

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

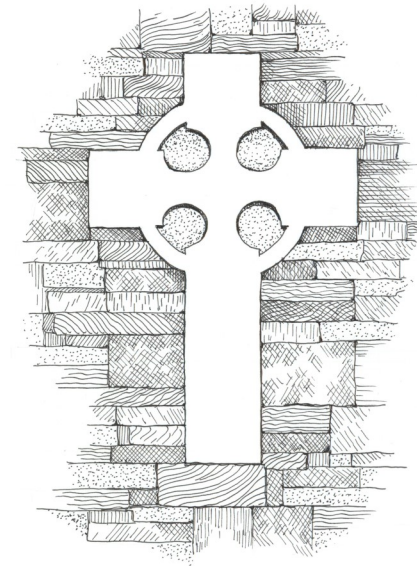
Covenant Groups are cross-generational groups intended to allow participation of all Christ Covenant members plus regularly participating non-members for the purposes of belonging, serving, encouraging, and nurturing. You may contact any of the elders on the back of the bulletin to get connected with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

January 5, 2025 | **Worship 9:00 a.m.** | Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

The Lord's Day

PRELUDE & TIME OF MEDITATION - Adapted from "*The Valley of Vision*"

O Lord, length of days does not profit me except the days are passed in Your presence, in Your service, to Your glory. Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides, sustains, sanctifies, aids every hour, that I may not be one moment apart from You, but may rely on Your Spirit to supply every thought, speak in every word, direct every step, prosper every work, build up every small particle of faith, and give me a desire to show forth Your praise, testify Your love, and advance Your kingdom. I launch out on the unknown waters of this year with You, O Father as my harbor; You, O Son, at my helm; You, O Holy Spirit, filling my sails. Guide me to heaven with my heart strong, ready, and full of love, my lamp burning, my ear open to Your call, my soul free. Give me Your grace to sanctify me, Your comforts to cheer, Your wisdom to teach, Your right hand to guide, Your counsel to instruct, Your law to judge, Your presence to stabilize. May Your fear be my awe, Your triumphs my joy.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 68:1-4

Minister: God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him! As smoke is driven away, so You shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

All: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the Lord; exult before Him!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Arise, My Soul, Arise

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1742 MUSIC: Kevin Twitt, 1996

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;

The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears;

Before the Throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,

My name is written on His hands.

Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul arise!

Arise, arise, arise, arise, my soul arise!

Shake off your guilty fear and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,

His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead;

His blood atoned for every race; His blood atoned for every race,

And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, Received on Calvary;

They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me;

"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,

"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;

With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,

And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

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 - 1st and 2nd 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: 1 Chronicles

January 12 – 2 Chronicles

January 19 – OT History 'Bigger Story' Summary

January 26 - NO Adult SS

Philippians 1:1-2

“An Introduction to Philippians”

SERMON NOTES

Praise the King

By Corey Voss

There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven, Jesus is alive

There's a reason why we are not overtaken
There's a reason we sing on through the night
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal, Jesus is alive

Praise the King, He is risen, Praise the King, He's alive
Praise the King, death's defeated
Hallelujah, He's alive, Hallelujah, He's alive

There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous
There's a reason why the dead are made alive
There's a reason why we share His resurrection
Jesus is alive (oh, He's alive)

Praise the King, He is risen, Praise the King, He's alive
Praise the King, death's defeated, Hallelujah, He's alive (oh)
Hallelujah, He's alive (yeah), Oh, He's alive

The grave could not ignore it, All of Heaven's roaring
Hell, where is your victory?, Death where is your sting?
The world could not ignore it, When all the saints are roaring
Hell, where is your victory?, Death where is your sting?

Hallelujah, He's alive (oh)

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

CONFESSION OF SIN - Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Day After Day, Jesus Reigns
Song by CityAlight

In the morning as I pray, For the day that You have made

I have hope and I have peace, For Your presence is with me
So whatever comes my way, Lord, remind me of this grace
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

Jesus holds me safely in His hands
Ever close, He leads me in His plans
When I can't see the way
I have hope and I have faith
Day after day, Jesus reigns

In the evening as I rest, I recall Your faithfulness
How You never left my side, From the morning to the night
Now until the dawning sun, Be the light that leads me on
I can face it with this hope,
Jesus won't forget His own

Always before me, And always beside me
My Shepherd is always close, Morning to evening
Each day that I'm given, My Shepherd is always close

For tomorrow, this I pray, "Father help me live Your way"
Every breath and every word, For the glory of the Lord
If the day should test my faith, Or fill my heart with songs of praise
I can face it with this hope, Jesus won't forget His own

Jesus holds me safely in His hands, Ever close, He leads me in His plans
When I can't see the way, I have hope and I have faith
Day after day, Jesus reigns, Day after day, Jesus reigns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

SERMON TEXT

Philippians 1:1-2

SERMON

“An Introduction to Philippians”

COMMUNION SONG

Jesus Strong and Kind
Song by CityAlight

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy, I should come to Him
Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him

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 Ladies Prayer Time

Men's Breakfast Bible Study – Tuesday mornings at 6:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - Proverbs.

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 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 9, 2025 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We will be studying Colossians and Philemon: Continue to Live in Him. Please meet in Gloria Edwards Room 10. Childcare is available the first two weeks.

Ladies Night: Join us Monday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. at Taziki's.

Ladies Lunch: Join us for lunch, Wednesday, at 12:00 p.m., January, 15, at Taziki's.

Ladies Prayer Time: Prayer time will resume January 6, 2025.

Christ Covenant News

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This Week's Activities

Monday
10:00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Time

Tuesday
6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Youth Group and Covenant Kids

Thursday
6:30 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

Nursery Volunteers Schedule

January 5
Church Service— Benjamin Rogers
Sunday School— Dawn Cook

January 12
Church Service— Braden Cook
Sunday School— Caroline Lunsford

Covenant Kids Corner

January 8
Special activities night
Meal - Little Caesars

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.

Birthday This Week

Jan. 6.....Evie Rose Adkins
Phyllis Ozment
Randy Hays
8.....Tina Hulse
9.....Neva Cochran
Rachel Eidson
12.....Billy Atkins
Jessica Duke

Did we miss a birthday? Email Angie

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 be with you,

Jason Ellerbee, Sr. Pastor

No one else can be my strength, I should come to Him

For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus, strong and kind
Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him

No one else can be my shield, I should come to Him
Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Adapted from The Belgic Confession – Article 1
Minister: Christian, what do you believe about the only God

All: We believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is only one true God – eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

You've Already Won
Song by Shane & Shane

There's peace that outlasts darkness, Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today, That Jesus Christ has won
So I can face tomorrow, For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need You will provide, Just like You always have

I'm fighting a battle, You've already won
No matter what comes my way, I will overcome
I don't know what You're doing, But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle, You've already won

There's mercy in the waiting, Mana for today
And when it's gone I know you're not, You are my hope and stay
When the sea is raging, Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ, And I'll say that is well

Oh I know that it is well
I know how the story ends, We will be with You again
You're my Savior my defense, No more fear in life or death
I know how this story ends