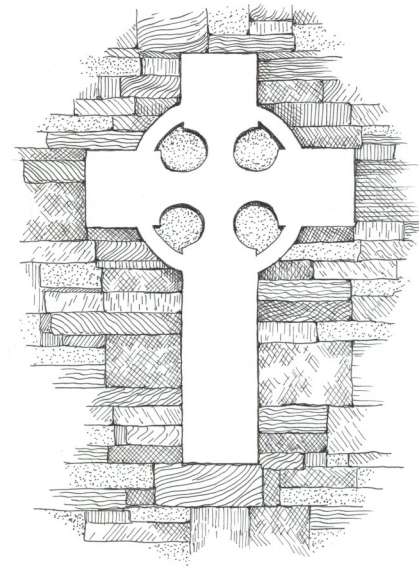


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CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 11, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

O God, I bless You for the happy moment when I first saw Your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, my soul saved. Ever since, You have been faithful to me, I want no other rock to build upon than the Rock of Christ, desire no other hope than that of gospel truth, need no other look than that which gazes on the cross. Forgive me if I have tried to add anything to the one foundation, if I have unconsciously relied upon my knowledge, experience, deeds; and not seen them as filthy rags, if I have attempted to complete what is perfect in Christ. May my cry be always, only Jesus! Only Jesus! In Him is freedom from condemnation, fullness in His righteousness, eternal vitality in His given life, indissoluble union in fellowship with Him. In Him I have all that I can hold, enlarge be to take in more. – Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 21

Minister: Rejoice in the strength of the Lord, rejoice exceedingly in His salvation! Trust in the Lord, for through the steadfast love of the Most High you will not be shaken.

All: Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise Your power.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise To The Lord The Almighty

[Mike's Arrangement] by Joachim Neander and Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul, praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things so wonderfully reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea, so gladly sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord
Who doth prosper they work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the 'amen' sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

Church Membership—Pastor's Inquirers Class

We have a Pastor's Inquirers Class for those who are considering church membership or who simply want to know more about Christ Covenant. This 4-week class is currently meeting in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. If you are interested in attending, please come join us!

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 our church secretary 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.

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 Class - Scott/Becky Lewis—Room 14

PreK-4 Yrs Class - Whitney/Braden Cook—Room 15

Kindergarten-1st Grade - Audrey/John Nyquist—Room 6

2nd Grade - Justin/Jesse Robinson—Room 8

3rd Grade - Allison/Blake Bright & Patricia/David Branscomb—Room 9

4th -6th Grade Girls - Madison McCoy—Downstairs

4th-6th Grade Boys– Rick White/Stam Kennedy/Shawn Robb/Daniel Johnson/Phillip Mahler-Downstairs

Youth Sunday School

The youth will meet on The Hill and will all be studying Eschatology.

7th - 12th Grades Jonathan & Amanda Knappenberger The Hill (Big 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. During the Summer Months we combine our Adult Classes for a time of fellowship and teaching for all ages and stages.

Combined Adult Summer Sunday School

Fellowship Hall

This Summer, we will have a variety of teachers leading us through a journey of Biblical Characters. Titled, "Heroes of the Faith – The Saints of Scripture," this 15 week series will run from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Learning from the lives of this "great cloud of witnesses," will prayerfully inspire us to walk in a manner worthy of the Gospel and teach us to live our lives looking to Jesus who is the author and perfecter of our faith. We hope you will stick around after corporate worship and join us as we continue to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

King Of Love

WORDS & MUSIC: Steven Curtin Chapman, 2016

With the hands that formed the world you washed our feet.
Kneeling down, you laid aside your majesty

And you said for us to go and do the same.
So we serve for the glory of our King.

You left heaven's throne to rescue what was lost,
Stretching out Your mighty arms to bear the cross.
Then you rolled away the stone, the victory won,
And you said, go and tell the world what love has done.

*King of love, let your Kingdom come—
Reign in us, your daughters and your sons.
Fill us up, till we overflow
With your love until the whole world knows
You are the King of Love.*

Give us hearts that long to see your justice done;
Let the river of Your mercy flow through us;
Let compassion be the loudest song we sing
Till the day when every tongue declares you King.

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Heavenly Father, we honor Your only-begotten Son with our lips, but our hearts are often far from Him. Your Holy Spirit convicts us that: We call Jesus Lord, and obey Him not; We call Jesus the Way, and walk with Him not; We call Jesus the Life, and rejoice in Him not; We call Jesus the Truth, and seek Him not; We call Jesus beautiful, and love Him not; We call Jesus rich, and ask Him not; Do not cast us away for disrespecting Your Son. Forgive us of our inconstancy and double-mindedness. Send Your Holy Spirit to renew our hearts in faith and worship of our precious Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Glorious Day

TEXT: J. Wilbur Chapman, 1908, alt. John Mark Hall MUSIC: Michael Blecker

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises, One day when sin was as black as could be,
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, Dwelt among men, my example is He.
Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.

*Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
And buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever:
One day He's coming—oh, glorious day. Oh, glorious day!*

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain, One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree, And took the nails for me.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, One day the stone rolled away from the door,
Then He arose, over death He had conquered, Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him, The grave could not keep Him from rising again.

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming, One day the skies with His glories will shine,
Wonderful day, my beloved one bringing, My Savior Jesus is mine.

James 1:26-27 "Pure Religion"

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING **James 1:26-27**

SERMON **"Pure Religion"**

COMMUNION SONG ***Firm Foundation (He Won't)***
WORDS & MUSIC: Cody Carnes

Chorus: Christ is my firm foundation; The rock on which I stand.
When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus, 'Cause He's never let me down.
He's faithful through generations, So why would He fail now?
He won't. He won't.

I've still got joy in chaos, I've got peace that makes no sense.
So I won't be going under, I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus, He's never let me down.
He's faithful in every season, So why would He fail now?
He won't, He won't. He won't fail. He won't fail x2

Chorus

He won't fail. He won't fail.

Rain came and wind blew, But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You; I'm going to make it through. x3

Yeah, I'm going to make it through, 'Cause I'm standing strong on You.
Yeah, I'm going to make it through, 'Cause my house is built on You.

“Love . . . Reaching”

Seth and Bethany Terrell are on the staff of Campus Outreach at the University of Alabama. Seth became a Christian his sophomore year of college through Campus Outreach. He has been on CO staff since December 2000. In 2017, his family moved to Tuscaloosa to serve CO at his alma mater. Seth and Bethany have four sons - Blevin, Caleb, Judson, and Barker. The following update is from a recent email update:

This was an exciting semester and summer for us. Below are a few of the highlights and pictures from the last 6 months! God has been working at UA and we are excited about the next year!

Personal Ministry - My favorite thing to do on staff is still to share the gospel with young men, help them come to faith in Christ, and then help them grow in their faith. The majority of my time that I spend with students is spent with the men of the Sigma Nu fraternity. In the last two years, 15 or so guys have professed faith in Christ. These men are growing in their faith and are having an impact on the men around them!

Overseas - In June, we sent 6 students and 2 staff to Chang Mai Thailand to work with Campus Outreach and church there. They will be there until August the 3rd. They are building relationships with Thai students, sharing the Gospel with them, and connecting them to the local team and church. The team is doing really well. They are growing in their walks with God, their burden for people and their vision for the world. Please pray for them during their last few weeks! My oldest is a freshman and is on this team. (That’s weird, isn't it?). Pray he doesn't do anything stupid and get hurt! Y’all know how he likes to go to the ER!

Coastal Project - Our two week Coastal Project happens at Miramar Beach at the end of May. We stay close to the beach and we have all of our meetings in an empty storefront at the Destin outlets (it's hilarious). We focus the two weeks on helping our students grow in three ways. 1. How to walk with God and enjoy Him. 2. How to interact with God's people. 3. How to share the good news of Christ with the world. We had 119 students come from Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Alabama which is 40 more than last year!! It seemed like God worked deeply in the lives of these young men and women! He was very gracious to us!

Mobilization - I tell our staff all the time that the fruit of our ministry is not measured in semesters, but in decades. What we want for our people is that they would walk with God for a lifetime and give their lives away so that others might know Jesus. We want to see laborers sent out into the world! These are some of our strongest leaders that will be heading into the workforce this summer! Please pray for these three things for these graduates! 1. They would continue to walk with God. 2. That they would find good churches to connect with and labor with. 3. That God would use them to be a light to the world.

Support Update - As you may remember, I was in a pretty tough spot at the end of last year. But because of the Grace of God and your generosity we finished the year in the positive! We still have a decent amount of Annual/Monthly support to raise over the next 6 months. So if you know of anyone who loves Jesus and Alabama (or just Jesus!) that you think might want to be a part of our ministry, I would love to talk to them! Thank you so much for your grace and generosity toward our family and ministry. It has been one of the most tangible ways I have experienced God's grace and provision in my life!

CONFESSION OF FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith 16.2

Minister: What role do good works play in the life of the believer?

All: The good works such as God has commanded in His holy Word, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

I'll Not Be Shaken

WORDS & MUSIC: Wendell Kimbrough, 2015

For God alone, I wait in silence; My soul is still before the Lord.
He is my rock and my salvation, My fortress strong; I trust in Him.

*I'll not be shaken! I'll not be shaken, For all my hope is in His love.
From God alone comes my salvation; I wait and trust His steadfast love!*

Put not your hope in gain of riches; Seek not your rest in empty wealth.
The rich are weak; the poor are mighty, Who turn to God alone for help.

Pour out your heart to God our refuge And trust in Him to hear you cry.
No other hope will never fail you No other love will not run dry.

Greetings From Our Pastor

Welcome to Christ Covenant! We are honored and delighted to have you worshiping with us this Lord’s Day. The entire CCPC family is eager to meet you, answer any questions you may have, and serve you best we can. After the service my wife and I will be in the lobby where we would love to personally greet and welcome you. I pray that our time together has been a source of encouragement to your soul, and that you have been refreshed by the Lord’s Word and His people. Please let us know how we can serve you! Grace and peace, Jason Ellerbee, Sr. Pastor

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday

10:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Time
12:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m. Ladies' Night

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch
6:30 p.m. Youth Groups

Friday

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

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Art Fellowship

Crates For Ukraine 4.0

At the request of the Ukrainian Church and 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. MTW Ukraine asks that we remember the following prayer requests - 1) Pray for God to end the war in Ukraine, grow His Church and give great faith to His people during this time of suffering; 2) Pray for God to provide at least 400 crates of aid by the end of 2024 (CFU 4.0); 3) Pray for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ukraine as they receive aid, distribute aid and minister to those in need. May the Lord use CFU to create pathways for the Gospel and the formation of new Gospel communities. Please consider giving to CFU 4.0. You may write a check designated for "CFU 4.0" or you may select "Crates for Ukraine" on the give page of our church website - <https://app.easytithes.com/App/Giving/chripo159> For more information, go to - <https://www.cratesforukraine.com/>

Art Fellowship

The Art Fellowship will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. Contact Marion Frey if you have any questions. 256-347-4201

Birthdays This Week

Aug 11.....Sue Roberts
13.....James Laminack
14.....Juanita Tidwell
 Ellie Lunsford
15.....Sharon Weatherly
Did we miss a birthday? Email Madison

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

August 11

Church Service— John Nyquist, Dawn Cook
Sunday School— Lee Haynes

August 18

Church Service— Rachel Eidson, Justin Robinson
Sunday School— Hope Atchison

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 Breakfast Bible Study – Starting back in the Fall.

3M Men's Fellowship– Aug. 19th, 6:00 p.m. Phil Hutchen's Barn.

Men's Prayer Time – Friday mornings, 7:00 am in the church session room.

Men's Hike / Campout

Please mark your calendars and save the date for September 12th – 14th (Thursday-Saturday) for our annual Men's Hike. This year is something new and different as we will be adding one night and staying in cabins at Cloudland Canyon State Park in Northwest Georgia. There are over 60 miles of hiking trails, numerous biking trails, disc golf, plus amazing canyon views and waterfalls to enjoy. Those who want to explore can explore, those who want to just relax and enjoy God's creation and fellowship will have the option to do that as well. Teenaged boys are invited to join, please let Johnny Cook know of your interest.

Children's Sunday School

Today is Promotion Sunday! I am excited to start a new year in Children's Sunday School! I have a few classes filled but still need teachers for most classes. Please be in prayer about serving as a Sunday school teacher this fall. If you have any questions about Children's Sunday school, please contact me.

Classes/Needs this fall:

Toddler class– Scott/Becky Lewis
Prek-4 class- (9 children) Whitney/Braden Cook/ **2 rotating teachers needed.**
Kindergarten-1st grade class-(9 children) John/Audrey Nyquist/ **2 rotating teachers needed.**
2nd grade class- (12 children) - Justin/Jesse Robinson/**2 rotating teachers needed.**
3rd grade class- (10 children) - David/Patricia Branscomb & Blake/Allison Bright.
4th-6th girls' class- (7 girls) - Madison McCoy.
4th-6th boys' class- (13 boys) - Rick White, Stan Kennedy, Shawn Robb, Daniel Johnson, Phillip Mahler.

Parents: a few things to remember:

Toddlers (3yr) that are in the sanctuary during worship will go directly to their Sunday School class Room 14.

Toddlers that are in the nursery during worship, Scott/Becky will pick your children up from the nursery.

PreK-3rd Grades will go directly to the ceiling fan room once the worship service is over.

4th-6th Grades will go directly downstairs to their classrooms.

*If your child is 3rd grade or younger, please pick up your child promptly following Sunday School. Please refer to the back part of the bulletin for class locations. Parents please remember to thank your child's teacher for their commitment to your child. Feel free to call/text/email me with any questions.

Tracie Rakestraw
Children's Director

Church Family Night

Sunday August 11 at CCPC
4:00 Water Activities
5:00 Dinner
5:30 Old Time Hymn Singing
We hope that you can join us for a fun night of fellowship with our church family to kick off the new school year! Please RSVP with the code below.
<https://forms.gle/LDVymH9E1fi4PB746>



Women's Ministry Events

Women's Bible Studies: Fall Bible Studies will begin in September.

Ladies Night: August Ladies' Night, Monday August 12th, at 6:00 p.m. at Chicken Salad Chick.

Ladies Lunch: August Ladies' Lunch will be Wednesday, August 14th, at 12:00 p.m. at Chicken Salad Chick.

Made For More: The PCA Women's Ministry is having one of their 2024 conferences at Covenant Presbyterian in Birmingham on Friday & Saturday, September 13th & 14th. We plan to take a group from CCPC. Here is a link where you can find out more information and register -<https://women.pacadm.org/events/> Please let Tina know if you register or have questions. We can reimburse you the \$75 early registration cost! Registration starts March 15th!

Ladies Prayer Time: Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting Monday, August 12th, at 10:00 am in the Bride's Room at the church. Women of all ages are invited. No one will be expected or pressured to pray aloud. 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."*

For more announcements and information, please refer to our weekly email and website.