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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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The deacons are elected by the congregation to assist the elders, primarily by caring for the physical and material needs of church members and upkeep of 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

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Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

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The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 145

Leader: I will exalt you, my God and King;
I will praise your name forever and ever.
Every day I will praise you and extol your name forever and ever.

People: **Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation will commend your works to another;
they will tell of your mighty acts.
They will celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise The King

WORDS & MUSIC: Corey Voss, 2014

There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken,
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light,
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven—Jesus is alive!

There's a reason why we are not overtaken,
There's a reason why we sing on through the night,
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal—Jesus is alive!

*Praise the King, He is risen! Praise the King, He's alive!
Praise the King, death's defeated! Hallelujah, He's alive!
Hallelujah, He's alive!*

There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous,
There's a reason why the dead are made alive,
There's a reason why we share His resurrection—Jesus is alive!

The grave could not ignore it when all of heaven's roaring:
“Hell, where is your victory?” “Death, where is your sting?”
The world could not ignore it when all the saints are roaring:
“Hell, where is your victory?” “Death, where is your sting?”

Adult Sunday School Classes

We invite you to find a book or subject you want to study or a teacher you love and join us at 10:30 as we study God's Word together. Classes meet after the worship service.

Acts

Meets in the Chandelier Room
Led by Randy Hays and Andy Starnes
Open to everyone

John

Meets in the Session Room
Led by Mike Burton
Open to men of all ages

Matthew

Meets in the Gloria Edwards Room
Led by Dixie Bergquist
Open to women of all ages and stages of life

A View From The Top: Studies in the Life of Joseph by Wallace Tinsley, Jr.

Meets in the Bell Tower Room
Led by Diane Burton
Open to women going through loss from death or divorce

2 Corinthians

Meets in Fellowship Hall
Led by Steve Nyquist
Open to everyone

Sermon on the Mount

Meets in Classroom 4
Led by Phil Gatlin
Open to everyone

Information & Classes

Church Membership

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

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.

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

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. Coordinator Steve Turner and Jonathan Haynes.

Preschool	Kristi Nyquist/Haley White	Room 14
Kindergarten	Jason & Melanie McCoy/Tracie & Nicki Rakestraw	Room 15
1st Grade	Hope Atchison/Holly Powell	Room 12
2nd & 3rd Grade	Randy & Tara Quinn/Kellen & Katie Thompson	Room 8
4th, 5th, 6th Boys	Wyatt Pettus/Rick White	Room 9
4th, 5th, 6th Girls	Joyah Pettus/Dana Starnes	Room 6

Youth Sunday School

The youth classes cover various biblical and theological topics.

7 th & 8 th Grade	Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger	Youth House
9 th & 10 th Grade	John Knappenberger	Youth House
11 th & 12 th Grade	Brandon & Laura Reeder	Youth House

Psalm 45: Fairest Of All

WORDS & MUSIC: Shane Barnard and Shane Everett, 2015

My heart burst at its banks, Spilling with beauty and goodness.
I pour it out as a song to my King, Shaping the rivers into words.

What grace pours from your lips, The sound calls the midnight to morning;
The melody turns my winter to spring, I echo it now in my worship.

Ten thousand strong, You're the fairest of all,
Fairest in heaven and earth.
Of the children of men You're the fairest of them,
Fairest in heaven and earth.

Your heart burst at the seams, Flowing with blood and with water.
A song of love pouring out from the tree singing,
"For the joy set before me."

You ransomed your bride On the day that you died,
Ascended to heaven in glory.
She stands clothed in white With her head lifted high singing,
"Come and return in Your glory."

You ransomed your bride On the day that you died,
Ascended to heaven in glory.
We stand clothed in white With our voice lifted high singing,
"Come and return in Your glory."

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we cling to that trustworthy saying:
"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."
Forgive us, Lord, for not admitting the depth of our sin and corruption,
our pride, our selfishness, our lusts, our vanity,
and our continual excusing of our sinful choices.
And forgive us, Lord, for not believing in the depth of Your love for us;
love that sent You to the cross to suffer and die in the place of sinners.
Forgive us, Lord, for not resting in the assurance of Your forgiveness.
Forgive us, Lord, for not trusting in the promises of Your eternal word.
O Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, create in us enduring faith in Your salvation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sermon Notes

SONG OF ASSURANCE *God Of My Life, To Thee I Call*

WORDS: William Cowper, 1779 MUSIC: Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy and Benj Poeta, 2007

God of my life, to Thee I call; Afflicted, at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water floods prevail Leave not my trembling heart to fail!

*Poor though I am, despised, forgot Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe, and must succeed for whom The Lord is sure to plead.*

Friend of the friendless and the saint, Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door Invites the helpless and the poor!

That were a grief I could not bear, Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
But a prayer-hearing, answering God Supports me under every load.

BAPTISM

Cecilia Ruth Cook

PARENTAL VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

Please place visitor cards in the offering plate

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:11-15

SERMON

“Defending The Faith”

Pray for our Missionaries

Larissa Marshall is the daughter of Verne and Alina Marshall, our missionaries in Chile. Larissa is in Bogota, Columbia for a year, ministering primarily to the teenage children of missionaries and pastors. As an MK herself (missionary kid), she has experienced some of the struggles these youth deal with. Christ Covenant has supported Larissa through your gifts. This is a recent email update.

*How did you grow up not hating your parents for becoming missionaries?
Did your parents ever spend time with you?
Did they ever listen to you without putting you down?
Did you like spending time with them?*

These questions nearly broke my heart when I was asked them. Sixteen year old Sofia goes to our youth group and both of her parents are pastors. They live as a family on the second story of the church building which means her parents are available 24/7 to their church community. Sadly though, many Colombian couples who are in charge of churches (when husband and wife are both pastors) give their life to their work and forget about raising a family well. Because of this, the children are often not loved and raised in the way they should be, which is what Sofia is experiencing.

When she asked her parents about visiting another church, they questioned her about supporting their calling and told her she needs to be encouraging them by attending their church. Incredibly, Sofia was recently appointed the youth group leader, leading a group of 15-20 of her peers in talks and in worship. She wasn't elected because she wanted to do it. Instead, she accepted because she felt like she should support her parents more by helping lead some sort of ministry group. I would really appreciate your prayers for this sticky situation, in that God would grant patience to Sofia during this difficult time with her parents, as well as give me wisdom as to how to go about guiding her.

In February, I began to lead a high school girls Bible study and it has been going really well! We average 5-6 girls every get together and it's neat to see and hear them open up about their struggles and concerns about growing as a Christian. It's also fun to hear their different thoughts to questions because some are full Colombian, some are half Colombian, and some are full American and they incorporate their cultural upbringing into their answers which makes for some interesting discussions. I love being with these third culture kids and they are such a joy to listen to and hang out with.

Lastly, thank you so much for your support giving! I was lacking \$5,000 to finish out my internship and God provided that amount in about 7 weeks. He continues to amaze me in how well He takes care of me through you. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do for me.

En Cristo,
Larissa Marshall

COMMUNION SONG *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor And Needy*

TEXT: Joseph Hart, 1759 MUSIC: Todd Agnew

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness, He requireth, is to feel your need of Him.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;
And in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, you weary, heaven laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Christ Is Risen

WORDS & MUSIC: Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes, 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.

*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!

*BENEDICTION

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Today

4:00 p.m Session meeting

Wednesday

6:30 p.m Covenant Kids
Covenant Groups
Youth Group

Friday

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 23

9-10:15– Marci Turner, Tina Hulse
10:30-11:15– Lisa Jones

April 30

9-10:15– Terri Johnson, Martha Hasenbein
10:30-11:15– Sharon Weatherly

April Birthdays

25 - Christina Skinner
25 - Ryan Jones
28 - Brittany Lee
28 - Courtney Lee
29 - Rebekah Warren

Easy Online Giving

Giving online is more convenient than ever. Some of the best features are mobile and text giving, automatic recurring donations, and customizable giving options. Creating an account is easy; just visit the church's website and click "Give". For more information, pick up a copy of the printed instructions from the narthex.

Christ Covenant 25th Anniversary Events

Wed, May 3 Anniversary Fun Night!!!

Supper served from 5:30 - 6:30

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

Program at 7:00

- *Nursery provided!!!

Sunday, May 7 Anniversary Celebration

Worship Service at 9:00

- *Rev. Jamie Peterson, guest
preacher
- *Humble praise for God's
faithfulness

Following the Service

- *Church photograph
- *Dinner on the grounds, 11:30

Don't forget

- *Bring photos from the past to church office
- *Your Covenant Group food assignments
- *Bring a lawn chair Sunday if you have one.

Keep Bringing Plastic Bags for Kenya Relief Ministry

Over 200 plastic mats have been made from plastic bags by members and supporters at St. John's church for the Kenya Relief Ministry to give to African families. Several other church members in North Alabama are also making mats. Rather than adding more plastic bags to landfills, bring your plastic bags to our church and deposit them in the container in the hallway. Everyone is welcome to help make mats on Tuesdays, 9 to 12 noon at St. John's.

Radio Program

Listen to *A Different Perspective*, hosted by Pastor Tom Fillinger. Broadcast Monday through Friday on WKUL 92.1 FM at 11:30 am. Our goal is the reformation and renewal of the church in Cullman County and North Alabama. Tune in each day. Pray with us. Ask God to transform his church as only he can.

Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups are small groups that meet in homes for fellowship, encouragement, prayer, and to grow in our depth of 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.

Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.