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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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Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Order of Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46

Minister: God who is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
Nations are in an uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

People: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SONGS OF PRAISE

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt. Tommy Walker 1998 TUNE: St. Anne, William Croft, 1708

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

*O God, You are, You are our help, You are our helper.
To all generations You will be forever and ever
Our shield and our eternal hope, O Lord,
You are the Ancient of Days and worthy of our praise.*

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Isaiah 43

MUSIC: Hillsong United, 2008

When you pass through the waters I will be with you;
And the waves they shall not overcome you.
Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name you are Mine.

For I am the Lord your God, I am the Lord your God,
For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.

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

Sanctuary

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

Sojourners

Room 4

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.

Faith Followers

Gloria Edwards Room

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.

My New Normal

Bell Tower

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

Iron Sharpens Iron

Fellowship Hall

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

Wisdom Seekers

Session Room

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

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

3 & 4 year-olds	Nancy Bonds & Hope Atchison.....	Room 14
Kindergarten	Jason & Melanie McCoy.....	Room 15
1st Grade	Derek Rakestraw, Braden & Whitney Cook.....	Room 13
2nd Grade	Joyah Pettus & Holly Powell	Room 12
3rd Grade	Steve Turner & Tracie Rakestraw	Room 3
4th, 5th & 6th boys	Rick White & Wyatt Pettus	Room 9
4th, 5th & 6th girls	Dana Anders & 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	Edward Bonds	Youth House
11 th & 12 th Grade	Brandon & Laura Reeder	Youth House
College	Shane & Tamara Sheffield and Randy & Tara Quinn	Youth House

I am the Lord, (*men*) Do not fear. (*women*)
I am the Lord, (*men*) Do not fear. (*women*)
I am the Lord, (*men*) Do not fear. (*women*)
I am the Lord, (*men*) Do not fear. (*women*)
I am the Lord. (*all*)

When you walk through the fire I will be with you;
And the flames they shall not, not consume you.
Do not fear for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name you are Mine.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God Almighty, Shepherd of our souls,
You have spread a bountiful table before us in the presence of our enemies;
Here we may feed daily on the manna you provide
and here we may live in hope of an eternal feast in your presence;
Yet we murmur and complain like our forefathers,
finding fault with one another and blaming you for our miseries.
Open our eyes, blessed Holy Spirit,
to the wonder of the Father's love for us in Jesus Christ.
Enable us to confess and forsake our ungrateful ways
and to enter into a spirit of praise and thanksgiving in the joy
of our eternal salvation. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Cast My Cares

WORDS & MUSIC: Tim Timmons, 2013

In the middle of the night When worry finds me,
In the middle of the fight When strength is gone,
In the middle of a fire When fear is closing in
You are, You are my song You're my hope, when hope is gone

I will cast my cares on You, the Almighty
I will cast my cares on You, 'cause You're good
I will cast my cares on You, 'cause You love me
You love me, oh because You love me.

God of glory You are able through Your power To be faithful.
God of mercy every moment You are near to me.

Sermon Notes

In the middle of the night I'll pray with confidence,
In the middle of the fight You're greater still,
In the middle of a fire Your love is holding me.
You are, You are my song You're my hope, when hope is gone

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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

Deuteronomy 11:8-28

SERMON

“Blessings Or Curses For Our Graduates”

COMMUNION SONG

You Are My King

TEXT & MUSIC: Billy Foot, 1996

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted; You were condemned,
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be,
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor You; in all I do I honor You.*

You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King, Jesus, You are my King.

Pray for Our Missionaries

Reid and Kelli Jones also serve on the campus of the University of Alabama, Huntsville with Reformed University Fellowship. The Jones have two girls, Lucy and Jordan. This is from a recent email.

We're near the halfway point of *one of the best RUF conferences I've been to yet!* I'm so thankful for the group of students and staff from UAH attending this year's Summer Conference (SuCo for short)—44 of us total. Here are what some of our students are saying about what they're enjoying so far:

“One thing that has been an impact to me at SuCo is seeing other Christians from different colleges and backgrounds come together and eagerly fellowship with one another. Hearing the interest in the seminars as well as learning about other people's personal walks with Christ has been an encouragement to me to be more bold with discussing faith in Christ with believers and non-believers.

David, freshman

“It's been so awesome!!! I've been able to attend seminars that have really spoken to me about missions and what God wants us to do in our work. I've really enjoyed getting to know my fellow UAH RUF-ers a lot better!”

Lucy, freshman

“I'm learning that we can and need to be completely honest with God in our prayers, telling him about all the good and bad things in our lives, even though He already knows about it.”

Tori, senior

“I've really enjoyed the small group discussions so far—being able to discuss the messages and to learn from one another, building deeper relationships with each other.

Jud, freshman

“The seminars have been a great learning experience for me, and I'm just really looking forward to them the rest of the week! “

Jason, sophomore

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

How Firm A Foundation

TEXT: Rippon's Hymns 1787 TUNE: American Melody 1832

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!”

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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

May 22

9-10:15– Daren Rakestraw, Dale Bright

10:30-11:15– Lauren Walker

May 29

9-10:15– Holly Borden, Shonda Price

10:30-11:15– Tamara Sheffield

May Birthdays

22 - Sandra Hutchens

22 - James Burke

22 - Kellen Thompson

22 - Asa Augustine Haynes

25 - Eliza Siegenthaler

28 - Lauren Johnson

Upcoming Missionary Visits

Argyris Petrou, August 28

Greek Bible College, Athens

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..." 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.

Honduras Mission Team

Please help your Honduras Mission Team raise funds for the trip. Lisa Jones has generously offered to donate 10 photography session fees towards the team. If you have more questions, please see Tamara.

Also, if you would like to support one of the team members through a direct gift, checks can be made to the church with a note designating "Honduras Mission Team" and their name. We have been grateful for the encouragement, generous offers of assistance and prayers. Rick White is currently organizing a prayer support team. He would love to provide you with details on specific requests going forward! Many thanks!

Sunday School Reminder

We have had several volunteers who have signed up to teach this summer, we still have a few classes that need volunteers. Please take the time to prayerfully consider teaching one Sunday School class this summer. Sign-up tables are in the Narthex. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tracie or Steve Turner. Thank you!

COVENANT SCHOOL

Early registration for 2016/2017 School Year is now open. We offer classes for children ages 3 – 1st grade.

Tuition Prices:

Preschool – Monday – Friday

8:00- 11:30 -- \$190/month

8:00 – 2:30 -- \$225/month

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. 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.

Church Directory

For those of you who may not know, the church directory is available online. To view it, simply go to the church website and click on 'Contact Us', then select the Member Directory and the password is 'directory'. If your email address is listed on the directory then you may also download the Instant Church Directory app onto your smart phone. If you would like for your email to be added to the church directory so you can access the mobile app, please contact Brooke in the church office. Also, if you would like to submit an updated photo, please email it to the church

Shorter Catechism

Q. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment?
A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.