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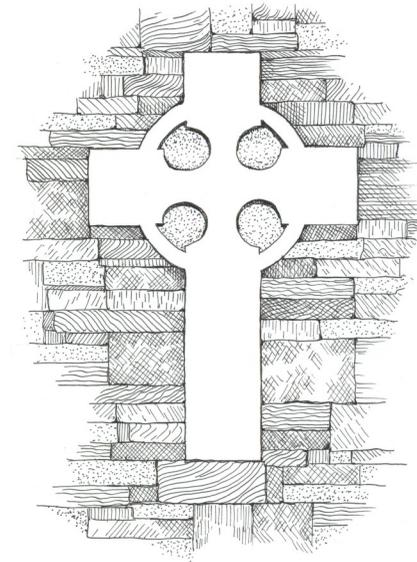
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God's people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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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 8, 2022 | Worship 9:00 a.m.

# The Lord's Day

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### From Psalm 91

Minister: I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

People: **I will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

Minister: If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

People: **For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways**  
*All: "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."*

## 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.

### *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

WORDS & MUSIC: Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa, 2020

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.

Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

**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.

**7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> Grade** Jonathan Knappenberger The Hill (Big Room)

**10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade** John and Denise Knappenberger The Hill (Green Room)

## ***Adult Sunday School Classes***

**For men and women** Randy Hays Room 4

***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

***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.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

## **INVOCATION**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalms 106:1-3**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

O Lord, You know the agony of my temptations,  
and You can sympathize with my weaknesses;  
to You alone belongs the thanks for my victories over sin.  
O Lord, I am still tempted.  
So many ungodly things lure me with the promises of good,  
of security, of pleasure, and of life.  
But all that is against Your commandments will not bring life;  
they are paths of death that only steer me away from You.  
In the wilderness, O Lord, You fought the Enemy and resisted.  
But I, not even in the wilderness, often do not resist.  
I have all the Gospel armor, but sometimes I do not even fight.  
O Lord, hear me and forgive me for Your own Name's sake;  
then fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit,  
so that I may resist the devil and fight the good fight. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **SONG OF ASSURANCE**

***The Goodness of Jesus***

WORDS & MUSIC: R.Thompson, M.R.Farren, J.Robinson, M.Jaywan, F.Aghajanian, & H.Druery, 2018

Come you weary heart now to Jesus; Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears; Rest here in His wondrous peace  
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

# Sermon Notes

Come find what this world cannot offer; Come and find your joy here complete  
Taste the living water, never thirst again; Rest here in His wondrous peace  
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

Come and find your hope now in Jesus; He is all He said He would be  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart; Rest here in His wondrous peace  
Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus

Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus; Satisfied, He is all that I need  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days, In the goodness of Jesus  
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## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

## OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING            **1 Timothy 4:11-16**

SERMON                            **Not Perfect, but Progressing**                            **Phil Reddick**

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.

# “Love . . . Reaching”

**Roger Guillen grew up in La Ceiba, Honduras and received a scholarship to study medicine in Cuba. Dr. Guillen 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 time when the construction of the MTW medical clinic was complete and in need of a Honduran doctor. He served as the medical director for MTW La Ceiba and supervised 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.**

## MTW La Ceiba Update

In October 2021, the Christ Covenant Missions Committee received a request for medicines from Dr. Roger. We made the congregation aware of this need in November, but as we were coordinating the details to purchase the medicines we learned that Roger had resigned. As stated by John Clow, the director of the MTW-La Ceiba team, "Covid has taken a toll on Roger both personally and with the clinic as well. The entire situation has put him into a state of frustration and depression which has led to a lack of motivation and satisfaction."

The Missions Committee decided to continue support for the MTW-La Ceiba team in our church budget for 2022 in hopes that there would continue to be an opportunity for us to send teams to Honduras in the future. In March of this year, we received a letter from John Clow informing us that the MTW team in La Ceiba was being reassigned to church planting efforts around Honduras.

Please pray for Dr. Roger Guillen and the other MTW La Ceiba missionaries and their families in this time of transition.

## Introducing John & Karen Stodghill—MTW Belize

Based on this shift in ministry in Honduras, the Missions Committee decided to shift support to John & Karen Stodghill in Belize.

John and Karen met on Lookout Mountain, Georgia, while attending Covenant College. They married in 1986 and have three grown children. John has a master's in business management and undergraduate degrees as a registered nurse and paramedic. Karen's degree is in elementary education. The Stodghills have served MTW as disaster relief workers since 2003. They became full-time missionaries in 2016 serving as church planters in the Bahamas where they saw God start a new church. They've led short-term mission teams, used their skills to work in local schools, and assisted with the island's medical training both in emergency medical services and disaster preparedness throughout the Caribbean.

In 2019, God called the Stodghills to Belize, Central America. John and Karen are using their organizational skills to help in the revitalization of current churches in Belize as well as leading Bible studies with plans for new church plants. God is allowing community development through improved health care, emergency services, assisting in teaching in schools, and short-term teams.

Please pray for the Stodghills that their work will strengthen families and help plant more Reformed, covenantal, grace-based churches with strong leaders in the church and home.

Next week this section of the bulletin will feature the Stodghill's most recent newsletter.

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.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH      Heidelberg Catechism Q. 42-43**

Minister: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

**People: Our death is not a payment for our sins,  
but it puts an end to sin and is an entrance into eternal life.**

Minister: What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

**People: Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with Him,  
so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us,  
but that we may offer ourselves to Him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.**

## **COMMUNION**

## **CLOSING SONG**

### *By Faith*

WORDS & MUSIC: K & K Getty, Stuart Townend, 2009

By faith we see the hand of God In the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand, A place where peace and justice reign.

*We will stand as children of the promise. We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news In every corner of the earth.

By faith this mountain shall be moved And the power of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible For all who call upon His name.

## **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 senior 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](http://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 9.....Rhett Knappenberger

13.....Andy Starnes

14.....Grace Eidson

*If we miss your birthday, please email Jonathan Haynes.*

## **Nursery Volunteers Schedule**

### **May 8**

Church Service—Patricia Branscomb, Taylor Eidson

### **May 15**

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

## **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**

In the summer teachers get a much needed break from teaching. This gives others an opportunity to volunteer to teach a Sunday school class. This is also an opportunity to live out the commitment we all make to parents when they bring their children for baptism. Each class will need two volunteers (one teacher and one helper) and Traci will have 1-2 youth available if extra help is needed. Children's Summer Sunday School will begin June 5 and will go through August 7. 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 Traci Rakestraw at [tracierakes@gmail.com](mailto:tracierakes@gmail.com) or 205-527-4238

## **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.

## **Women's Fellowship**

Ladies are invited for food and fellowship at Grumpy's Italian Grill on Monday, May 9th, at 5:30 p.m. Contact Karena if you need the nursery.

## **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 are included. Two-man rooms have bunk beds & electricity.

## **Rummage Sale—May 13-14**

Invite your family and friends to come shop on May 13-14. Proceeds from the sale benefit CCPC short term missions. Call or text Judie Hubbard (256) 708-7877 or Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999 for more information.

## **Greece Missions Team**

The Greece mission trip will be May 15-26. 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](mailto:gwen2829@yahoo.com)