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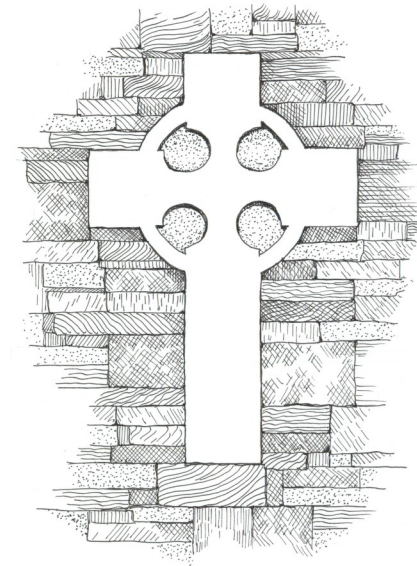
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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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

November 21, 2021 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

From 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 light.
For He delivered us from the domain of darkness
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

WORDS & MUSIC: Stuart Townend, Keith Getty, 2004

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, And clothed me with His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness With power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough For every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, Whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth Is given by the King
So I will give my life, my all, To love and follow Him.

Psalm 8 (How Majestic Is Your Name)

WORDS & MUSIC: Shane Barnard and Shane Everett, 2021

When I look at Your heavens
The moon and stars you set in motion Oh God
I sing all glory and honor
What is man that you are mindful
The son of man that you would care for him
We sing all glory and honor

*Chorus: Oh Lord our Lord
Oh how awesome are Your ways
How majestic is Your Name in all the earth
Oh Lord our Lord
May we see Your kingdom come
Father may Your will be done in all the earth*

In all the earth you gave dominion
To your children and you crowned them, Oh God

For women, all ages

Holly Borden

Gloria Edwards Room

Colossians - This brief letter is perhaps one of the most encouraging texts in the Bible! Christ's preeminence, sovereignty, and authority are clearly laid out. We have studied how the mystery of God that has been revealed to God's people is that we can know the riches and glory of Christ! This is possible because Christ lives in us! Girls and women of all ages are welcome to join us as we conclude our study in Colossians as Paul explains to us the practical outworking of Christ living in us!

For women

Diane Burton

Room 10

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

For young couples

Jay Weatherly / Andy Starnes

Fellowship Hall

Our purpose is to support, encourage, and equip young couples in their journey through a unique time of life. We will study I and II Timothy, work through books by respected Christian authors, and carve out time to focus on marriage and parenting. We will invite several guest couples to join us along the way to share their stories. Some of these couples will be members of Christ Covenant, and others will come to us from outside our church. But we look forward to learning from seasoned couples who have experienced many highs and lows – and God's faithfulness throughout their journeys. We desire much interaction among all participants. But we will look ultimately to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit as our source of truth, wisdom, and inspiration. We are often asked to define "young couple". While tempted to provide a definition, we believe it unwise to fall into such a trap. If you see yourself as a young couple, then this Class is for you!

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 (10:30-11:20). Please contact Brad Eidson or Jonathan Haynes if you would like to attend.

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)

Classes & Other Information

Children's Sunday School

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. Below you will find a class list and room numbers. 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:

Toddler class (3yrs) - Scott/Becky Lewis - Room 14 (same location)

Preschool 4yrs - Whitney/Braden Cook & Tara/Randy Quinn - Room 15 (same location)

Kindergarten - Allison/Blake Bright & Rachel/Jonathan Skeen - Room 6

1st - 2nd grades - Sheena/Daniel Johnson & Laura Reeder - Room 8

3rd grade - Joyah/Wyatt Pettus & Hope/Billy Atchison - Room 9

4th - 6th girls - Holly Powell (with Siusan Peek as backup) - Downstairs (same as last year)

4th - 6th boys - Bo Shirey - Downstairs (same as last year)

Youth Sunday School

The youth will meet in two classes at The Hill and study various theological topics ranging from the characteristics of God, TULIP, and finding your identity in Christ.

7th through 9th Grade Jonathan Knappenberger The Hill (Big Room)

10th through 12th Grade John and Denise Knappenberger The Hill (Green Room)

Adult Sunday School Classes

For men and women Randy Hays Room 4

Jonah Jonah is a book that is not really about a big fish. Although this book is among the better-known accounts in Scripture, its meaning is not. To the secularist, this is nothing more than a ridiculous story of an impossible event. To the very young, this is nothing more than a fanciful tale of a strange event. But to the born-again student of Scripture, this is a miraculous account of a sovereign and gracious God who unconditionally loves to save.

For men and women Steve Nyquist / Luke Mosteller Sanctuary

Reboot, Return, Rebuild The Old Testament story ends with God's people trickling back to the Promised Land after the 70 years of Babylonian Captivity. There is plenty to see and learn. We will explore together the 5 Post-Exile books; Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Any and all are welcome to join.

With Glory and honor
So we'll sing of your name
Live our lives for your greatness, Oh God
And your glory and honor

Chorus

The earth is full of the glory of God
Come make much of the name above all names
Creation cries out and every knee bows
Jesus, we crown you Oh Lord our Lord (repeat)

Chorus x 3

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16: 5-11

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE *Lord, Dissolve My Frozen Heart*

WORDS: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855 MUSIC: Brian T. Murphy, 2006

Lord, dissolve my frozen heart, By the beams of love divine;
This alone can warmth impart, To dissolve a heart like mine.

O that love, how vast it is! Vast it seems, though known in part;
Strange indeed, if love like this, Should not melt the frozen heart.

The love of Christ passes knowledge. The love of Christ eases fear.
The love of Christ hits a man's heart, It pierces him like a spear.

Savior, let thy love be felt, Let its power be felt by me,
Then my frozen heart shall melt, Melt in love, O Lord to thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon Notes

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

SERMON

Count Your Many Blessings

Jason Ellerbee

COMMUNION SONG

Shepherd

WORDS: Nate Singh, Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

Though I walk through the valley And I can't see the way
When the shadows surround me I will not be afraid
For I know You are with me You will always provide
Though the path may be lonely You will stay by my side
I will rest my soul I'll trust in You alone

*For the Lord my Shepherd Leads me, leads me
And He is all I need In the darkest valley
I know, I know My Shepherd is all I need*

Lord I know that You seek me When I'm trying to hide
And Your love it pursues me All the days of my life
I will rest my soul I'll trust in You alone

*For the Lord my Shepherd Leads me, leads me
And He is all I need In the darkest valley
I know, I know My Shepherd is all I need*

I rest my soul In You alone
You light my way You lead me on
I rest my soul In You alone
You light my way You lead me on

*For the Lord my Shepherd Leads me, leads me
And He is all I need In the darkest valley
I know, I know My Shepherd is all I need*

“Love . . . Reaching”

Roger Guillén grew up in La Ceiba, Honduras and received a scholarship to study medicine in Cuba. Dr. Guillén moved back to La Ceiba with a heart to invest in the community and city in which he grew up. In God's providence, he came back at the exact time when the construction of the MTW medical clinic was complete and in need of a Honduran doctor. He currently serves as the medical director for MTW La Ceiba and oversees all of the medical aspects of Team La Ceiba's holistic approach to spreading God's gospel of grace and love. Roger and his wife, Jandery, have two children Tiana and Taidel. The update below (translated from Spanish) is from a recent email to the Missions Committee.

I hope that as you read these lines, they find you and your family in good health and that God continues to bless your life.

I wanted to write to consult you about the acquisition of medicines for the clinic. We find ourselves that the stock of our pharmacy is very scarce because we have not had the influence of [short-term missions] teams.

Next month, there are two vision trips coming to the project. From what I have heard, they are willing to bring medicines if we can coordinate it with their time.

About a list, it is complete. We have almost no chronic medicines. Tell me if you think it is possible to do something before this group comes and how I can help you.

Adam told me he could help put you in contact with these two teams to help with the coordination of this.

In Christ, your Friend and Brother,

Roger

p.s. Also, I wanted to let you know that going forward, I don't have a laptop, because it broke. I have access to a computer at the clinic. It is from there that I am working on resuming to write a newsletter about this period of Covid, ministry, and everything that has occurred so that your congregation can know how we are, how to pray for us. It will be ready soon.

Note: The Missions Committee is working to help Roger with his requests for both medicines and a working laptop. If you would like to help or for more information, please contact Jonathan Haynes

CONFESSION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q. 31 & 32

Minister: Why is He called Christ, that is, the Anointed One?

People: **Because He is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be *our chief Prophet and Teacher*, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be *our only High Priest*, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of His body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be *our eternal King*, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption He has won for us.**

Leader: Why are you called a Christian?

People: **Because through faith I share in Christ and thus in His anointing, so that I may confess His name, offer myself a living sacrifice of gratitude to Him, and fight against sin and the devil with a free and good conscience throughout this life, and hereafter rule with Him in eternity over all creatures.**

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

WORDS & MUSIC: Sandra McCracken & Joshua Moore, 2015

*We will feast in the house of Zion, We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together, We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed—You are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom.

BENEDICTION

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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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 presently have an interim pastor, Phil Reddick, that preaches 2-3 times per month and guest preachers on the remaining Sundays 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 on the Classes & Other Information page to learn more about this class.

Welcome to Our Pulpit

The Rev. Jason Ellerbee grew up in Milledgeville, GA, and after graduating college spent the next eleven years of his life serving on staff with Campus Outreach at Valdosta State University and the JH Ranch in northern California. In 2009 he joined the staff of Briarwood Presbyterian Church serving as their Graduate and Career Pastor, then in 2015 began his current role as Briarwood's Young Couples Pastor. Jason is married to Elizabeth and they have 5 sons.

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

Wednesday

6:30-8:00 p.m. Covenant Group, Youth Group
Covenant Kids

Friday

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

November 21

Church Service—Sara Haynes, Shonda Price
Sunday School—Chris Dotson

November 28

Church Service—Abby Mallard, Linda Morgan
Sunday School—Wanda Quick

Birthdays This Week

November 22.....Chase Mallard
.....Gay White
.....Melanie McCoy
23.....Jeremy Barlow
.....Steve Nyquist
24.....Barrett Bright
26.....Linda Davis
27.....Caleb Bright

If we miss your birthday, please email Jonathan Haynes.

Thanksgiving Meal

Our Thanksgiving Dinner and Service will be at Loft 212 tonight at 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Holly Powell today. Fill out the yellow response card or text 205.515.1636 or email zebandholly@yahoo.com. (This will be a catered event at no cost to the church due to a generous donor.)

Youth Announcements

To stay up to date with all youth happenings join the CCPC Youth Remind. To join text Jonathan Knappenberger @ 256-339-7406 and you will be added to the list.

Women's Bible Studies

Monday Night - This group has just completed a study on the book of Philippians and will be on a break until after the holidays. Contact Kristi Nyquist for more information.

Tuesday Morning - This study on the Book of Ruth is being led by Yvonne Welch from Briarwood. This group meets from 10:00-11:30 in the Gloria Edwards Room (Room 7) at church. If you need the Zoom option, contact Carla Kornegay 205-807-7017 rosalec92@gmail.com.

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

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.

Women's Ministry Event

The Women's Ministry plans to go together to see Handel's Messiah at First Baptist Church in Jasper on Monday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Please text or call Tina (256-347-3593) or Kristi (256-708-9233) if you would like to attend. The group will be carpooling to the event.

Operation Foundry Tree

Help the men of the Foundry buy Christmas gifts for their children. Pick an ornament from the tree in the narthex, select a gift based on the profile provided, and turn in your gift before December 8th. The youth will have a wrapping party on Wednesday, December 8th. The Foundry Farm is a Christian based drug and alcohol recovery resident program in Cullman county.

Sanctuary Christmas Decorating

The Sanctuary Decorations Committee is seeking volunteers for Christmas decorating. We will commence Monday, November 29th at 9:00. Prior experience or talent is not necessary. Only a willing heart and positive attitude required. Please contact Judie Hubbard (256)708-7877 or Julie Kennedy (256) 339-3942 if you would like to join this exciting opportunity.

CCPC Rummage Sale 2022

Good news! Our church has a storage unit to hold rummage sale donations. If you have gently used or good condition household items (no clothes at this time), please call Judie Hubbard (256) 708-7877 or Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999 for more information.