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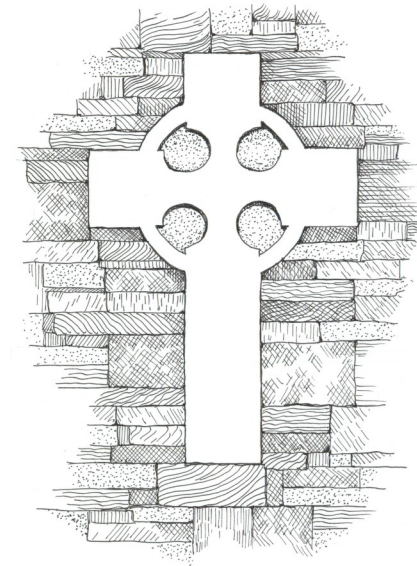
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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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

May 15, 2022 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 68

Minister: Sing to God, sing praise to his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds—
his name is the LORD—and rejoice before him.

People: **A father to the fatherless,
a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.
God sets the lonely in families,
he leads forth the prisoners with singing**

Minister: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary;
The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.

People: **Praise be to God!**

SONGS OF PRAISE

A Thousand Hallelujahs

WORDS & MUSIC: Brooke Ligertwood, Phil Wickham, and Scott Ligertwood, 2022

Who else would rocks cry out to worship; Whose glory taught the stars to shine
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing; But this joy is mine.

With a thousand hallelujahs We magnify Your Name.
You alone deserve the glory The honor and the praise.
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs And a thousand more.

Who else would die for our redemption; Whose resurrection means I'll rise
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done; But I have eternity to try

Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb
To the King of heaven. Praise for He rose
Now He reigns. We will sing forever.

(We sing) Praise to the Lord, To the Lamb,
To the King of heaven. Praise for He rose.
Now He reigns. We will sing forever.

For women of all ages Crazy Train, Finding Rest in a World You Can't Control Room 10
Jesus says "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." We all have a picture of how life should go. Our emotional, spiritual, and even physical well being are taken for a crazy ride as our very sanity becomes dependent on how closely reality matches our expectations. Join us in our Women's Sunday School class as we look at Julie Sparkman's book *Unhitching from the Crazy Train, Finding Rest in a World You Can't Control*.

For women of all ages 1 Corinthians 13 Gloria Edwards Room
Using 1 Corinthians 13 as a foundation, along with similar texts, we will study the practical ways that God's grace works in our hearts to help us love him with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

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, as needed, in the Bell Tower during Sunday School. Please contact Brad Eidson or Jonathan Haynes if you would like to attend.

Women for Christ

The CCPC Women's Committee was developed to serve the women in our church body based on Romans 12:2. We are excited about the direction the Lord is taking our committee, and we are committed to teaching women to be transformed by the renewing of their minds through the Scripture, so that the women of our church will be able to test and approve God's good, pleasing and perfect will. Our desire is that every woman at CCPC has an opportunity to serve and connect. We are focused on outreach, prayer, mercy ministry and spiritual growth. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas of service to our church family, please contact Tina @ 256-347-3593 or Diane @ 256-709-2642.

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

Preschool 4yrs - Whitney/Braden Cook & Tara/Randy Quinn - Room 15

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 - Downstairs

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

4th - 6th boys - Bo Shirey - Downstairs

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
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Genesis "Beginnings" - The first 11 chapters of Genesis are the foundation of Christian faith. In the inaugural pages of God's Word are found the creation of the world, the fall of the humanity, the promise of redemption and the beginning of salvation history. Interwoven in the text is the hope of the promised Christ who will rescue God's chosen people from their own rebellion. Join us in the study and discussion of these incredible pages. Pages which reveal the very beginning of the human journey from paradise to failure and the hope of redemption.

For men and women	Steve Nyquist / Luke Mosteller	Sanctuary
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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.

What A Beautiful Name

MUSIC & TEXT: Hillsong, 2013

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in you, our Christ.

*What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is—
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*

*What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this—
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.*

You didn't want heaven without us So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater, What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is—
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*

*What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this—
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.*

Death could not hold you, The veil tore before you, You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory For you are raised to life again

You have no rival, you have no equal, Now and forever, God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

*What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is—
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.*

*What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against—
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.*

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING **Micah 6:6-8 & Isaiah 57:14-15**

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

Sermon Notes

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance

WORDS & MUSIC: Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Rhyan Shirley, Nate Singh, 2019

All my attempts to be satisfied were vain and empty
Until the moment You rescued me and Your love filled me.
My soul sings, now my soul sings.

*What blessed assurance I've found in You, I've found in You.
I won't be shaken; I will not be moved.
How steadfast Your strong hand is keeping me, is keeping me.
I won't be shaken; I will not be moved.
Oh blessed assurance!*

No other love that I've ever known compares to You, God.
No other love that I've ever found has done what You've done.
My soul sings, Now my soul sings.

Ever my anchor, ever my strength,
Ever my portion, and all I need,
Ever my healing, ever my hope,
Ever the truth that leads me home, that leads me home.

MISSIONS TEAM COMMISSIONING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-11

SERMON

Holy and Humble

Phil Reddick

COMMUNION SONG

In My Hiding Place

TEXT & MUSIC: Mike Lunsford, 2005

Loving God please have mercy, take my sin away.
Father wash me and cleanse me, make me pure again.
Against You and You only, have I sinned willingly.
Father You are most Holy. Purify me!

“Love . . . Reaching”

Argyris and Dina Petrou are natives of Athens, Greece. Argyris is a pastor and professor at the Greek Bible College. Dina is the director of Community House Damaris (CHD), a Christian ministry for victims of sex trafficking. The updates below were received in an email in November of last year.

Dear Friends at Christ Covenant Cullman,

This is [a report] on another years' work at Greek Bible College. Thank you for your prayers and support for me as I am serving in the Greek Bible College but also in my itinerant preaching to churches when there is need and my educational efforts via my two YouTube channels. Although I spend endless hours coaching the staff or fundraising for Dina's ministry to trafficked girls..., I will not refer to that here. I am very happy to give you a yearly report of my ministry to our students that are a source of continued blessings in my life. As we are moving fast towards graduation, it is time to remember some of the key moments of life in our Bible college.

In the fall of 2021, I taught an advanced theology class on the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. What an overwhelming responsibility to teach about the One we need to know personally, to develop our faith in, to trust and love, and to come to a life of worship and service! I also taught them Eschatology, which is teaching about the end times, the coming of the Lord and His kingdom. Theology courses finish with a written exam which I correct. In the Spring I taught my class on Homiletics/Preaching to the third year students. In this class, I see the accumulated effect of our students' study for 3 years with us which concludes in a preaching practicum reviewed by their peers and the faculty. What a blessing to see them communicate God's word with passion and clarity! Every fall I also teach the first year students a review of Theology: bibliology, anthropology, hamartiology, soteriology... and many other big words. First year students are a lot of fun...!

An important aspect of teaching young people is to be available to students and to hear their burdens and struggles. “Clean Monday” is 40 days before Easter and that day we do picnics with special food and we fly kites. It is a day that Dina & I invite students to spend with us in our home. It was a big success...full...of eating, playing and laughing. One of the big difficulties we experienced as a community was the passing...of our director Jeff Baldwin in March of 2022. A friend and coworker for me, a teacher and mentor for my students; he will be remembered fondly and will be an example to follow.

I have had several opportunities to preach the word in several...churches, but the most memorable ones are in two churches in Lima, Peru. While I was visiting Fivos Mantagiosis, a friend and former student of mine that has been a missionary in Lima for 10 years. I had a great opportunity to appreciate his ministry [and] contribute in his work by preaching.

Finally I want to tell you about my preaching and teaching in two YouTube channels. One for orthodox with 40 videos on the Gospel & Epistles reading of the day <http://bit.ly/εναγγελιο>. My second channel has 60 videos for evangelicals called Right Course <https://www.youtube.com/c/ΣΩΣΤΗΠΙΟΠΕΙΑ>.

Thank you for being a huge encouragement with your prayers and support.
Argyris Petrou

*Your mercy's deep, Your mercy's wide, Your mercy finds me where I hide.
The river flows and washes over me.
And when I turn to run away Your mercy finds me where I am
And covers me with amazing grace, In my hiding place.*

Many times I've been silent, and I've wasted away.
Then You've heard my confessions, and my sin You forgave.
So I come to You Father, let the waters rise.
Father, You are my refuge. In You I'll hide.

*Your mercy's deep, Your mercy's wide, Your mercy finds me where I hide.
The river flows and washes over me.
And when I turn to run away Your mercy finds me where I am
And covers me with amazing grace, In my hiding place.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH **Heidelberg Catechism Q. 44**

Minister: Why does the creed add “He descended to hell?”

People: To assure me in times of personal crisis and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, especially on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

TEXT: Samuel Stennett, 1727-1795 MUSIC: Christopher Miner, 1997

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan's fair and happy land Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

*I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land,
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.*

No chilling wind nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore
Where sickness, sorrow, pain, and death Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I see that happy place And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face And in His bosom rest?

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 want to let you know that our pastor of almost 25 years accepted a new call in the Spring of 2021. Since then we have had a combination of an interim pastor, Phil Reddick, that preaches 2-3 times a month and guest preachers while our pulpit committee prayerfully sought our next pastor. In March, the committee informed the congregation that they unanimously recommended Jason Ellerbee to be our pastor. Since then, Jason has returned to preach at Christ Covenant and his wife, Elizabeth, and their five sons have visited with our congregation. On April 10th the congregation voted unanimously to call Jason Ellerbee as our pastor. Jason was examined and transferred to Providence Presbytery on May 3rd. He will start work at Christ Covenant in June with his first sermon on June 5th. We're excited to see what God has in store for us in this new season for our congregation! 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 for more information.

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.

This Week's Activities

Wednesday
6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth Group
Friday
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Birthdays This Week

May 15.....Vanessa Rakestraw
17.....Porter Skeen
18.....John Nyquist
19.....Jason White
20.....Braden Cook
.....Denise Peek
21.....Zoe Powell

If we miss your birthday, please email Jonathan Haynes.

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

May 15
Church Service—Whitney Cook, Jennifer Yeager
Sunday School—David Branscomb

May 22
Church Service—Sara Haynes, Dawn Cook
Sunday School—David Haynes

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

Summer Sunday School Volunteers

Summer Sunday school begins June 5th and goes through August 7th. Each class will need two volunteers (one teacher and one helper) and Tracie will have 1-2 youth available if extra help is needed. The classes are as follows:
TODDLER 3 yrs - Scott and Becky will continue to teach through the summer
PRE K 4 yrs. - 10 students
KINDERGARTEN - 11 students
1ST - 2ND GRADES - 12 students
3RD - 5TH GRADES - 14 students
Please check your calendar to see where you could teach or help someone else teach. There is a sign up table in the narthex with the dates and classes available. If you have any questions please contact Tracie Rakestraw at tracierakes@gmail.com or 205-527-4238

Christ Covenant Inquirers Class

We will begin an Inquirers Class today (May 15) for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This class will be held in the Bell Tower Room in the Narthex during Sunday School (10:30-11:20) for about five weeks. Please contact Brad Eidson or Jonathan Haynes if you would like to attend.

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 is on a break for May. Keep watching the bulletin for updates. Group meets at the church from 6:00-7:30 p.m. For more information contact Kristi Nyquist.

Tuesday Morning - This group is studying the book of James. The group meets from 10:00-11:30 in the Sanctuary. Nursery is available upon request.

Men's Hike

The Men's Hike to Len Foote Hike Inn, Chattahoochee National Forest, Georgia will depart May 20 at 8 a.m. and return May 21 (afternoon). Dinner and breakfast (and a hot shower after the hike) are included. Two-man rooms have bunk beds & electricity.

Greece Missions Team

The Greece mission trip leaves today and will return May 26th. Please pray for the team as they prepare to partner with our brothers & sisters in Athens, Greece. Team members: Johnny & Dawn Cook; Dana & Carly Starnes; Derek, Tracie and Lucas Rakestraw; Tina Hulse; Beth Moultrie; Faith Borden

MTW Ukraine Updates

Please continue to pray for the church in Ukraine. Updates on MTW missionaries in Ukraine and members of churches in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ukraine are available at <https://www.mtw.org/ukraine-crisis>

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