

The High School Youth are invited to carve pumpkins with Abby at her house (474 Cardinal Road, Ringgold, GA) on Friday, November 3, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Abby will supply the carving tools, be sure to bring your own pumpkin! Bring a snack to share!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Then Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 4, at 8:30 a.m. Duane Horton is speaking on *It's More Than Just Business*. Nursery provided for 36 months old and younger.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The November 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.

For the month of November, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty: E. Brown, J. Brown (formerly T. Schreiner), T. Gaither, D. Grant, A. Sanders.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Nov 8	Enchiladas
Nov 15	Butter Chicken
Nov 29	Soup and Bread
Dec 6	Spaghetti

WOMEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT

The CPC Women's Ministry Retreat is February 23-25 at the Oak Haven Resort. Bev Meador is leading a study *From Fear to Faith: Allowing God's Word to Transform Your Life*. Registration forms are at the WM table in the Lobby. Registration deadline is December 10. Cost is \$85 for a 2-person room or \$140 for 1-person room (\$50 deposit due with registration). Contact Dory George or Catherine Coffey for more details. Contact Heather Harris or Becky Pearce for available scholarships.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts (no liquids, candy, gum, toothpaste, or war toys) to deliver to needy children around the world at Christmas time. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. Please write a note to the child to include with the gifts. Boxes will be packed on Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School classroom.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

We are collecting staples and canned goods to help those in need. Please place items on the table outside of Pastor Mullinax's office. If you are going through a hard time this year, or if you know someone who is, please contact an Elder or the Church Office. The Pounding is an encouragement to those experiencing hard times and a great witness to a watching world when we love and support on another, and minister to those whom God brings into our paths. Delivery date is November 18. Please contact Joyce Trask at futurejoyce@gmail.com for details.

YOUTH RETREAT

The High School and Middle School Youth Retreat is November 10-12 at Ponderosa Bible Camp. If you have registered but have not turned in your final payment yet, please give that to Gretchen Brown.

TURN CLOCKS BACK

Daylight Savings is ending. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night. Spring forward, Fall back!