

The Bereans

Randy Hays / Jonathan Haynes

Room 4

Some 2000 years ago Jesus preached one of His most famous sermons. His Sermon on the Mount as told by the Apostle Matthew details how we Christians are to live in this fallen world. Join us as we study this important message about our Lord's present and future Kingdom.

Women of all ages

Ashley Wilbanks

Room 10

Join us for a profound exploration of faith and resilience starting September 8th in our Sunday School class. Inspired by Romans 12:2 and James 1:2, we'll embark on a journey of understanding the transformative power of embracing pain to grasp the depth of Jesus' nature. Together, we'll dive into the timeless wisdom of not conforming to the world's patterns but being renewed in mind and spirit. Through interactive discussions and heartfelt reflection, we'll learn to count it all joy when facing trials, recognizing them as opportunities for growth and spiritual maturity. As we navigate life's challenges, we'll uncover the profound joy and strength that come from a deepened understanding of Jesus' character. All are invited to join us on this journey of discovery and transformation. See you there!

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

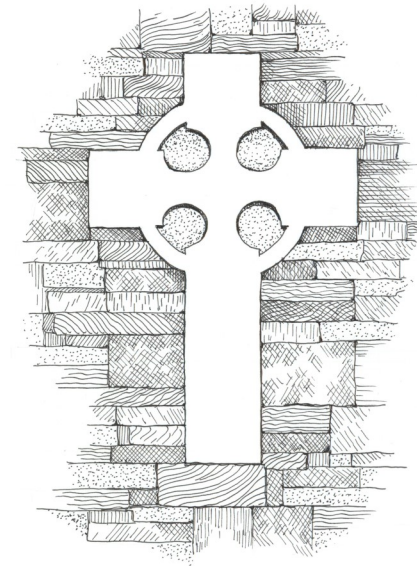
Covenant Groups are cross-generational groups intended to allow participation of all Christ Covenant members plus regularly participating non-members for the purposes of belonging, serving, encouraging, and nurturing. You may contact any of the elders on the back of the bulletin to get connected with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



CHRIST COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION

“A thankful obedience and an obedient thankfulness are a Christian's life”
~ Puritan Richard Baxter ~

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 30:4 & Psalm 28:7

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

All: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

SONGS OF PRAISE

How Great Is the Greatness of God

WORDS & MUSIC: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa

How faithful the Father above
How wonderous the works of the Son
How sweet is the Spirit given to us
How great is the greatness of God

Morning by morning with every dawn,
My soul with a new song awaits
Even in evening my praise goes on
Forever my God is the same

When my heart gazes on Calvary,
At all of Your mercies arrayed
Oh, that my Savior would die for me
I sing out with infinite thanks

Oh what a comfort in every trial;
His presence is all that I need
Power that brought resurrection life,
That power is living in me
That power is living in me

God Of Wonders

WORDS & MUSIC: Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong, 2000

Lord of all creation Of water, earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on High
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

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 & Joyah/Wyatt Pettus—Room 15

Kindergarten-1st Grade - Audrey/John Nyquist & Allison/Blake Bright—Room 6

2nd Grade - Justin/Jesse Robinson/ 2 teachers needed—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 in two classes at The Hill.

7th- 9th Grade	Jonathan Knappenberger - Jesus' Parables	The Hill (Big Room)
10th - 12th Grade	Jason McCoy - 1 st and 2 nd Samuel	The Hill (Green 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.

Foundations

Andy / Derek

Gloria Edwards Room

This fall the Foundations Class will take a deep dive into the 1st Century Church. We will study how the movement started. Learn about how the early church operated in the community. Discuss the relevance that caused the message to spread. We will take a look at what made it different enough to have a lasting impact for the past 2,000 years and how can we apply those lessons at CCPC to impact our surrounding community? Come join Derek Rakestraw and Andy Starnes as we discuss these topics and much more.

Salt & Light

Steve/ Kent / Chris / Jason

Fellowship Hall

Topic - **The Bigger Story: Good, Bad, Redeemed, Restored**

Today: 2 Samuel

December 1- 1 Kings

December 8—1 Chronicles

December 15 - 2 Kings

Psalm 138
“The Scope of Thanksgiving”

SERMON NOTES

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night
God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth x 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me
Father, holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy, Holy, Holy

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth x 3

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 11:15-19

CONFESSION OF SIN - Adapted from the “The Valley of Vision” and The Lord’s Prayer

O my Savior, I thank You from the depths of my being for Your wondrous grace and love in bearing my sin in Your body on the tree. By Your cross crucify my every sin; use it to increase my intimacy with You; make it the ground of all my comfort and the comfort of all my afflictions. O my Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

TEXT & MUSIC: Nathan Stiff

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heaven's reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song, when enemies surround me
My hope, when tides of sorrow rise
My joy, when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name
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MEMBERSHIP VOWS - Gary and Linda Combs, Jordan and Mallory Lee, Donnie Eller, Kennedy White, Lewis and Marie Branscomb, David and Patricia Branscomb.

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138

SERMON

“The Scope of Thanksgiving”

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 – will not meet this week, Happy Thanksgiving.

3M Men’s Fellowship– No Men’s Fellowship in December.

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

Opportunity to Show Christ’s Compassion

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”
– Micah 6:8

Each month, our deacons will be gathering items to assist in serving the needs of our community. In December, they will be receiving wipes, formula, and baby hygiene items like soap and shampoo for First Source for Women. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the “Mercy Bin” located in the Narthex before December 8th . Thanks so much!

Rummage Sale 2025

Our storage unit is ready to receive your boxed items. Please bring your items in sturdy boxes with lids so they can be stacked. If you need tubs, please let Judie Hubbard know and she can get you some to use. Also, DO NOT bring any clothes which also includes shoes, hats, scarves, belts, socks and gloves. Those items will be collected in the Spring. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call Judie, 256-708-7877.

2025 VB\$ Planning Committee

If you would like to join the planning committee for the 2025 Vacation Bible School, please reach out to Merrill. We meet one to two times a month now through June.
Merrill Dotson– 334-524-7274

Women’s Ministry Events

Women’s Bible Studies: Our Tuesday morning Bible Study will resume January 14, 2025.

Our Thursday night Bible Study will resume January 9th 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Night: We will not be meeting the month of December. We will resume in January.

Ladies Lunch: We will not be meeting the month of December. We will resume in January.

Ladies Prayer Time: Ladies' Prayer Time will be meeting every Monday at 10:00 am in the bell tower 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.”*

Family Advent Celebration

Join us at the Reeder’s home at 3:30 December 1st, to make a live advent wreath to celebrate the Christmas season! Please bring greenery, clippers, and a tray to set your finished wreath on to travel home. Limited spots, sign up by 11/27. Wreath kits available for \$20 or you can bring your own supplies. Kit includes: clear dish, soaked oasis, candle holders, and advent candles. Contact Emily Haynes for more information.



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

Christ Covenant News

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)

This Week's Activities

Monday
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time

Tuesday
6:15 a.m. No Men's Bible Study, Happy Thanksgiving

Wednesday
6:15 p.m. No Youth Group or 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
2:00 p.m. Art Fellowship

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

November 24
Church Service— Denise Peek, Kristi Nyquist
Sunday School— Sheena Johnson

December 1
Church Service— Susan Peek, Luke Satterfield
Sunday School— Katie Shirley

Roots 10th Annual Retreat

Providence Presbytery Youth Retreat. January 24th-26th. The cost is \$145. To register and any additional info will be in the Narthex or you can visit <https://www.providencepresbytery.com/roots>

Women's Christmas Social

You are invited to a Women's Christmas Social on December 8th, at 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. This will be at Dawn Bentley's - the address is 1512 Cumberland Ridge NW Cullman AL, 35055. Please bring your favorite holiday goodie, along with recipe, to swap and share.

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

Nov. 24.....Barrett Bright
25.....John David Ellerbee
26.....Linda Davis
27.....Caleb Bright
Cameron Starnes
28.....George Cochran
Hannah Bright
Lee Haynes
Mary Helen Atchison
29.....Sage Robinson
30.....Derek Rakestraw
Luke Mahler

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

Christmas Decorations

Yes, it is time again to decorate the church for Christmas. As we have done in the past, the ladies of the church gather on the Monday after Thanksgiving which is 12/2/2024 and merrily work together singing Christmas carols and sipping hot chocolate (ha). We are asking any of the ladies that will be available at 9:00 on Monday 12/2 to come out and help. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Julie Kennedy or Judie Hubbard. You DO NOT have to have any special skills, just a love for the church and Christmas.

CCPC Thanksgiving Dinner

TODAY, Sunday November 24th, 5:30 pm at Cotton Creek. Each covenant group is responsible for bringing a set of items. Please work with your group to plan for our only potluck of the year. See you all this evening!

CCPC Work Day

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we serve together caring for our church.

COMMUNION SONG

New Wine

WORDS & MUSIC: Brooke Ligertwood, 2018

In the crushing, in the pressing You are making new wine.
In the soil, I now surrender, You are breaking new ground.
So I yield to You and to Your careful hand,
When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel, make me an offering,
Make me whatever You want me to be.
I came here with nothing, but all You have given me—
Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

Where there is new wine there is new power,
There is new freedom, The Kingdom is here.
I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Heidelberg Catechism Q. 86

Minister: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace alone through Christ, without any merit of our own, why must we yet do good works?

All: Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit to be His image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for His benefits, and He may be praised by us. Further, that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and that by our godly walk of life we may win our neighbors for Christ. All: The holy Scriptures of the Old and New Covenant are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Doxology

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1709 TUNE: L. Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Greetings From Our Pastor

Welcome to Christ Covenant! We are honored and delighted to have you worshipping 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