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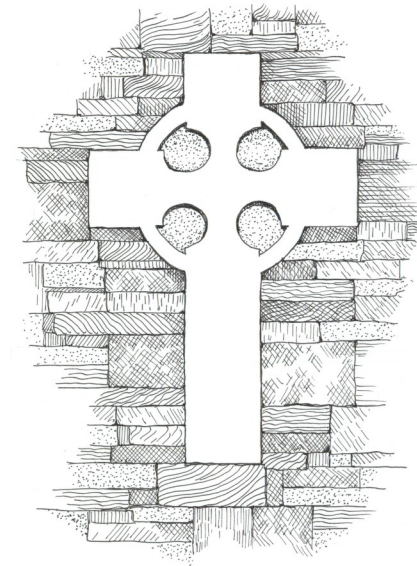
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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Diaconate

The deacons are elected by the congregation to care for the material needs of church members, promote generosity, and oversee 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

July 18, 2021 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:12-14

Leader: Let us raise our voices with joy and give thanks to the Father,
Who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Everyone: **For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Hosanna

TEXT & MUSIC: Paul Baloche, Brenton Brown, 2006

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You. We turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You. We long for You.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come, have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You. We turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new. You make us new.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

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.*

Pulpit Committee

In accordance with the Book of Church Order, Christ Covenant formed a pulpit committee to search for our next pastor. Please pray for the pulpit committee as they conduct this important task. Committee Members: Braden Cook, Brad Eidson, Don Hubbard, Tina Hulse, Jason McCoy, Luke Mosteller (Clerk), Steve Nyquist, Joyah Pettus, Holly Powell, Tracie Rakestraw, Andy Starnes, Anthony Taylor, Jay Weatherly (Chairman)

Church Membership

We have an Inquirers Class for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This class meets in the Bell Tower during Sunday School. Please contact Brad Eidson or Jonathan Haynes to get on the list for the next class.

Nursery & Cry Room

A nursery is available for infants through Preschool 3. There is also a cry room in the back of the sanctuary for mothers with young children.

Prayer Chain

Your brothers and sisters in Christ would love to pray for you. Please call, text, or email with any requests. Gwen Hays 256-796-7031 or 256-709-5276 gwen2829@yahoo.com

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

Classes & Other Information

Children's Summer Sunday School

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. Below you will find a class list and room numbers. These grades are based on the grade your child just completed. Only those who just completed 6th grade will go ahead and promote up to the youth house for Sunday School. All others will be promoted on Sunday, August 15th. If your child is 2nd grade or younger please walk them to their classroom and promptly pick them up following Sunday school, all other grades will be dismissed following Sunday school. The classes will meet in the following rooms:

Preschool 3	Room 14
Preschool 4-Kindergarten	Room 15
1st-2nd Grades	Room 4
3rd- 5th Grades	Downstairs

Youth Sunday School

The youth will meet together at The Hill and work their way through the book of Genesis, studying God's providence and grace in early human history.

7 th through 12 th Grade	Jonathan Knappenberger	The Hill (Youth House)
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Adult Sunday School Classes

For men & women	George Cochran	Fellowship Hall
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Christians Negotiating America's 2021 'Minefield' A minefield is a subject or a situation that presents a serious or lethal hazard to progress, and often it is unseen beforehand. We will examine some of the "mines" and try to understand why they have become so divisive in our country and examine how Christians can engage them without compromise.

For women	Diane Burton	Room 10
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Women in Transition Learning to truly experience a growing relationship with God with a community of women who are walking through life's struggles.

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

Psalm 145:1-7

CONFESSION OF SIN

Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you have invited us to come boldly into your presence,
asking you to supply all our needs;
you have filled Scripture with promises to provide abundantly for us.
Yet we have not prayed as we should.
We confess that we have relied on our own schemes and resources;
we have worried and fretted, we have complained and grumbled.
Like Israel marching through the desert, we have failed to trust you
and have brought your chastisement down upon ourselves.
Forgive, O Lord, and manifest your glory in our hearts by the work of your Holy Spirit.
Fill us with the spirit of supplication
so that our prayers may ascend to your throne without ceasing
and procure for us all your covenant blessings. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Mighty To Save

WORDS & MUSIC: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2006

Everyone needs compassion, Love that never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness, The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Savior , He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save

Sermon Notes

Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me , All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow, Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing, For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, shine your light and let the whole world see
were singing, for the glory of the risen king

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING *Tithes and offerings may be given online or in the offering plates in the Narthex.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

... and the Shepherds Were Never the Same!

Ken Stuart

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740 MUSIC: Red Mountain Church

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless hang on Thee;
Leave, oh! leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity,
For all eternity, for all eternity.

“Love . . . Reaching”

Anthony & Sayo Odtohan serve with the MTW Tokyo/Chiba team in Japan. Anthony serves as ministry staff with Oyumino Church’s bilingual congregation (see <http://www.alive.international/>), and in the team’s English outreach evangelism ministry. Anthony pioneered an afterschool English outreach program with a vision to grow a kindergarten that would reach families with the gospel. Anthony was born in the U.S. and raised in the Philippines. He and Sayo met at International Christian University (ICU) in Tokyo. Sayo is from Fukushima, Japan. She was drawn to Christianity through exposure to English and homestay experiences abroad. Anthony and Sayo have two daughters Aika (8) and Sakina (2) and one son Daiki (5). You can sign up for their newsletter at <https://mailchi.mp/acf3844d75b8/japan5odtohans>. The update below is from a recent newsletter. (Note: A copy of this newsletter (with pictures) is available on the table beyond the Narthex.)

Anthony has recently taken on additional servant-leadership roles to include:

1. CHURCH MINISTRY - ministry assistant & now deacon (as of May 2021) at ALIVE INTERNATIONAL (a bilingual congregation of Oyumino Christ Church)
2. EVANGELISTIC ENGLISH MINISTRY (relations outreach ministry through English education classes) - coordinator role with OPEN HOUSE English; management & head of teaching staff roles for AFTERSCHOOL English

Please pray for the LORD's will and leading for Anthony's desire to be in full-time language school in order to reach sufficient, advanced-level Japanese fluency for more effective ministry.

Pray for the bilingual congregation of Alive International as they seek to connect with people who feel isolated due to ongoing COVID restrictions and as they try to encourage more involvement from within members of the congregation instead of being too staff-dependent.

Family Updates

- Sayo was thankful to be able to join a ladies' retreat with MTW-connected ladies in Chiba Prefecture. She was particularly glad that she could enjoy small group fellowship time with fellow Japanese moms.
- Aika (8) has been very interested in learning how to play the piano lately. At school, she has been struggling with math a lot. Please pray for her to be able to keep up with school work.
- Daiki turned 5 on April 6.
- Sakina (2) cannot help but copy her older siblings whenever they read books from the local library.
- We are so thankful that we got to move to a rental house in June that was much bigger than our previous 1-bedroom house. We look forward to welcoming people for hospitality now that we have more space to welcome guests to host fellowship opportunities in the near future. Please pray for us to be wise stewards of this home the LORD has provided by his unmerited mercies.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

From Colossians 1:13-20

I believe God has rescued me from the dominion of darkness and brought me into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

I believe Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

All things were created by Him:

things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

I believe Jesus is the head of the body, the church;

He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy.

God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven,

by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Glory Be To God The Father

WORDS: Horatius Bonar, 1866 MUSIC: Blake Mundell, 2012

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah three in One.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory while eternal ages run.

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain.
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory to the Lamb who once was slain.

Glory to the King of Angels, Glory to the Church’s King.
Glory to the King of nations, Heaven and earth your praises bring.
Singing glory, singing glory, Glory to the King of nations bring.

“Glory, blessing, praise eternal,” Thus the choir of angels sings;
“Honor, riches, power, dominion,” Thus its praise creation brings.
Singing glory, Singing glory, Glory, glory to the King of kings.

BENEDICTION

Christ Covenant News

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

Welcome to Christ Covenant

We would like to welcome any visitors to Christ Covenant. We are glad to have you worship with us! We also wanted to let you know that our pastor of almost 25 years accepted a new call and we are presently having guest preachers while our pulpit committee searches for our next pastor. If you would like to learn more about Christ Covenant, we would encourage you to join our Inquirers Class. See the Church Membership Section for more information.

Welcome to Our Pulpit

Ken Stuart was born in IL, raised in South Florida, but has spent most of his life in the "real south" by way of SC, TN/GA, and AL. Graduating from Florida State University in 1984 with a BS in Social Work, Ken met and married Karan while in seminary at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC. After completing his M.Div, Ken has served on the staffs of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (Columbia, SC), Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church (Lookout Mountain, TN), Southwood Presbyterian Church (Huntsville, AL), and Cahaba Park Church (Birmingham, AL). He is currently starting his 4th year teaching New Testament to 10th graders at Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham, AL. The Stuarts have three children and 3 grandchildren!

Nursery Ministry

Our nursery welcomes children 0-3 years of age. Parents need to fill out information on Check-In stickers each week. Volunteers are needed; text Karena to be added to the list. We also have openings for paid nursery staff on Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know is 18 years old or older and interested in working 2-4 regular shifts per month, please contact Karena Haynes at (256) 636-0999.

This Week's Activities

Wed:	6:30 pm	Youth Group
Fri:	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Meeting
Sun:	9:00 am	Worship service & Communion
	10:30 am	Sunday School

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

July 18

Church Service—Sara Haynes, Dawn Bentley

Sunday School—Johnny Cook

July 25

Church Service—Ashley Wilbanks, Anthony Taylor

Sunday School—Chris Dotson

Birthday's This Week

July 18.....	Emma Shirey
.....	Gallagher Adkins
.....	T'aira Ugarkovich
19.....	Brandon Reeder
.....	Phil Hutchens
.....	Sheena Johnson
21.....	Nathan Sheffield
22.....	Lucas Rakestraw
.....	Randy Booth

If we miss your birthday, please email the Church Administrator.

Church Directory Updates

Our church directory is available to view on your mobile device! Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a free app for church members to download on their Apple and Android devices. Simply download the Instant Church Directory app from the App Store on your device. You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let the Church Administrator know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address follow the directions on screen to complete the login process. After you login, the directory will be downloaded to your device. Anytime updates are made, they will update on your device too. In the app you will be able to search for families and members and call, email and text right from the app. More information can be found at www.InstantChurchDirectory.com/app.

Summer Fellowship

Sunday, August 15th 6:00-8:00 End of Summer Bash at CWAC. \$7 pp/\$35 family. We will have pizza, chips, drinks, dessert. There will be an RSVP form closer to the event. If you have any questions about any of the events, please see Holly Powell. We look forward to seeing you all this summer!

Women's Bible Studies

Tuesday Morning - Meets at 10:00-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall at the church; Led by Yvonne Welch from Briarwood. If you need the Zoom option contact Carla Kornegay 205-807-7017 rosalesc92@gmail.com
Thursday Night - Meets at 6:00 pm in Room 10 at the church; The group is reading Women of the Word by Jen Wilkins. Contact Kristi Nyquist or Tina Hulse for more information.

Summer Small Group

If you would like to join a Small Group for the summer, Jonathan Haynes's Covenant Group is meeting in Room 10 on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Each week the group discusses the previous Sunday's sermon, shares prayer requests, and prays together. Contact Jonathan for more information.

Sound Booth Help Needed

Would you be willing to help with the soundboard, projector slides, or live stream production? If so, we need your help! Training will be provided. Contact Roger Tew for more information 256-338-8285 or email westpoint02@hotmail.com.

Bell Ringers Wanted

Children 4th Grade and older are invited to sign up for bell ringing duties on the roster in the Bell Tower. Volunteers will ring the bell from 8:55 to 9:00 a.m. on the designated Sunday.

Foundry Farm Eggs

Our church supports the Foundry Farm, a Christian based drug and alcohol recovery resident program in Cullman county. Several of our church members have joined businesses and individuals to contribute resources to build and equip a house for 600 laying hens at the farm. You can support the Foundry Ministries program by purchasing brown eggs produced by cage free, happy hens at the Foundry Thrift Store and the Festhalle Farmers Market.