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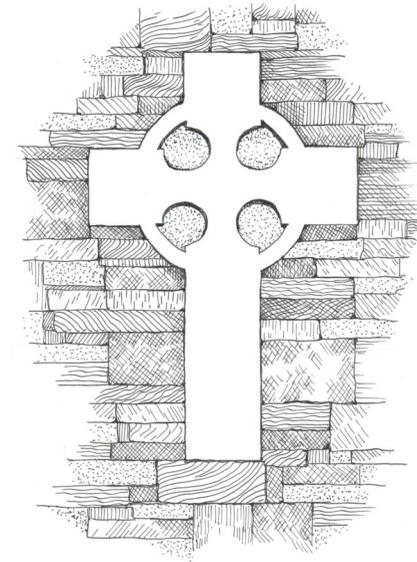
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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Diaconate

The deacons are elected by the congregation to care for the material needs of church members, promote generosity, and oversee the church facility. They also extend the love and generosity of Christ to those outside the church. Please contact them if you or someone you are concerned about has a physical or material need.

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CHRIST COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21, 2019 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 1:3-4; 4:11

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an
inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you.

Everyone: **To Him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739 TUNE: Lyra Davidica, 1708

Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save. Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Christ Is Risen

WORDS & MUSIC: Shane Barnard, Shane Everett, 2012

Let no one caught in sin remain inside the lie of inward shame,
We fix our eyes upon the cross and run to him who showed great love
And bled for us—freely you've bled for us.

Youth Sunday School

The youth classes cover various biblical and theological topics.

7th & 8th Grade

9th & 10th Grade

11th & 12th Grade

Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger

John Knappenberger

Chris & Merrill Dotson

Youth House

Youth House

Youth House

Adult Sunday School Classes

Women's Class – Allison Siegenthaler and Dixie Bergquist – Gloria Edwards Room

The Book of James

James — a bond slave of Jesus Christ with a faith that is real. How does God define REAL FAITH? Join us as we pray for one another and study God's word on His Word.

Co-Ed Class 1 – Brad Eades and Wes Rakestraw — Sanctuary

Isaiah 1-12

How do you respond when you hear someone say that the God of the Old Testament is mean, but in the New Testament full of grace? Come learn about the character of God in a book that is often referred to as the gospel of the Old Testament.

Co-Ed Class 2 – Randy Hays and Vince Bergquist – Classroom 4

Revelation for Everyone

What does the last book of the Bible teach us about God's redemptive plan for His chosen people? Why does God's plan include the suffering of His people? Where is all this going? Come join us this fall as we see how Christians are truly "More Than Conquerors."

Co-Ed Class 3 – Steve Nyquist – Fellowship Hall

Jesus Is the Promised Messiah of the Old Testament

This year we will work through specific Old Testament passages telling us about a loving God providing His children with a plan for forgiveness and redemption through the person of Jesus the Messiah.

Class for Women in Transition or Trial – Diane Burton – Bell Tower Room

For the past year we have been studying union with Christ. We will now be studying prayer in the life of the believer. Since Christ lives in me and I in him, my prayer life should reflect this union with Christ. It will be an exciting time of growth in our walk with the Lord.

Classes & Other Information

Church Membership

During the Sunday school hour we have a class for those interested in church membership. Please speak to Pastor Andrew after the service if you would like to attend.

Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups are small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, encouragement, prayer, and growth in our love for one another and for Christ. Covenant Groups meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM. You are welcome to join a Covenant Group at any time. Speak to any elder for more information.

Prayer Chain

Your brothers and sisters in Christ would love to pray for you. Please call, text, or email with any requests. Rest in the knowledge that God's people will be interceding on your behalf. Gwen Hays 256-796-7031 or 256-709-5276 gwen2829@yahoo.com
Dollie White 256-737-9215

Counseling

*Are you in a shameful or fearful situation and feel you have no one to talk to?
*Are you battling an addiction to drugs, alcohol, sex, pornography, or gambling?
*Are you in a violent or abusive relationship—verbally, physically, or sexually?
You are not alone. Go to www.christcovenantcullman.org and click on: Counseling

Nursery & Cry Room

A nursery is available for infants through age four. There is also a cry room in the back of the sanctuary for mothers with young children.

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. The children's classes use graded material that covers the big stories and themes of the Bible. Coordinators Steve Turner and Jonathan Haynes.

Preschool	Whitney & Braden Cook/Tara & Randy Quinn	Room 14
Kindergarten	Allison & Blake Bright/Mary & Benjamin Rogers	Room 15
1st Grade	Melanie & Jason McCoy/Rachel & Jonathan Skeen	Room 8
2nd—3rd Grades	Zeb & Holly Powell (one teacher still needed)	Room 6
4th—6th Girls	Rachael Howze (one couple still needed)	Downstairs
4th—6th Boys	Bo Shirey & Rick White	Downstairs

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death.
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave,
Christ is risen from the dead. We are one with Him again,
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.*

Beneath the weight of all our sin you bowed to none but heaven's will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold you down.
In strength you reign—Forever let your church proclaim:

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light. The glory of God has defeated the night.
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light. Our God is not dead, he's alive, he's alive!

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16:1-11

CONFESSION OF SIN

We confess, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
that we have complained and murmured against you
like the children of Israel traveling through the wilderness.
In spite of all the mighty works you have done on our behalf
we have doubted Your promises and fought against Your providence.
Forgive us, Almighty God, and impress the wonder of redeeming grace upon our hearts.
Enable us to trust Jesus Christ as crucified Savior, risen Lord,
reigning King, coming Judge, Lord of life and history,
so that we may follow in confidence and new obedience. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

The Power Of The Cross

WORDS & MUSIC: Stuart Townend and Keith Getty, 2005

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, Then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Every bitter thought, every evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath: We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Sermon Notes

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; “Finished!” the victory cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a life! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-49

SERMON

“Even If Someone Rises From The Dead”

COMMUNION SONG

Living Hope

WORDS & MUSIC: Phil Wickham, 2018

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation, I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul,
The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free,
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me,
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

“Love . . . Reaching”

Gregg and Julie Nicholson live in Bangkok, Thailand where Gregg does church planting and leadership training. Julie teaches special education at a prominent international school. They have four children, Joy, David, Sarah, and Grace.

Tears ran down Thai Christians’ faces as they saw people coming forward to receive Christ. Over 4,000 people prayed to receive Christ during the “Amazing Love” Evangelistic Festival with Franklin Graham in Bangkok. On January 19-20 over 42,600 people came and brought their non-Christian family and friends to hear the gospel. They brought people they had been praying for and sharing with for months and sometimes even years. One new Christian in our church named Aww, brought her parents to the event and both prayed to receive Christ. She had tears in her eyes as she told me “not only that, my sister was watching the live stream from France and she texted me and said that she prayed to receive Christ while watching online.” Over 100,000 people watched the online stream. Another Thai friend named Silk, who was one of the first Thais to become a Christian through our ministry many years ago, ran up to Julie and me and said, “It took 23 years, but my father prayed to receive Christ tonight.” For over a year I have had the opportunity to work with Thai leaders in hosting Franklin Graham for the Festival. When I understood all that is done before and after a Festival: prayer, training, bringing pastors and churches together, I felt that this could be historic. One pastor friend told me Friday night before the Festival, “It’s already a success; all the prayer, the training over 7,000 people in Bangkok to share their faith and know how to follow up new believers. The festival itself is just a bonus on top of all that God has already done.”

Our time in the U.S. was incredible! We were able to help Joy make the transition to Liberty University, spend time with our families, and visit supporting churches and friends. It was great to spend extended time at home. It had been six years since we had a true U.S. ministry assignment. It was refreshing for us to stay at the missionary house at First Baptist Trussville. Also because of your generous giving, we were able to return to minister here in a good position. Thank you! Julie is enjoying not teaching this term, and the kids enjoyed being in the U.S. but they are glad to be back with friends in school here. God answered another prayer in that Joy and some friends won a trip with Samaritan’s Purse that allowed her to go to Trinidad and Tobago just at the time we were returning to Thailand. We were so glad God gave Joy this ministry trip to look forward to just as we were returning to Bangkok. God is good!

As I mentioned in my last prayer letter, I was invited to join with the City-to-City (CTC) Bangkok Network to help build a network of pastors and church planters to cultivate a gospel-centered church planting movement in this great city. CTC is a church planting network out of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC. We are in the process of translating two of Tim Keller books *Prodigal God* and *Counterfeit Gods* to be published and used with other training resources to fuel gospel-centered church planting. We have already begun gathering pastors and leaders and feel that God is going to use this network to envision and train new church planters in Bangkok. In order to see real transformation in this city and nation, we don’t need just a few hundred more churches, we need to see thousands more! Pray with us as we trust God for more pastors and new churches. Thank you for your partnership with us.

Gregg and Julie

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

WORDS & MUSIC: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, 2012

How can it be, the One who died, Has born our sin through sacrifice
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah.
For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ He is risen.

*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.*

Where doubt and darkness once had been, They saw Him and their hearts believed.
But blessed are those who have not seen, Yet, sing hallelujah.
Once bound by fear now bold in faith, They preached the truth and power of grace.
And pouring out their lives they gained Life, life everlasting.

The power that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go tell of His goodness.
He’s alive, He’s alive! Heaven’s gates are opened wide.
He’s alive, He’s alive! Now in heaven glorified.

BENEDICTION

The Apostles Creed in its present form comes from the eighth century but older forms were used in the very early church. It is called the Apostles Creed, not because the Apostles wrote it, but because it summarizes their teaching. “Catholic” means one, only, true, and universal.

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Wednesday

6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group
Covenant Groups
Covenant Kids
7:00 a.m. John DuBose Men's Prayer Group

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

April 21

Church Service—Hannah Richter, Shonda Price,
Karen Adams

April 28

Church Service—Anna Bright, Kim Canaday,
Anthony Taylor
Sunday School—Connie Jacobs, Johnny Cook

Birthdays This Week

April 22.....Kim Canaday
Gerri Miner
Cameron Yeager
April 23.....Jimmy Lee
April 25.....Christina Skinner
April 26.....Wade Bentley

If we miss your birthday, please send an email to Tracie, tracierakes@gmail.com

New Baby

David John Cook was born April 14. He weighed 8lbs. 90oz. and was 22 in. long. Congratulations Whitney and Braden!

27th Anniversary Celebration

Wednesday, May 1

Supper served from 5:30 - 6:30

*Bring a blanket and picnic outside!
*Bouncy things for kids to play on!
*BBQ meal, \$5 per person/\$20 per family!

Program at 7:00

*Covenant Kids Year-End Program!
*Nursery provided!

Rummage Sale May 16, 17 & 18

It's time for spring cleaning! Clean out your closets, cabinets, sheds, and storage bins to collect those items you don't use anymore. Then donate your unwanted items to the CCPC Rummage Sale. Proceeds benefit CCPC short term missions. Call or text Judie Hubbard (256) 708-7877 or Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999.

Communicants Class Begins May 8

This class is for children, rising 4th grade and older, who want to become communing members of the church. Children need to be able to read, memorize Scripture, grasp some abstract thoughts, and articulate basic biblical truths. If they are too young, the class will be frustrating to them.

There will be four one-hour classes, Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30, May 8, 15, 22, & 29. Classes will be taught by Pastor Andrew at the church.

The class will teach your children the privileges and duties of church membership and help them articulate their own personal faith in Jesus Christ. We will study the basic beliefs of our Christian faith, communion, baptism, and church government. Scripture memory work is part of the class. Children take this class before meeting with the Session for communing membership and admission to the Lord's Table.

Please tell Andrew this week if you have children who want to take this class. 256-531-5504

Two Summer Bible Studies For Women

Wednesday evenings, 6:15-8:30 beginning May 8

Led by Diane Burton & Tina Hulse

In an effort to build upon what we learned at our Break Away Conference, we will be studying

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

by Paul David Tripp.

Come join your sisters in Christ as we learn to shepherd one another. We will learn how to live practically as followers of Christ in the way we think about ourselves and our problems, in the way we serve others, and in the way we relate to God. As followers of Christ, we are being transformed and called to be agents of transformation. Meets at the church.

Tuesday mornings, 9:00-10:30 beginning May 14

Led by Allison Siegenthaler & Emily Haynes

Long-awaited summer is here: warmth and a break from intense scheduled life! How long before you start to feel disconnected and say you can't wait for school to start again? We need schedule and we need each other. Each week we will pray, fellowship, and study one stanza of beautiful Psalm 119. Since each lesson will be a self-contained study, missing a week for travel will not be a problem. Please purchase and start reading

The Psalm 119 Experience:

A Devotional Journey You Will Not Forget

Meets at the home of Julie Kennedy, 911 Violet Ave NW. Enter at lower level basement entrance on Pansy Street.

Nursery provided for both studies, infants to age 4

Nursery News

Our nursery welcomes children 0-3 years of age. We utilize a Sticker Check-In Policy. Parents fill out information on stickers each visit. Babies up to 18 months should enter our Infant Nursery at the third door in the nursery hall. Children 18 months and older should enter our Toddler Nursery at the first door in the nursery hall. Volunteers are welcome too. If you would like to be added to the nursery volunteer list, please text or call Karena Haynes at (256) 636-0999.

Summer Opportunity

Once again you will have the opportunity to 'live out' the commitment you make when a covenant child is baptized at Christ Covenant. This summer we will again give our current Children's Sunday School teachers a well-deserved break. This also gives you a great opportunity to get to know some of the Covenant children. It won't take much of your time and if everyone participates, it will just be one or two Sundays during the SS hour. You will have two youth helpers to assist you with your class. There needs to be two adults in each class each Sunday. Sign up sheets for each class will be in the Narthex starting April 14. Please take the time to look over your Summer schedule and see how you can serve. Summer Sunday School begins June 2. If you have any questions, please see me. —Tracie

Ladies Night & Gents Social

Ladies, join us at 5:30 Monday evening, **May 6**, at Grumpy's. Call in your order. Text 256-347-3593 if you need the nursery.

Nursery Workers Wanted

Currently, we have a need for more paid nursery staff on Sunday and Tuesday mornings as well as Wednesday nights. If you or someone you know is 18 years old or older and interested in working 2-4 regular shifts in the nursery per month, please contact Karena Haynes at (256) 636-0999.

2019 Men's Hike

May 10th returning on May 11th—Len Foote Hike Inn in the Chattahoochee National Forest in North Georgia. The cost is \$105.00 per person, this includes dinner and breakfast, 2 men per room that has a set of bunk beds. **YOU GET YOUR OWN BED!** Also there is a bath house and the rooms have power.