



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- October 12**
Men's Proverbs Study
- October 13**
Men's Breakfast
WM Hiking Kinship
- October 14**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
- October 16**
Mother's Encouragement
Group
- October 17**
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- October 18**
Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- October 19**
Men's Proverbs Study
- October 20**
Sunday School Teacher
Meeting
WM Cooking Kinship
- October 21**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Church Picnic
- October 24**
Wednesday Night Activities
- October 25**
Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study
- October 26**
Men's Proverbs Study
- October 27**
Middle School Bonfire
- October 28**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
TVP Reformation Service
- October 31**
Reformation Celebration
- November 1**
Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study

As many of you know from previous years, our denomination asks PCA churches to devote time on a particular Sunday to pray for Covenant College. That Sunday is this weekend. Covenant College is our denomination's only school for undergraduate education; Covenant Theological Seminary (in St. Louis) is our only school for ministerial and graduate training. These two institutions are important means through which the PCA fosters spiritual growth and academic excellence, but also means by which we engage the world with the gospel in word and deed. Both Covenant College and Covenant Seminary are a vital part of our denominational church life in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition. They are both also vital to us as a congregation.

In 1965, two very tiny Presbyterian denominations, one of them Scottish American, merged to form a new denomination that would immediately begin to grow through evangelism and church planting. In 1982, this denomination would be received into the PCA, bringing with it Covenant College and a rich Scottish heritage.

Covenant College is known by many of us. We have been special recipients of the care of this college through faculty and administration who have not only spoken from the pulpit and lecterns of CPC but also ministered as co-laborers among us. Given the impact of Covenant College on our life as a congregation as we pursue ministry in East Brainerd, it is somewhat difficult to imagine a church vision that does not include

Covenant College. This, of course, extends beyond our own Dr. Caines' many years of service on the Board of Trustees and as a member of the faculty. As a congregation, we are very thankful for the discipleship that this college has provided the alumni that call CPC "home." Additionally, we are honored to have current students serving the church body alongside us.

This is not to disregard other institutions of higher education, but the affinity that we have with this particular college is one of personal intimacy. Her faculty and administration are actually called to serve Christ, on *behalf of* and *in submission* to PCA congregations around the world. On Sunday, we are happy to pray for President Derek Halvorson, the board, faculty, staff, and students of Covenant College. Please make Covenant College a part of your personal prayer life. On Sunday we'll also be singing together, "All for Jesus," the college's adopted hymn.

Covenant College is a gift to our denomination. When Alexander Whyte became the principal of New College, Edinburgh, in 1909, he said to his fellow Presbyterian ministers, "fathers and brethren, ... when you are near God in the pulpit, and at the family altar, and especially in secret, ... remember the New College, and the students and the Professors, and especially the poor Principal." Join us on Sunday in remembering Covenant College.

~Pastor Jones



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule October 14

Front Desk
Joanna Watne

Worship

Infants
Beth Griggs

Crawlers
Tammy & Mandy Bacon

Toddlers
Mike & Tyler Bacon

Sunday School

Infants
Betty Varnell

Crawlers
Laura Fosgate
& Mark Watne

Toddlers
Adam & Leanna Cathey

CHURCH PICNIC

The annual Church Picnic is Sunday, October 21 at Heritage Park, beginning at 12:30 p.m. BYOPB (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket). Drinks, ice, and dessert will be provided. Activities for everyone! Bring a picnic blanket and/or lawn chairs for your family.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BONFIRE

The Middle School Youth Group is meeting at the home of Adam and Leanna Cathey (270 Indian Mound Road, Ringgold, GA) on Saturday, October 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A hot dog dinner will be provided. Girls, please bring a dessert to share, and, guys, please bring a drink to share.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 13 at 8:30 a.m. Jerry King is speaking on *The Planting and Watering of God*. Nursery provided for 36 months old and younger.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LUNCH

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. Next Thursday, October 18, we'll provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you are able to contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes, or fruit, please call or email the Church Office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers are from 5:30 p.m. to 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 CPC Youth are responsible for clean-up duty.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Oct 17	Lasagna
Oct 24	Chicken Divan
Oct 31	Pigs in a Blanket
Nov 7	Chili
Nov 14	Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta
Nov 21	Thanksgiving - no meal
Nov 28	Soup and Bread
Dec 5	Chicken Pot Pie
Dec 12	Beef Burgundy

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory:

Chris & Colleen (Murphy) Bailey
699 Probasco Street
Lafayette GA 30728

YOUTH RETREAT

The High School and Middle School Youth Retreat is November 9-11 at Ponderosa Bible Camp. The speakers for the weekend are Pastor Jones, Pastor Bennett, and Jeremiah Hill. Cost is \$65 per person, with a family maximum of \$150. Registration forms are available outside of Jeremiah's office. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 24. Please return those forms to Jeremiah Hill or Abby Horton.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts (no liquids, candy, gum, toothpaste, or war toys) to deliver to the 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 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Classroom.

Collection boxes are outside of the Parlor and outside of Pastor Mullinax's office.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

We are collecting staples and canned goods to help those in need. If you are going through a hard time this year, or if you know someone that 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 one another. Delivery date is November 17. Please contact Joyce Trask at futurejoyce@gmail.com for details.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Each Wednesday, through the month of October, a table will be set up outside Schum Fellowship Hall for *WREATHS across AMERICA*. The goal is to honor our veterans by laying wreaths on their graves at the local National Cemetery during December. If you are willing to sponsor a wreath, please contact Carey Calloway.