



# The eNewsletter

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*From the Pen of our Executive Pastor Jake Bennett...*

## Looking Ahead...

### February 8

Men's Proverbs Bible Study  
Valentine Dinner

### February 10

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Rehearsal

### February 11

Ladies' PM Bible Studies:  
Hebrews Study  
Prophets Study

### February 12

WM Council Meeting

### February 13

Wednesday Night Activities  
Communicants Class

### February 14

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

### February 15

Men's Proverbs Bible Study  
Middle School Superfly Party

### February 17

Morning Worship  
Sunday School

### February 19

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
Craft Kinship Group

### February 20

Wednesday Night Activities  
Communicants Class  
Session Meeting

### February 21

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch

### February 22

Men's Proverbs Bible Study

### February 24

Membership Sunday  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School

### February 27

Wednesday Night Activities  
Communicants Class

## Children and Youth Update

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6*

Our dear family in Christ, in this week's newsletter, I intend to share with you an update regarding our Children's and Youth Ministry. Many of you are aware of the exciting news that Diana Perrel has agreed to serve as our Children's Ministry Assistant. Diana will be working with Crystal to help organize, grow, and serve in our children's ministry. We have also had a few additional changes in our youth ministry. This week, Carl Simakoff has agreed to serve as a Youth Ministry Intern. Carl will be working directly with Jeremiah to disciple many of the young men in our youth.

In addition to these staffing positions, I wanted to share an update on how we will be handling promotion this year. Beginning this summer, our church will have one promotion date for all ages and grades. This year, Promotion Sunday will occur on August 18. This enables us to recognize the growth and development of our children and youth as we start into each Fall Kick-off event. At that time, we will also add a Wednesday night class for two-year-olds.

Unfortunately, this change will affect the registration for our Youth Summer Camps, The Edge and Generate. Rising seventh, eighth, and ninth graders will be eligible to go to the Edge this year. For Generate, we will take rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders, in addition to recent high school graduates. Please contact Jeremiah Hill or Abby Horton for more details on attending one of these summer camps.

In considering Promotion Sunday, we are also systematizing the age brackets for each grade this summer. The standard practice will seek to promote all children and youth who are born prior to September 1 of each given year. For example, five-year-olds born prior to September 1 will be promoted into our Kindergarten class. Likewise, eleven-year-olds born prior to September 1 will be encouraged to enter sixth grade. This will allow us to focus on age-related curriculum, topics, and learning styles. However, there are times when this kind of structure can be too limiting. If you are a parent and have concerns or questions about where your child or youth might best learn about the Lord and His Word, then I encourage you to schedule a meeting with Jeremiah or Crystal.

In conclusion, we held our first Communicants Class this week. I want to encourage any parents of young children who are considering joining the church to have them join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the Library. If your child happened to miss this past week, there is still time to catch up and join us.

It is our desire to assist the parents of this church in the training and nurturing of their children in the Lord. On behalf of our Children's and Youth Ministry, we are grateful for the opportunities we have to share God's faithful and covenantal love with our children. I am excited to see how the Lord will use the ministry of this church to further testify to His goodness and grace as our children grow into adulthood.

~Pastor Bennett



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule February 10

**Front Desk**  
Sherry Baierl

### Worship

**Infants**  
Lexi Bacon

**Crawlers**  
Tammy & Mandy Bacon

**Toddlers**  
Mike & Tyler Bacon

### Sunday School

**Infants**  
Tammy Higgins

**Crawlers**  
Tim & Kristin Sotelo

**Toddlers**  
John & Becky Pearce

### VALENTINE DINNER

As a reminder, to everyone who has registered, the Valentine Dinner is this Friday at 6:30 p.m. The theme is *Swing, Swing, Swing!* A cake auction is also taking place, and all proceeds are going to fund choir mission efforts in Belarus. Due to lack of need, nursery will not be available during this event. Registration is closed.

### INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal begins Sunday, February 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This ensemble is for those who have a little experience and a lot of love for playing an instrument. Please come and be a part of this ensemble.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPERFLY EVENT

The Middle School Superfly Event will be on Friday, February 15, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We will meet at Superfly Chattanooga for a time of fun and fellowship! As a reminder, please return your signed waiver to the youth box or bring with you on the 15th. Cost is \$10. Please contact Jeremiah Hill if financial assistance is needed.

### NOW HIRING

Covenant Presbyterian Church is seeking to hire a part-time Pastoral Administrative Assistant to work with our pastoral staff. If you are interested in considering this position, please inquire about the application process by emailing [cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org).

### MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in joining the church, you may meet with the Session on Sunday, February 17. Please call or email the church for an appointment.

### SUMMER YOUTH CAMP EVENTS

Parents, please mark your calendar for our Youth Summer Camp destinations and dates this year.

Middle School (*the Edge*): June 17-21

High School (*Generate*): July 15-19

Registration information will be available soon. If you have questions, please contact Jeremiah Hill or Abby Horton.

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Please join us on Wednesday evenings for our fellowship meal. Cost is \$4 per adult, \$2.50 per child and a max of \$15 per family. This week's entrée is Coq Au Vin. Please remember to supervise your children until the children's wing opens at 6:50 p.m.

For the month of February, the following Shepherding Groups are responsible for clean-up duty: J. Coffey, J. Hildebrand, J. Jones, D. Steere, and M. Walker.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

February 13	Coq Au Vin
February 20	Spaghetti and Caesar Salad
February 27	Butter Chicken
March 6	Biscuit Chicken Pot Pie
March 13	Jambalaya Pasta
March 20	Philly Cheesesteak and Bacon Potatoes
March 27	Beef Shepherd's Pie