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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

March 15, 2015

Blessed are those you chose
and bring near to live in your courts.
We are filled with the good things
of your house, your holy temple.

Psalm 65:4

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Order of Worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:1-7

Minister: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!

**People: He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.
He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom He loved.**

Minister: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises. Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

Minister: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise.

*SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress.
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Holy, Holy, Holy

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826 TUNE: J.B. Dykes, 1861

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

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 Randy Hays.

Family Life Room 3

For young couples and parents with children at home.

“Family Life is for married couples of all ages with children still at home, although there have been some single adult sightings! Our ultimate goal is healthier, spirit-filled homes. Our immediate objective is to equip and encourage participants in their marriages and parental responsibilities. We typically adopt relevant books by Christian experts as study and discussion guides. However, this is a dynamic group. Our times together are characterized by honest interaction, healthy dialogue, and occasional off-the-wall comments! Please come and partake of the Family Life experience!” Led by Jay Weatherly and Steve Turner

Deeper Life Room 8

A study of “Essential Truths of the Christian Faith”.

“Deeper Life is for parents with older children who will be leaving home soon, are already away at college or just entering their careers. This life stage can be difficult and stressful for parents. Our goal is to apply how the Lord has prepared us and our children for this through the study of His Word, open discussions and the fellowship of other believers. Come join us each and every Sunday as we grow together in the knowledge of God’s promises.” Led by Randy Hays.

Sojourners Room 4

For Empty nesters and grandparents.

The primary goal of Sojourners Adult Bible Fellowship is *not* presenting information about the Bible.

The primary goal is encouraging ABF members to follow hard after Christ according to the plain meaning of the biblical text. Join with us in the exciting adventure every Sunday morning after our worship service.

A study of James. Led by Phil Gatlin & Linton Newlin.

Faith Followers Gloria Edwards Room

For women of all ages desiring to know and be known by Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. The Apostle Paul was a model pastor/teacher who wrote under the power of the Holy Spirit, urging believers to walk worthy of the God who called them into His own kingdom and glory. As we study Paul’s First and Second Epistles to the Thessalonians, we long to follow Paul in abounding more and more in faith toward God, love toward others, and hope toward the grace to be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Led by Allison Siegenthaler, Connie McGriff and Gina Nobinger.

Next Step Bell Tower

Biblical perspectives for young women and women with infants to college age children who find themselves single again: Led by Diane Burton

Iron Sharpens Iron Session Room

Biblical applications and topical discussions concerning the Christian life choices facing men of all ages: Led by Steve Nyquist

Wisdom Seekers Room 10

For men over 50 who desire a more significant role in the home as mature leaders who acknowledge “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”. Bible study, open discussion and fellowship each Sunday. Led by Mike Burton

Sunday Morning Classes

Church Membership

During the Sunday school hour we have a class for those interested in church membership called the *Inquirers Class*. Taught by Andrew Siegenthaler and Brad Eidson, it covers the basics of what our church believes and the privileges and duties of church membership. We always have interesting and lively discussions and look forward to getting to know you. 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.

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

3 & 4 year-olds	Kristi Nyquist & Sue Eidson	Room 14
Kindergarten	Scott Lewis & Karena Haynes	Room 15
1st Grade	Katie Shirey & Neva Cochran.....	Room 13
2nd & 3rd Grade	Denise Knappenberger & Donnette Rakestraw.....	Room 12
4th, 5th & 6th Grade Boys	Jonathan Haynes & Bo Shirey	Room 8
4th, 5th & 6th Grade Girls	Jennie Reid & Caroline Lunsford.....	Room 6

Youth Sunday School

The youth classes cover various biblical and theological topics.
Jonathan Knappenberger, Youth Director

7 th & 8 th Grade	Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger	Youth House
9 th & 10 th Grade	Wes Rakestraw & John Knappenberger	Youth House
11 th & 12 th Grade	Brandon & Laura Reeder	Youth House
College	Shane & Tamara Sheffield and Randy & Tara Quinn	Youth House

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

***INVOCATION**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature;
Prone to evil thoughts and ways; slothful in doing good;
Unthankful for all your provisions; full of shortcomings and offenses.
By your blessed Holy Spirit teach us to hate our errors;
Cleanse us from our secret faults; and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son.
We plead with you, most holy and loving Father, that you will help us
to live in the light of your holiness and to walk in your ways,
according to the commandment of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Please place visitor cards in the offering plate.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:41-48

SERMON

“Unless The Father Draws Him”

*COMMUNION SONG

Jesus Loves Me

TEXT & MUSIC: Chris Tomlin, Reuben Morgan, Ben Glover, 2014

I was lost, I was in chains, The world had a hold of me;
My heart was a stone, I was covered in shame when He came for me.

I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence;
I couldn't run, couldn't run from His arms.

Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me;
Jesus, how can it be, He loves me, He is for me.

And it was a fire deep in my soul—I'll never be the same.
I stepped out of the dark and into the light when He called my name.

I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence;
I couldn't run, couldn't run from His arms.

He holds the stars and He holds my heart With healing hands that bear the scars;
The rugged cross where He died for me, My only hope, my everything.

TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE

COMMUNION

*CLOSING SONG

For The Lord Is Good

TEXT & MUSIC: Lynn DeShazo/Gary Sadler, 1997

For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever;
He's a faithful God to all generations.
For the Lord is good, and His mercies will not fail us;
They are new each day, O lift your voice and say,
“The Lord is good.”

Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord;
Your loving kindness fills our hearts to overflowing.
Songs of rejoicing and sweet praise;
They fill our hearts, they fill our days.

*BENEDICTION

Pray for our Missionaries

Randy and Teresa Booth live in Hanceville and travel regularly to the mountains of Honduras to doing pastoral training with 4-E International. This is a recent update letter from Randy.

Dear Church Family,

I hope the beginning of March and the anticipation of spring is lifting your spirit in preparation for a wonderful spring and summer. I know I've experienced enough gloom and doom with the weather and being shut in that I am truly read for the changes that spring will bring.

I'm still recovering from my surgery but things are going well and I hope to be back up and running by the time spring fully arrives. I want to take this time to update you on your giving for January and February of this year and to thank you for being faithful supporters of this work. I also want to remind you that we always need prayer for me, my family, and for Samuel Aguiar and his family in Honduras. Sam has told me that a new road has been cut from the highway down to La Hacienda, one of the main villages we are working in. This will make it much easier for us to get to the village and minister from house to house.

I also would like to let you know that I pray for you and your families on a regular basis. If you have special prayer needs, I would like to know so that Teresa and I may pray with you. You may email, call, or text us. I know that God answers prayer, and as we pray for one another each of our lives will become richer because of his blessing in our prayers.

Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you abundantly.

In His Service,


Randy

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.



DARAJA

CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF AFRICA




IGNITING HEARTS
to worship

CONNECTING LIVES
to serve

DATE: Tonight!

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00

PLACE: Here!



Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Tonight

6:00 p.m.-Daraja Children's Choir

Wednesday

9:15 a.m.-Grace Group

6:30 p.m.-Youth, Covenant Groups & Covenant Kids

Thursday

11:30 a.m.-Grace Group

5:30 p.m.-Grace 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

Covenant Groups

Please speak to Andrew or any elder if you are interested in becoming a part of a Covenant Group. Sermon discussion questions are on the table in the narthex.

BAKE SALE

Today following the service in the Narthex
All proceeds go to the students
For the Youth Mission Trip.

Women's Grace Groups

"The Lamb of God"

By Nancy Guthrie

Leaders Will Contact You With Start Dates

Wednesdays 9:15 a.m.

Thursdays 11:30 a.m.

(bring your lunch)

Thursdays 5:30 p.m.

Sundays 5:00 p.m.

Gloria Edward's Room

Childcare Available Upon Request

For further information, contact Gina Nobinger
(256) 297-1030 or email rolltimer@gmail.com.

Daraja Children's Choir

Tonight at 6:00, Christ Covenant is hosting the Daraja Children's Choir. Twenty-three children from Uganda and Kenya will share the joy of the Lord through a program of traditional African singing.

The concert is free but a love offering will be taken for the ministry of the Daraja Children's Choir. See Sue Eidson for more details.

Youth Fundraising

If you have any work that needs to be done, from babysitting to yard work, please contact Jonathan @ 256-339-7406. All the money raised will go directly to the student's account for the youth mission trip.

Men's Retreat

Men, make plans now to attend our retreat on May 1-2 at LeConte Lodge. Cost is \$150, which includes meals. Contact Johnny Cook for details: 256-338-8085.

High atop Mt. LeConte in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, LeConte Lodge is the highest guest lodge in the eastern US. It is situated in an open glade just below the summit at an elevation of 6,400 feet where it commands spectacular views of the Smokies. The Lodge is accessible only by hiking, with five optional trails ranging in length from 5 to 8 miles.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris and Merrill Dotson on the arrival of their daughter, Gloria Cathleen. She was born Friday, March 13th and weighed 8 lbs. and is 20 inches long. Congratulations also to new grandparents, Johnny and Dawn Cook. Everyone is fine.

Covenant School

Registration for 2015/2016 School Year starts March 2nd. We offer classes for children ages 3 – 1st grade.

Tuition Prices:

Preschool – Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00 – 11:30 -- \$145/month

8:00 – 2:30 -- \$165/month

Kindergarten: Monday - Friday

8:00 – 11:30 -- \$190/month

8:00 - 2:30 -- \$225/month

First Grade: Monday – Friday

8:00 – 2:30 -- \$275/month

Registration forms can be picked up in the church office or see Jennie Reid. Registration fee is \$100 and must be turned in with the registration form. Return forms and money to Judy in the office. Jennie Reid can be reached at 256-338-1114.

March Birthdays

15 - Zachery Benson

18 - Michael Skinner

18 - Joe Clark

20 - Olivia Riddle

20 - Anna Beth Guthery

21 - Bob Nesbitt

21 - Lisa White

Men's Conference in Cullman

Men and boys ages 10 and up are invited to "The Unique Male" men's conference, held at The Loft on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30 til noon. Speakers include Chad Williams, retired Navy Seal, John Croyle, founder and director of Big Oak Ranch, and Jerry Lawson, pastor of Daystar Church. Flyers available in the narthex. See Dave Ozment for more details.

Nursery Volunteers' Schedule

March 15

9-10:15 –Sharon Weatherly, Terri Johnson

10:30-11:15 - Caroline Lunsford

March 22

9-10:15 - Gwen Hays, Dawn Cook

10:30-11:15 - Bo Shirey

Attention Wallace Students & Career Young Adults

Feeling out of place? Do you have a desire for community? As an extension of our College class this summer, we have seen the need for an ongoing fellowship among our local college students and those that go directly into the work force. Please join us during the Sunday school hour in the chandelier room. We will be starting the fall with discussions on singleness, relationships in a social media age, and biblical principles for manhood, womanhood and marriage. Please join us! The Sheffields & the Quinns

Prayer Chain

Your brothers and sisters in Christ are eager to pray for you. Please call with any requests and know that God's people are praying.

Prayer Chain Leader: Terri Johnson 739-5247

Shorter Catechism

26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.