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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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CHRIST COVENANT Presbyterian Church

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Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; will take joy in the God of my salvation.
Habakkuk 3:17-18

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Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 18

Minister: Who is God besides the LORD?
and who is the Rock except our God?

**People: It is God who arms me with strength
and makes my way perfect.
He trains my hands for battle;
my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
You give me Your shield of victory
and Your right hand sustains me.**

Minister: The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!
Exalted be God my Savior!

**People: Therefore I will praise You among the nations, O LORD;
I will sing praises to Your name!**

SONGS OF PRAISE

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

TEXT: Edward Perronet, 1779 TUNE: Oliver Holden, 1793

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of al

He Lives, The Great Redeemer Lives

WORDS: Anne Steele, 1760 MUSIC: Kevin Twit, 2015

Repeated crimes awake our fears And justice armed with frowns appears,
But in the Savior's lovely face Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace, all is peace.

Adult Bible Fellowship

The purpose of Adult Bible Fellowship is to teach consistently the whole counsel of God through the study of the Bible and biblical topics; to encourage the fellowship of believers; and to build disciples by equipping Christians to make an impact for Jesus Christ beginning in the home and church, and moving to Cullman and beyond. Coordinator Jason White.

Family Life

For Couples and Parents With Children at Home

It seems that families have never faced greater challenges than the current time in which in we live. But thank God that we have His promises, His faithfulness, hope through the person and work of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit made available to us. On that foundation, our purpose is to encourage and equip (1) couples in their marriage and (2) parents as they raise their children. This includes being real with one another, sharing our victories and defeats. This also includes coming alongside struggling marriages pointing one another to Christ, and simply being there for one another. Led by Jay Weatherly and Jonathan Haynes.

Summer Bible Series - Fellowship Hall

Sojourners

For Empty Nesters and Grandparents.

The primary goal of Sojourners Adult Bible Fellowship is not just presenting information about the Bible. The primary goal is encouraging one another to follow hard after Christ according to the plain meaning of the biblical text. Join with us in the exciting study of Isaiah every Sunday morning after our worship service. Led by Phil Gatlin & Linton Newlin.

Summer Bible Series - Fellowship Hall

Faith Followers

Women of all ages are invited to study I, II, and III John. Join us as we study the Word and care for each other through prayer. Led by Randy Hays.

Summer Bible Series - Fellowship Hall

My New Normal

For women who have been married and are going through a loss either because of death or divorce. We focus on God's story for your life and learning to walk in your new normal. Our current study is a book by Larry Crabb called Shattered Dreams. Led by Diane Burton.

Bell Tower

Iron Sharpens Iron

We will spend this year studying through Paul's letters to the church plant in Corinth (1 & 2 Corinthians). The spiritual life journey of a believer is significantly shaped through interactions with a specific community of other believers—the local Body. Paul's letters walk us through the good, bad and ugly of maturing Christians in community with other maturing Christians. One change for this year is that we are going CO-ED. Any and all 'better-halves' are invited to join with the men in this study. Led by Steve Nyquist.

Summer Bible Series - Fellowship Hall

Wisdom Seekers

For men who desire a deeper understanding of God's Word. If you want a more significant role in the home as mature Christian leaders who acknowledge "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" then this class is for you. We are presently studying the book of John with open discussion and fellowship each Sunday. Led by Mike Burton.

Summer Bible Series - Fellowship Hall

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.

. These classes are based on the grades they just completed, NOT grades they will be in this fall.

CLASS 1 - PRESCHOOL 3-4 YEAR OLDS Room 14
Teachers change weekly.

CLASS 2 - KINDERGARTEN - 1ST Grade Room 15
Teachers change weekly.

CLASS 3 - 2ND Grade - 5TH Grade Room 6
Teachers change weekly.

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	Edward Bonds	Youth House
11 th & 12 th Grade	Brandon & Laura Reeder	Youth House
College	Shane & Tamara Sheffield and Randy & Tara Quinn	Youth House

*He lives! The great Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives!
And now, before His Father, God, Pleads the merit of His blood.*

In every dark, distressful hour When sin and Satan join their power,
Let this dear hope repel the dart, That Jesus bears us on His heart, on His heart.

Great Advocate, almighty Friend! On Him our humble hopes depend;
Our cause can never, ever fail For Jesus pleads and must prevail.

For our Jesus pleads, our Jesus pleads and Jesus must prevail.
For our Jesus pleads, our Jesus please and Jesus must prevail.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord our God,
for the glory of Your holy name You have given us new hearts
that turn away from idols and worship and serve You only.
You have removed our hearts of stone and given us hearts of flesh.
Forgive us, Lord, for not living every day in the power of the new life.
Renew us by Your Spirit and enable us to walk in obedience to Your holy law.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

In My Hiding Place

TEXT & MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2005

Loving God please have mercy, take my sin away.
Father wash me and cleanse me, make me pure again.
Against You and You only, have I sinned willingly.
Father You are most Holy. Purify me!

*Your mercy's deep, Your mercy's wide, Your mercy finds me where I hide.
The river flows and washes over me.
And when I turn to run away Your mercy finds me where I am
And covers me with amazing grace, In my hiding place.*

Many times I've been silent, and I've wasted away.
Then You've heard my confessions, and my sin You forgave.
So I come to You Father, let the waters rise.
Father, You are my refuge. In You I'll hide.

Sermon Notes

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

Please place visitor cards in the offering plate.

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 2:41-51 & other passages**

SERMON **“Saying No To Someone You Love”**

COMMUNION SONG

Good, Good Father

WORDS & MUSIC: Chris Tomlin, 2015

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night,
And you tell me that you're pleased, And that I'm never alone.

*You're a good, good Father—
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are.
And I'm loved by you—
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide,
'Cause you know just what we need before we say a word.

You are perfect in all of your ways,
You are perfect in all of your ways,
You are perfect in all of your ways to us.
Oh, it's love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak,
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think.

CONFESSION OF FAITH **Heidelberg Catechism**

Minister: What do you believe when you say,
“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth”?

**People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them by His eternal providence,
is my God and Father because of Christ His Son.**

**I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide
whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good
whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world.
He is able to do this because He is almighty God;
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.**

Pray for Our Missionaries

John and Melody Hunt have been in Thailand with Campus Outreach for 23 years. They do evangelism and discipleship on the university campus as well as church-planting. They are on an extended home assignment in Birmingham. This is a recent email.

Highlights:

- *It has been a privilege seeing our children adjusting to life in the US, Joseph and Josh graduating from high school, Megan about to get married in June.
- *Attending mission conferences; there is a balance of ‘go till you drop’ and yet the incredible affirmation you feel from all those who have such a heart for missions.
- *Working with the Global Resource Center here in B’ham as we prepare missionaries to be sent out as well as help missionaries as they return to the US.
- *Calling our ministry partners in Thailand via video call as we continue to engage them in ministry and life.
- *Returning to Thailand for a visit in March and April. It was a tremendous time of touching base and seeing God continue to grow our Thai staff into mature laborers.
- *Continuing our own training and education through graduate courses which focus on caring well for those serving in an overseas context.

Our recent trip to Thailand accomplished the following:

- *We were able to meet with all of our staff and with our Thai friends over the 7 days we were in KhonKaen and ChiangMai.
- *We were able to get our work permit and visa renewed without difficulty.
- *We met with the director of Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Thailand (partnering with Campus Outreach) and talked about ministry and the future.
- *P’Nok was the director of Cru (Campus Crusade) in Thailand. He went to be with the Lord a few weeks ago after suffering a heart attack. He is survived by his wife and son. He was a powerful force in the gospel in Thailand and a friend from the day we arrived in Thailand. Please pray for Nok’s family and also for the church and ministry to respond with even greater fervor to the continued need.

“... let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

- *One of our prayer requests for Campus Outreach throughout the years is that we would grow in ethnic diversity stateside. Continue to pray that God would use CO to raise up laborers among the various ethnic communities on campus and beyond.
- *Continue to pray for our Home Ministry Assignment and the training opportunities before us.
- *Pray for the campus ministry and continued community outreach in KhonKaen and in ChiangMai - that God would change hearts and usher the Thai people into His Kingdom. Specifically pray for the youth work at the church.
- *Pray for new believers in Thailand to grow in grace, joy, and understanding.

Thank you for your investment in the Kingdom; specifically in the hearts of the Thai people through your prayers and giving!

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

By Faith

TEXT & MUSIC: K & K Getty, Stuart Townend, 2009

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation’s grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand, A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise. We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news In every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name.

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The Heidelberg Catechism was written in Germany in 1563. It is the doctrinal confession of many Reformed churches.

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. 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

June 19

9-10:15— Kristi Nyquist, Vanessa Rakestraw

10:30-11:15— Karen Adams

June 26

9-10:15—

10:30-11:15—

June Birthdays

20 - James Nyquist

20 - Kristi Nyquist

20 - Jeremiah Walker

Upcoming Missionary Visits

Argyris Petrou, July 31

Greek Bible College, Athens

COVENANT SCHOOL

Early registration for 2016/2017 School Year is now open. We offer classes for children ages 3 – 1st grade. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office. Early registration fee is \$75 and must be turned in with the registration form. Return forms and money to the church office. Covenant School is located at 1310 St. Joseph Drive NW, Cullman, Alabama. For more information please contact the church office at 256-739-0505.

Electronic Giving is Now Available!

We've heard from many of you in recent years about online giving. So we're excited to announce that you now have the ability to give through our website, a downloadable app, and texting. Set-up is quick and easy, and instructions can be found on our website and in the narthex. For a quick start—

CCPC Website—Click the *Give* tab in the left-hand menu.

App—Download the EasyTithe app (not EasyTithe *plus*) on your smart phone or tablet.

Text—Send a text to **(256) 202-5858**. In the message area, type in the amount you want to give, then send.

We hope you'll try one or more of these options soon and let us know what you think. Please contact Brooke in the church office if you have any questions.

Summer Adult Bible Fellowship

June 5th through July 10th our Adult Bible Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a combined class taught by Dr. John Nyquist.

This series will explore one of the major threads that characterizes Scripture: effective, powerful, expectant, and God-honoring prayer. God said to Solomon: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14. Jesus said, "It is written... My house will be called a house of prayer..." Matthew 21:13a. And in Luke 11:1, the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught His disciples."

The goal of this series is to be understood in two ways: 1) that Christ Covenant would become a 'house of prayer' and 2) the body of believers would develop a desire to pray effectively, expectantly and powerfully.

Children's Sunday School

There are two very important announcements you need to know starting June 5. 1) ALL 6th graders (not upcoming, but those that just completed 6th grade) will go straight to the youth house for Sunday school following the worship service. 2) Children's Sunday school will be divided into three classes. These classes are based on the grades they just completed, NOT the grades they will be in this fall.

CLASS 1 - PRESCHOOL 3-4 YEAR OLDS - This class will meet in the SAME classroom, Room14. Parents, please go to this class to pick up your child following Sunday school.

CLASS 2 - KINDERGARTEN - 1ST - This class will meet in Room 15. This is a DIFFERENT room for the 1st graders but not the Kindergarten class. Parents, please go to this class to pick up your child following Sunday school.

CLASS 3 - 2ND - 5TH - This class will meet in Room 6. This is a DIFFERENT classroom for the 2nd & 3rd grades. This class will be dismissed from their classroom following Sunday school.

If you have any questions about these changes please feel free to call or see Tracie. 205-527-4238

Operation Christmas Child News

Our church has been selected again to serve as the OCC Shoebox Ministry collection center for Cullman County. The OCC Committee has planned several activities to break last year's record of 7818 boxes. HomTex will again contribute pillowcases for ladies to make dresses for girls shoeboxes. The OCC Community Event will be held in August. There will be an OCC entry in the Cullman Fair parade and a booth at the Fair. Chick-Fil-A will again promote the shoebox ministry at the Chick-Fil-A restaurant. John Williams will coordinate a social media program to reach 10,000 people in Cullman County. The church youth will have their shoebox packing party on Nov. 16. You can support this ministry by accumulating items for the shoebox packing party, commit to pack one shoebox for each member of your family, and plan to help during shoebox collection week (Nov. 14-21). Most importantly, pray for all the volunteers involved in this mission project and for the ultimate goal that God will use this ministry for His

glory.

Dear Family

Thank you so much for all of the people who have come forward to support our first short-term team effort. We are excited and preparing our hearts. We wanted to say a special thank you to the following: The Yeager and Powell families for all the work and donations and hosting that you put into the yard sales. The Reid family and Dave Ozment for your hard work on the Boston Butt sales.

Lisa Jones for your investment of your talents to God's service.

The Jason White family for donating your creative talents and skills in putting our t-shirt into print.

The Rick White family for the most wonderful rolls and for leading the prayer team.

The Lang family for collecting children's books in Spanish for us to take. We cannot wait to see the faces that receive these books.

Each church member that purchased a t-shirt, Boston butt, photo session or yard sale item in support of sending us to serve.

The prayer team for taking our smallest requests to heart and taking them to the throne with us.

We have been blessed to have the chance to see God use each of you in a very special investment of your talents. We will treasure that gift in our hearts.

Gratefully Yours!
The Honduras Team