

The Bereans

Randy Hays / Jonathan Haynes

Room 4

The book of Colossians is about the incomparable Christ. Christ in whom is everything that we need, in whom is everything that we have as Christians. You are invited to study with us each Sunday this amazing epistle of the Apostle Paul.

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

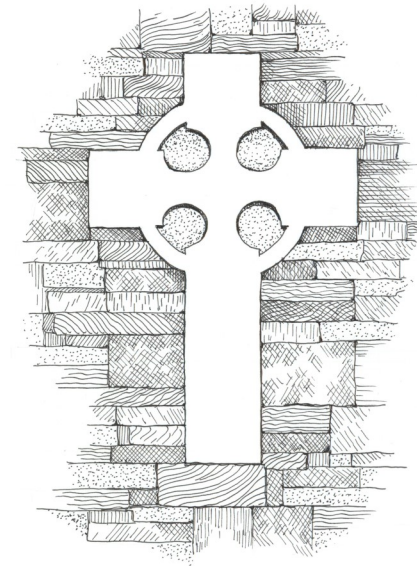
Covenant Groups are cross-generational groups intended to allow participation of all Christ Covenant members plus regularly participating non-members for the purposes of belonging, serving, encouraging, and nurturing. You may contact any of the elders on the back of the bulletin to get connected with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

December 29, 2024 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Classes & Other Information

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION Adapted from “*The Valley of Vision*”

O Love Beyond Compare, You are good when You give, when You take away, when the sun shines upon me, when night gathers over me. You have loved me before the foundation of the world, and in love did redeem my soul; You love me still, despite my heard heart, ingratitude, and distrust. Your goodness has been with me during another year, leading me through a twisting wilderness, in retreat helping me to advance, when beaten back making sure headway. Your goodness will be with me in the year ahead; I hoist sail and draw up anchor, with You as the blessed pilot of my future as of my past. I bless You that You have veiled my eyes to the waters ahead. If You have appointed storms of tribulation, You will be with me in them; If I must pass through the tempests of persecution and temptation, I shall not drown. Grant me grace that my faith fails not, glorify Yourself in me whether in comfort or trial, may I be your chosen vessel, ready always for Your use.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 118:1,27,28,29

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; You are my God; I will extol You. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

SONGS OF PRAISE

How great is the Greatness of God

Song by Bryan Fowler, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa

How faithful the Father above, How wondrous 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

How faithful the Father above, How wondrous the works of the Son
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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: Ezra

January 5 - 1 Chronicles

January 12 – 2 Chronicles

January 19 – OT History ‘Bigger Story’ Summary

Joshua 1:1-9
“Strength and Direction for a New Year”

SERMON NOTES

King Of Kings
Hillsong Worship; by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath

Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of glory, Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12,13

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden – cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love, and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Christ our Lord. We acknowledge our sin before You, we have transgressed Your law and owe a debt we cannot afford to pay. We praise You for Your forgiveness and our justification, we praise You for the gifts of Your mercy and grace that You have abundantly given us in Christ, may we abide in Him and bear His fruit to the praise of Your

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

His Mercy is More

By Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done, Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait, as we constantly roam, What Father so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor, Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness, He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt, we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT

Joshua 1:1-9

SERMON

“Strength and Direction for a New Year”

COMMUNION SONG

Steadfast

By Sandra McCracken

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

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 – Tuesday mornings at 6:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Proverbs, resumes Jan. 7

3M Men’s Fellowship– TBD

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/January they will be receiving peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce, for The Link. No specific brands are requested. Please drop off some of the items listed above in the “Mercy Bin” located in the Narthex. Thanks so much!

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>

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.

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: No Ladies prayer time the rest of December. Prayer time will resume January 6, 2025.

Year End Review

It has been an amazing year at Christ Covenant. We have received 28 new members, supported God’s work around the globe through our 27 partner ministries and missionaries, gathered and distributed countless items to serve the people of Cullman County through our monthly mercy drives, showed the love of Christ to the men at Foundry Farms in various ways, provided an SUV full of disaster relief kits to MNA, cared and loved for one another, and our property was blessed with a beautiful facelift with new paint and paving. This list of God’s work in and through you could go on and on, for God has certainly blessed us with a fruitful year of ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness to Christ’s church, and to God be the glory, great things He has done

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. No ladies prayer time
For the rest of Dec. Resumes Jan. 6

Tuesday
6:15 a.m. No Men's Bible Study
Will begin again Jan. 7

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Happy New Year!

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

Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Sunday
2:00 p.m. Art Fellowship

Covenant Kids Corner

No Kids Corner until January 8th.

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

Dec. 29.....Sage Robinson
Vicki Bagley
30.....Rollins Rex Quinn
31.....Reed Canaday

Jan. 1.....Cooper Nyquist
3.....Bo Shirely
Holly Powell
Jason McCoy
5.....Rachel Howze
Thomas Haynes
6.....Evie Rose Adkins
Phyllis Ozment
Randy Hays

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

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

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
You are steadfast, steadfast

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!

In the moment of emptiness, All was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness, In the presence of death
Your life was affirmed, In the absence of holiness,
You are still God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 157

Minister: How is the Word of God to be read?

All: The holy Scriptures are to be read with a high and reverent esteem for them; with a firm persuasion that they are the true Word of God and that only He can enable us to understand them; with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence and attention to the subject matter and the scope of them; and with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

I'll Not Be Shaken

By Wendell Kimbrough

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.