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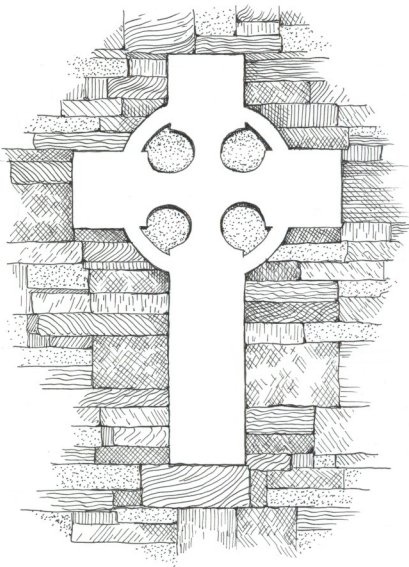
The elders are elected by the congregation to be servant leaders and shepherds of God’s people. They guide the direction and outreach of the church, oversee its teaching and worship, and care for the spiritual needs of the members. Please contact them if you need counsel or prayer.

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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

# 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.

### *Steadfast*

WORDS & MUSIC: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, Josh Silverberg, 2016

I will build my house, whether storm or drought, On the rock that does not move.  
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord, And your faithfulness will prove  
You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word you spoke all the starry host Are called out by name each night.  
In your watchful care I will rest secure As you lead us with your light.  
You are steadfast, steadfast.

60+

Randy Hays / Mike Burton

Room 4

This class will be studying the parables of Jesus.

**For women of all ages**

Jennifer Westall

Room 7

Join us each week immediately following the worship service as we work through the book of Genesis, looking at the story of Jacob and how God's promises to him through Abraham apply to our personal story.

### *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 Session Room during Sunday School. Please contact Jason Ellerbee or Brad Eidson if you would like to attend.

### *Covenant Groups*

Covenant Groups are cross-generational groups intended to allow participation of all Christ Covenant members plus regularly participating non-members for the purposes of belonging, serving, encouraging, and nurturing. You may contact any of the elders on the back of the bulletin to get connected with a Covenant Group.

### *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 committed to teaching women to be transformed by the renewing of their minds through 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.

### *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. 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 Jonathan Haynes 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).

# Classes & Other Information

## *Children’s Sunday School*

Sunday school classes for all ages are held after the worship service. All children 3rd grade and younger go directly to Room 3 (the "chandelier room") following the service. Children 3rd grade or younger should be picked up from their class once Sunday school is over. All 4th-6th grade students should go directly to their class downstairs and will be dismissed following Sunday School. Below you will find a class list and room numbers.

**Toddler 3yrs** - Scott/Becky Lewis - Room 14

**Preschool 4yrs** - Joyah/Wyatt Pettus & Sue/Grace Eidson & Anna Bright - Room 15

**Kindergarten** - Anthony/Rebecca Taylor & Rachel/Taylor Eidson - Room 6

**1st grade** - Blake/Allison Bright & Jonathan/Rachel Skeen - Room 8

**2nd - 3rd grade** - Sheena Johnson & John/Audrey Nyquist - Room 9

**4th - 6th grade girls** - Siusan Peek/Caroline Lunsford (back up) - Downstairs

**4th - 6th grade boys** - Rick White & Bo Shirey - Downstairs

## *Youth Sunday School*

The youth will meet in three classes at The Hill and will all be studying the book of Joshua.

<b>7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger	The Hill (Big Room)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	Hayes & Jessi Eidson	The Hill (Green Room)
<b>11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>	Benjamin & Mary Rogers	The Hill (Orange Room)

## *Adult Sunday School*

Adult Sunday school classes are divided roughly along the lines of age and stage of life. Each Sunday provides an opportunity for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer with others experiencing similar circumstances according to the particular age and stage of life. These classes are for both men and women unless indicated otherwise.

<b>20s</b>	Luke Mosteller	Bell Tower Room
<b>30s</b>	Andy Starnes / Derek Rakestraw	Room 3
<b>40s/50s</b>	Steve Nyquist / Jason Ellerbee	Fellowship Hall
<b>February 26:</b> Drawing Near: Old Man vs. New Man (Colossians)		
<b>March 5:</b> The Uganda Report		
<b>March 12:</b> Drawing Near: Old Man vs. New Man (Ephesians)		
<b>March 19:</b> Drawing Near: Old Man vs. New Man (Ephesians)		

I will not trust in the strength of kings, On your promise I will stand.  
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice: Hallelujah to the Lamb!  
You are steadfast, steadfast.

In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled,  
In the hour of darkness your light was revealed,  
In the presence of death your life was affirmed,  
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.  
You are steadfast, steadfast,

## INVOCATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Isaiah 55**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of grace, you have imputed my sin to Christ Jesus, my substitute,  
and have imputed his righteousness to my soul,  
clothing me with his white robe, decking me with jewels of his holiness.  
But in my Christian walk I am sometimes still in rags:  
my best prayers are stained with sin, my penitential tears are impure.  
I am often standing clothed in filthy garments,  
and by your grace I am always receiving a change of clothes,  
for you always justify the ungodly.  
I am often going into the far country, often returning home as a prodigal,  
and often saying, “Father, forgive me.”  
And you are always bringing out the best robe.

Every morning let me wear the robe of Christ’s righteousness,  
go out to the day’s work in it, and every evening return in it.  
Let me be covered with it in death, stand before the Great White Throne in it,  
and enter heaven wearing it and shining like the sun.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

***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.

# Sermon Notes

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 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**SCRIPTURE READING                      Mark 10:13-30**

**SERMON            “Receiving the Kingdom of God and Inheriting Eternal Life”**

**COMMUNION SONG            *Come, Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted***  
WORDS: Joseph Swain, 1792   MUSIC: Kevin Twit, 2013

Come, ye souls by sin afflicted, Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;  
By the broken law convicted, Through the cross behold the crown.  
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus—  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it; Love will make your obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His grace shall guide your feet.  
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory,  
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that hear His voice;  
Blessèd are the souls that trust Him, and in Him alone rejoice.  
His commandments, His commandments, His commandments  
Then become their happy choice.

# “Love . . . Reaching”

**Gregg and Julie Nicholson live in Bangkok, Thailand where Gregg does church planting and leadership training. Julie teaches special education at a prominent international school. They have four children, Joy, David, Sarah, and Grace. The following comments are captions from a pictorial December, 2022 edition of the Nicholson’s *Bangkok Post* newsletter:**

## 2022 Highlights

The Story of Glory Evangelistic Series - Gregg developed this series with a partner church and 122 Thais made commitments to follow Christ in October.

The Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand (EFT) Bangkok - Gregg was elected to the EFT Bangkok regional committee which is focusing on Church Planting in Bangkok.

City to City (CTC) Hub City Training - Gregg attended the CTC training in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to help establish Bangkok as a hub for church planter training in the Buddhist world.

Thankful! Julie made a spontaneous trip to the U.S. for Thanksgiving with her mother and David. Joy and her “special friend,” Brian, came to Phoenix to celebrate together. Joy is working as a graphic designer at Bellevue Baptist in Memphis and David begins his senior year at Grand Canyon University in January.

Sarah (senior) and Grace (sophomore) enjoyed roles in their school play, “Shrek.” Grace was Humpty Dumpty and Sarah was on the tech crew and made the Dragon.

We are grateful for your prayers for Thailand and for us! It is great that things are finally get back to normal here after Covid, and to see God working in this great nation even through the pandemic. It’s a privilege to serve God here and we are thankful for your faithful support for us this year.

Gregg & Julie Nicholson

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Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, Light to newly-opened eyes,  
Like full springs in deserts dreary, Is the rest the cross supplies.  
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise.  
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus—  
Mercy flows through him alone.

## 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 does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.**

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

**People: Through Christ’s death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.**

## COMMUNION

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING SONG

### ***He Lives, The Great Redeemer Lives***

WORDS: Anne Steele, 1760    MUSIC: Kevin Twit, 2015

Repeated crimes awake our fears And justice armed with frowns appears,  
But in the Savior’s lovely face Sweet mercy smiles, and all is peace, all is peace.

*He lives! The great Redeemer lives! What joy the blest assurance gives!  
And now, before His Father, God, Pleads the merit of His blood.*

In every dark, distressful hour When sin and Satan join their power,  
Let this dear hope repel the dart, That Jesus bears us on His heart, on His heart.

Great Advocate, almighty Friend! On Him our humble hopes depend;  
Our cause can never, ever fail For Jesus pleads and must prevail.

For our Jesus pleads, our Jesus pleads and Jesus must prevail.  
For our Jesus pleads, our Jesus please and Jesus must prevail.

**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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## **This Week's Activities**

**Tuesday**  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday**  
6:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner @ Loft 212

**Thursday**  
6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

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

**Sunday**  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
6:00-7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study Groups

## **Nursery Volunteers Schedule**

**Feb 26**  
Church Service—Anna Bright, Benjamin Rogers  
Sunday School—Tara Quinn

**Mar 5**  
Church Service—Julie Kennedy, Hayes Eidson  
Sunday School—Elizabeth Ellerbee

## **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

## **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

## **Birthday's This Week**

Feb 26.....Joshua Skinner  
28.....Carla Kornegay  
March 2.....Wyatt Pettus  
3.....Anna Bright  
4.....Elizabeth James Eidson  
.....Emma Taylor  
.....Joyah Pettus  
.....Tracie Rakestraw

*Did we miss a birthday? Email Jonathan Haynes.*

## **Church Membership**

An Inquirers Class will be starting March 12th for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This class will meet in the Session Room during Sunday School. Please contact Jason Ellerbee or Brad Eidson if you would like to attend.

## **Ladies' Prayer Time**

Ladies will be meeting on Mondays, March 20 and April 17 from 10:00-11:00 in the Bell Tower at church. Women of all ages are invited. This is a great way to serve the Lord through intercession for our church. Ephesians 6:18 - "Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints."

## **Fellowship Dinner**

Wednesday, March 1st will be a Church-wide Fellowship Dinner at Loft 212. Dinner is being catered and will start at 6:30 p.m. Nursery for age 3 yrs and younger is available. Drop-off begins at 6:15 p.m. RSVP to Holly Powell for dinner and nursery at 205.515.1636 or zebandholly@yahoo.com. Note: The cost of dinner has been paid by a donor(s) so please come and enjoy the fellowship!

## **Belize Team Applications**

Applications for the July 15-22 short term mission trip to Belize are due today. See Kent Howze for a copy of the application and health release form. There will be a short meeting (<30 minutes) after Sunday School in Room 7 (The Gloria Edwards Room) to collect applications, distribute background check information, and answer any questions.

## **Rummage Sale—May 19-20**

Our Rummage Sale to support our Belize Missions Team is scheduled for May 19th-20th. Our storage unit located on Sportsman Lake Road has been cleared so that we can receive your boxed items or small furniture items. Please call Judie Hubbard if you have large furniture to be delivered to her basement. At this time we are NOT taking clothing items which would include shoes, purses, and belts. Thank you for supporting Short Term Missions with your donations. Please call Judie Hubbard (256) 708-7877 or Karena Haynes (256) 636-0999 for more information.

## **Women's Bible Studies**

**Tuesday Mornings** - Our Tuesday morning Bible study, Psalms Part Two, meets at 9:30 a.m. and is led by Yvonne Welch. Please join us if you are able—we would love to have you!

**Thursday Night** - We are continuing our study of Exodus with Jen Wilkin's *God of Freedom: A Study of Exodus 19-40*. This 10-week study meets on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Gloria Edwards Room. Materials are provided. Nursery available upon request. Everyone is welcome!

## **Men's Ministry Events**

*“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”*  
*1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

**Men's Ministry Fellowship Cook-out** - Sunday, March 19 @ 6:00 PM at the Youth House  
**Men's Morning Study** – beginning April 4th @ 6:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall  
**3M (3rd Monday) Men's Fellowship** – launching on Monday, April 17th – time and location TBD

## **Crates For Ukraine**

At the request of the Ukrainian Church and Mission to the World national partners, Crates for Ukraine provides personal and humanitarian aid from the hands of churches in the U.S. to the hands of churches and displaced communities in Ukraine. This takes place in three simple steps: Step #1. Collect supplies, Step #2. Pack Crates, Step #3. Deliver crates to Chattanooga. Once crates are delivered to the warehouse in Chattanooga, a shipping company partnering with CFU flies aid to Europe and delivers to Lviv, Ukraine where the church distributes where most needed within days. There are three types of crates. #1. Basic Wound Care - This crate contains supplies that will go to both churches and key medical facilities where national partners have contacts. The supplies include first aid kits, chest seals, bandages, tourniquets, etc. #2. Basic Meds - This crate contains supplies that will go to partnering churches that are setting up their own supply hubs for distribution within the country. It includes things like ibuprofen, cold meds, allergy meds, vitamins, etc. #3. Basic Care - This crate contains supplies that will help church members, families, and individuals (many of whom are displaced within the country) with their basic needs during a time of crisis. It includes things like winter clothing, water filters, thermal blankets, etc. Learn more at [www.CratesForUkraine.com](http://www.CratesForUkraine.com). If you would be interested in participating in this ministry contact Jonathan Haynes.

## **RYM - July 3-7**

RYM is a conference for High Schoolers (current 8th–12th grade) hosted at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. Students will spend the week in fellowship, worship, and learning God's truth. **Individual registration is now open.** You may register at [rym.org/hsf11-registration](http://rym.org/hsf11-registration). See Mr. Knappenberger if you need additional information.