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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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But godliness with contentment is great gain,
for we brought nothing into this world, and we
can take nothing out of it. But if we have food
and clothing, we will be content with that.

1 Timothy 6:6-8

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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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; TUNE: Stralsund Gesanbuch, 1665

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

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 adventure 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 the book of Ruth.

Written during the time of the Judges, when “everyone did what was right in his own eyes,” Ruth’s story is our story: Jesus Christ, the Mediator of God’s covenant, came to extend the blessings of the covenant to those who were foreigners and aliens. The love story of Boaz and Ruth is the love story of Christ and His bride. Join us as we study the Word and care for each other through prayer. Led Allison Siegenthaler

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

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	Nancy Bonds & Hope Atchison.....	Room 14
Kindergarten	Scott Lewis	Room 15
1st Grade	Derek Rakestraw Braden & Whitney Cook.....	Room 13
2nd Grade	Joyah Pettus & Holly Powell	Room 12
3rd Grade	Steve Turner	Room 6
4th, 5th & 6th boys	Rick White & Wyatt Pettus	Room 9
4th, 5th & 6th girls	Dana Anders & Dana Starnes	Room 3 (Chandelier Room)

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

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for e'er we adore Him.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 30:7-9

CONFESSION OF SIN

As a Father pities his children, so you have pitied me, O Lord,
providing abundantly for all my needs.
Yet I have been anxious and worried about everything,
unable to trust your promises and rest in your care;
taking from you and from other in fear,
but not giving in thankfulness for the bounty I have received.
Forgive my unbelieving heart and my fretful ways.
Send me your blessed Holy Spirit, your most generous gift,
so that he may teach me to trust my whole life to Christ my Savior, Lord, and King;
and so that I may learn to give with an open hand and joyful heart. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

WORDS: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882 MUSIC: Matthew Smith, 2004

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know "Thus saith the Lord!"

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

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

Hebrews 13:5-6

SERMON

“Contentment”

COMMUNION SONG

Abide With Me

WORDS: Henry Lyte, 1847 alt. Justin Smith MUSIC: Justin Smith, 2007

Abide with me; falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless.
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Pray for our Missionaries

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

TEXT & MUSIC: Rend Collective, 2013

Come set your rule and reign In our hearts again;
Increase in us we pray, Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit come invade us now,
We are your church, We need Your power in us.

We seek your kingdom first, We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives For you're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released,
The hurt; the sick; the poor at peace,
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are your church, We pray, revive this earth

*Build your kingdom here, Let the darkness fear;
Show your mighty hand, Heal our streets and land;
Set your church on fire, Win this nation back;
Change the atmosphere, Build your kingdom here we pray.*

Unleash your kingdom's power, Reaching the near and far;
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us;
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are your church, We are the hope on earth.

*BENEDICTION

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Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Wednesday

6:30 p.m Youth Group (No Covenant Kids or Covenant Groups)

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

October 11

9-10:15– Bo Shirey, Dawn Cook

10:30-11:15– Caroline Lunsford

October 18

9-10:15– Laurie Ewing, Janice Newlin

10:30-11:15– Maddie Miner

Women's Coffee Night

We would love for you to join us for a Women's and Youth Girls Coffee Night and Fellowship at Jennifer Yeager's home on Sunday, October 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This will be a fun, laid back night to catch up and connect with other women over a cup of coffee. If you have questions, please see Kristi Nyquist or Hope Atchison.

Sunday School Announcement

Just wanted to let everyone know that we still have two Sunday school teacher spots that need to be filled: 3rd grade class needs another teacher to teach with Steve Turner and the kindergarten class needs a teacher with Scott Lewis. Please be in prayer about these positions and see Tracie or Steve Turner if you have any questions.

October Birthdays

12 - Jaret Hulse
13 - Michael Johnson
13 - Grace Corliss
14 - Roger Kornegay
16 - Brad Eidson
16 - Samuel Kornegay
16 - Connie McGriff
16 - Dennis Reid

Covenant Groups

Covenant Groups are small gatherings of church members and friends who meet for fellowship, encouragement, prayer, and time discussing God's word. Covenant Groups meet in homes and other locations around town on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00. If you want more information, please speak to any elder or to the pastor.

Precept Upon Precept Bible Study: Acts Part I

How did early Christians function amid growing hostility? Starts Sept. 17 with 8 weeks of "homework." Women's groups at 8:30 AM and 7 PM. Men's group at 7 PM. Meets at Vince and Dixie Bergquist's home. For workbooks call Dixie at 256-739-4777.

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. Registration fee is \$100 and must be turned in with the registration form. Return forms and money to Brooke in the office.

First Source For Women

First Source for Women is a Christian pregnancy center, located in Hanceville, that provides counseling and other resources for expectant mothers. First Source is looking for volunteers—Christian women who will serve as receptionists and client advocates. Client advocates provide guidance and encouragement for mothers who come the center. If you feel this might be an area of service for you, call Director Catherine Bethell at 256-352-5683.

Historical Event

Your church began a "Dresses from Pillowcases" ministry that God is using to inspire ladies across Cullman County to make dresses from pillowcases for girls' OCC shoeboxes. HomTex generously donated 1000 pillowcases for this ministry. Samaritan's Purse collects about 10 million shoeboxes every year. This will be a "first" for OCC if 1000 pillowcase dresses are made in Cullman County for shoeboxes. Dana Starnes and her group of daughters, mothers and grandmothers have committed to make 100 dresses for the youth OCC packing party. Phone Dana (256-339-5227) if you would like to help make pillowcase dresses.

Operation Christmas Child

We are the Relay Collection Center for Cullman County to receive and pack over 7000 OCC shoeboxes during Shoebox Collection Week, Nov. 16-23. You can support this ministry by:

- ◇ Volunteering to work during collection week. A sign-up sheet plus the OCC brochure, "How to Pack a Shoebox" and OCC decorated shoeboxes are on the OCC table in the narthex.
- ◇ Check with Dana Starnes (256-339-5227) to help make dresses from pillowcases for girls' shoeboxes.
- ◇ Donate shoebox items for the youth shoebox packing party, Wednesday, Nov. 18. Place the items in the container next to the OCC bulletin board in the hall.
- ◇ Pack one or more shoeboxes. Many of our members are missing this wonderful opportunity to teach their children and grandchildren that Christmas is about Jesus and giving not getting.
- ◇ Parents take home and show an OCC DVD to your family. The DVD's are available on the OCC table. It is an excellent DVD that will inspire your family to support OCC.
- ◇ Donate to help pay shipping expenses for the shoeboxes. Donation envelopes are on the OCC table.
- ◇ Place your donation to Samaritan's Purse in collection plates during church service.
- ◇ Pray for God to use your shoebox to inspire children receiving shoeboxes and their families to accept Jesus as their Savior.