

# The Lord's Service

## February 15, 2026

*\*Standing together is our ordinary practice,  
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements      Women's Ministry Team

## Preparation for Worship

# God Calls Us

## Call to Worship

Only God Himself can call us into worship. He sets the terms for worship because, through His Son, He makes worship possible.

## Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

## \*Call to Worship

2 Samuel 22.47

**LEADER:** The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,  
**PEOPLE:** And exalted be my God,  
                  the rock of my salvation.

## \*Invocation

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

### \*Hymn of Adoration

*Before the Throne of God Above*  
music on page 7

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
my name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heaven He stands,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart. (*repeat*)

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the Just is satisfied  
to look on Him and pardon me. (*repeat*)

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb,  
my perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
the King of glory and of grace,  
One with Himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased by His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Savior and my God. (*repeat*)

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Psalm 25.10-11

**LEADER:** All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**PEOPLE:** For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*Book of Common Prayer*, London (1552)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are repentant, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### Private Confession of Sin

### Call to Confession

As we see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short. God's

Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

### Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. We confess in prayer both corporately and privately as people equally in need of God's grace.

## Assurance of Pardon

Holy Scripture assures Christians, sinners saved by grace, that they are united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

## Passing of the Peace

In Christ, we are one family. In this moment, we extend His peace with a handshake, a smile, or a simple greeting. We do this to remind one another of the grace we have received and now share with each other.

## Assurance of Pardon

## Psalm 103.1-5

**LEADER:** Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

## Passing of the Peace

**LEADER:** The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE: And also with you!**

*\*Please stand and extend God's peace to those around you.*

## \*Hymn of Assurance

*All I Have is Christ*  
music on page 8

I once was lost in darkest night,  
Yet thought I knew the way;  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will,  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race,  
Indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed:  
You suffered in my place;  
You bore the wrath reserved for me,  
Now all I know is grace.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!  
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Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone,  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me.  
O, Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose,  
And let my song forever be  
“My only boast is You.”

## God Consecrates Us

### Scripture Lesson

Psalm 92(p.498)  
read by Elder Adam Sanders

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

### Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*O Love*  
Text by George Matheson, Music by Elaine Hagenberg  
Sanctuary Choir

*O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.*

### \*Doxology

### OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav’ly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. Listen to this reading (lesson) to prepare for the sermon.

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

We set aside a tithe and additional offering of our resources for the purposes of God, for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than ourselves.

### Doxology

A doxology is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

## Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands elders to pray with and for God's people, not just publicly, but privately.

## Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Word by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Prayer of the Church

by Elder Tim Warren

## Scripture Lesson

Daniel 6 (p.743)

## Sermon

by Pastor Bill Massey

## FAITHFUL AMONG LIONS

### \*Hymn of Response

*The God of Abraham Praise*  
Hymnal No.34

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.  
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command  
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.  
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,  
and him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;  
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,  
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.  
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.  
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

\*Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, 1 (1563)

LEADER: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

PEOPLE: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

**Confession of Faith**

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

\*Gloria Patri

*MEINEKE*

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

## God Commissions Us

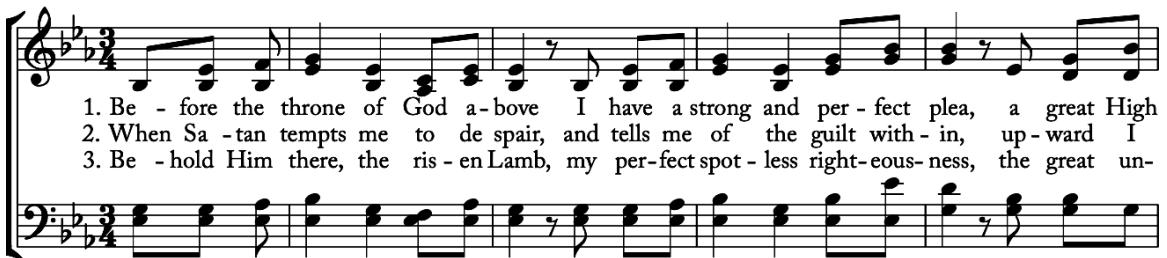
\*Benediction

Postlude

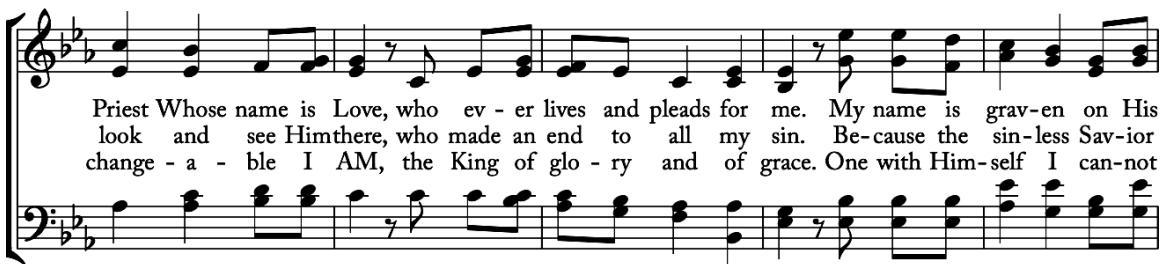
**Benediction**

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service, He graciously sends us into our week with a blessing (good word) founded on the redeeming work of Jesus.

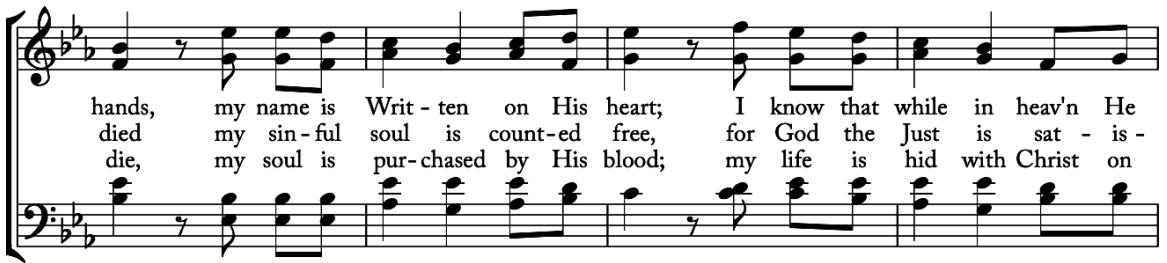
# Before the Throne of God Above



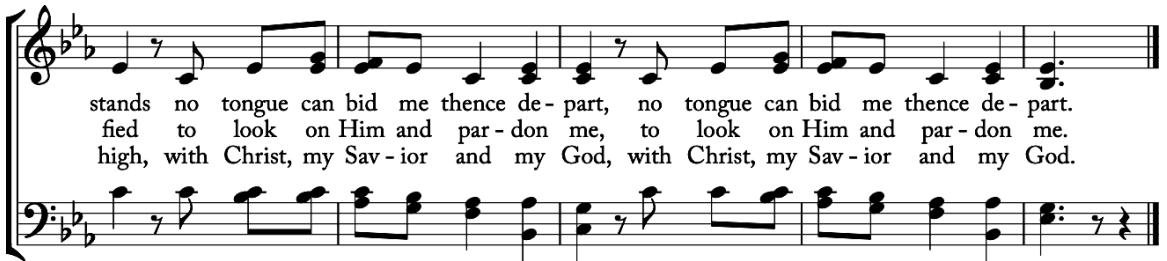
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de spair, and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per-fect spot - less right-eous-ness, the great un-



Priest Whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav-en on His  
look and see Himthere, who made an end to all my sin. Be-cause the sin-less Sav-ior  
change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him-self I can-not



hands, my name is Writ - ten on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He  
died my sin - ful soul is count-ed free, for God the Just is sat - is -  
die, my soul is pur-chased by His blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
fied to look on Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.  
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

# All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauflin



1. I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I knew the way. The sin that

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - dif-ferent to the cost, You looked up

3. Now, Lord, I would be Yours al - one, and live so all might see the strength to



pro - mised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that You would

on my help-less state and led me to the cross. And I be - held God's love dis -

fol - low Your commands could ne - ver come from me. O, Fa - ther, use my rand - somed



own a re - bel to Your will; And if You had not loved me first, I would re - fuse You

played: You suff - ered in my place; You bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I know is

life in a - ny way You choose, and let my song for - ev - er be "my on - ly boast is

Chorus



still. (to verse 2) Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus

grace. (to chorus)

You!"



is my life! Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is



Christ. Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life! (1st time to verse 3; 2nd time repeat chorus)

# SERMON NOTES

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**Title:** Faithful Among Lions

**Text:** Daniel 6

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## Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

### CPC Pastors

David Stephenson (*Senior Pastor*),

Bill Massey (*Assistant Pastor of Discipleship*), Travis Hutchinson (*Interim Pastor of Youth & Families*)

### CPC Officers

ELDERS: Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Don Griffin, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi, Adam Sanders (Clerk), Todd Smith, David Stephenson (Moderator), Phil Wade, Rex Wagner, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

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### Musicians

Director - Todd Gaither, Piano - Alayne Griffin, Organ - Evangeline Wykoff

# WELCOME

We are glad you joined us this morning! If this is your first visit with us, please fill out a Connection Card (located in each pew).

Join us in the Lobby for coffee and fellowship before Sunday School.

If you are visiting or are wanting to become a member of Covenant, consider attending the *What Is Presbyterian?* Class meeting in Room 119.

We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Travis preaches from Numbers 32.

## Finding your way:

Scan the QR code to view a map of our campus. Printed maps can be found on the bulletin board just off the Lobby and outside the Nursery.



## For those with children:

Your children are welcome and wanted in worship! Little ones sometimes have a hard time sitting quietly through a service. Please take advantage of these helpful tools:

- **Special Bulletin** - designed for our Little Theologians (available in Narthex)
- **Family Worship Room** - where children can be a little louder and more active (windowed room in Sanctuary)
- **Family Restroom and Nursing Mother's Room** (in Family Worship Room)
- **Nursery** - available to children born after September 1, 2022 (deacons can direct you)
- **Calm Kit Bags** - borrow fidgets and tools to help soothe the wiggles during worship (in Family Worship Room)

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, February 15

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list  
Higgins-Vincy Wedding Shower - SFH - 3 pm

## Tuesday, February 17

ROMEO (Men) - Cracker Barrel, Ringgold - 8 am  
Ladies' Bible Study (John) - Room 122 - 10 am

## Wednesday, February 18

Midweek Meal - SFH - 5:30 pm  
Children, Youth, & Adult Midweek Classes -  
Visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list  
Session Meeting - Room 105 - 8:15 pm

## Thursday, February 19

Growing Together (Moms) - Room 105 - 9:30 am  
Rekindled Ladies' Luncheon - SFH - 12 pm

## Friday, February 20

Men's Bible Study (Job) - Room 105 - 8:30 am  
TVP Worship Conference - East Ridge Pres. - 7 pm

## Saturday, February 21

Women's Brunches in Homes - 11 am

## Sunday, February 22 - Missions Awareness Week

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - visit [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org) for class list

# MORE INFORMATION

All music is printed under CCLI No. 447727.

**Website:** [cpcchatt.org](http://cpcchatt.org)

**Prayer Requests:** Email your request or update to [prayer@cpcchatt.org](mailto:prayer@cpcchatt.org). *These needs are shared M-F. If you have an urgent need, contact your shepherding elder.*

**Online Directory:** Contact the church office to request access

# COVENANT LIFE

## HIGGINS/VINCY SHOWER

**TODAY • 3 pm • SFH**

You are invited to a shower in honor of member William Higgins (who grew up at CPC) and Evita Vincy.

Let's gather - men, women, and children - to encourage and support this young couple as they prepare for their marriage. The couple is registered at Macy's and Amazon.



## REKINDLED LADIES LUNCHEON

**Thu, Feb 19 • 12 pm • SFH**

Ladies, if you suffered the loss of a spouse, are living alone, or just need some fellowship, join us for a time of ministry and encouragement and a light lunch. Please RSVP to Joan Denkinger at 423-899-8385.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM CHANGE

The *What Is Presbyterian?* Class is now meeting in Room 119 and the Ladies' Class is meeting in Room 120.

## MISSIONS AWARENESS WEEK

**Sun, Feb 22 - Sun, Mar 1**

Special guests will join us for mission-focused events on both Sundays, Midweek, and Saturday that week.

Be sure to attend, enjoy, and learn during these special days.

## YOUTH REGISTRATIONS

**March 15-21 - Surf Trip #1  
to Jensen Beach, FL**

**March 28-April 1 - Surf Trip #2  
to Jensen Beach, FL**

High School students sign up now to participate in an exciting surf adventure to Florida.

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### **June 15-19 Middle School Edge Conference**

Make plans to join us at the Edge Camp at Covenant College! Registration for Middle School students is open.

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### **Jun 27 - Jul 4 High School Missions Trip**

Registration is open now for all high school students who want to serve on the Atlantic City, NJ Missions Trip. **Registration closes 2/20/26.**

Scan the QR code to register at [cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth](http://cpcchatt.org/ministry/youth)



# COVENANT LIFE

## Marriage RETREAT IN THE SMOKIES

**March 13-15 - Oak Haven Resort  
Sevierville, Tennessee**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Jim Coffield  
Title: Holding Fast**



Cost: \$250 per/couple  
Register Online by Mar 1

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a time of refreshment and rejuvenation.

Scholarships available. Questions?

Contact Jon or Heather Harris at [heather.c.harris73@gmail.com](mailto:heather.c.harris73@gmail.com)

### LENT RESOURCES

Please visit the Resource Center in the Lobby to check out the new books for Lent.

### COAT CLOSET DONATIONS

Donate extra coats and jackets to our Coat Closet. Items like socks, gloves, etc. are also welcome. Place them in the marked green bins located in the Youth stairwell.

### HS SERVICE PROJECT

**Feb 28 • 9 am • Room 121-122**

High School students, mark your calendar for this great opportunity to serve others in our community. We will assemble food bags for Chattanooga Rescue Mission (CRM), a homeless shelter in Chattanooga. We will pack up the bags in the van and bus and transport them to the CRM building downtown. Email Heather Morrison for details ([hmorrison@cpcchatt.org](mailto:hmorrison@cpcchatt.org)).

# COVENANT LIFE



Tennessee  
Valley  
Presbytery

## Family Worship Conference



guest speaker  
**NICK  
THOMPSON**

**7:00PM - 8:00PM  
FRIDAY, FEB. 20<sup>TH</sup>**

@ EAST RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

[tnvalleypres.org](http://tnvalleypres.org)

### Schedule:

Fri, Feb 20 • 7 pm - Establishing the Foundation for Family Worship

Sat, Feb 21 • 9:10 am\*\* - Blessing the Coming Generations Through Family Worship

• 11:30 am\*\* - Equipping the Church for Family Worship

*\*\*Note: Times are flexible, dependent on the TVP Meeting Schedule*

## CPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY **BRUNCHES IN HOMES**

**Sat, Feb 21 • 11 am • Various Homes**

Ladies, you are invited to share food, fellowship, and community! Bring a dish to share.

Text or call the hostess of the group you would like to attend!

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- \* Betta Cook (Ringgold) 762-887-0942
- \* Dory George (East Ridge) 423-693-1740
- \* Eva Herberich (Apison) 423-313-8617
- \* Diane Lazor (Ooltewah) 423-503-0587
- \* Shelia Ray (East Brainerd) 423-314-2511
- \* Bonnie Schoap (East Brainerd) 423-504-7065

# COVENANT LIFE

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

**February 18:** Bayou Cheesy Grits & Smoked Sausage, Salad Bar, Blueberry Pie Coffee Cake

**February 25:** Missions Awareness Week: International Chicken & Rice, Carrots, Salad Bar, International Ice Cream Bar

**March 4:** Soup Night, Salad Bar, Homemade Bread, Strawberry Lemon Blondies

- Adult: \$6 / Child (5-11): \$4
- Family Max: \$20
- Cash or Check (Put in Cash Box)
- Pay Online ([cpcchatt.org/give](http://cpcchatt.org/give) or scan QR code)



The cost per meal is suggested only. If you don't have the full amount, don't worry. Pay what you can.

Visitors enjoy a free meal.

## MIDWEEK KITCHEN CLEAN UP HELP

We currently have a need in the kitchen for weekly help with dish duty! Please consider serving your church family this way. It is important work that will bless you as well as blessing others. Contact Emily Calloway [ecalloway@cpcchatt.org](mailto:ecalloway@cpcchatt.org)

## RUNNING LATE FOR SUPPER?

If you realize that you will be arriving late for our Midweek meal, you can text Emily by 6:15 pm at 423.432.1743 with your name and ask for a boxed meal to be set aside for you to pick up when you arrive.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - TODAY

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Leanna Cathey	Sophia Cross Abby Sotelo Kristin Sotelo	Evangeline Cathey Constance Sanders Lauren Warren	Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Nuñez	Adam Cathey David Gernhard

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - Feb 22

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Laura Spotts	Sarah Wade Ada Wooten Volunteer Needed	Heather Harris Jon Harris	Amy Creamer Selah Cross	Maria England

# MISSIONS

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**Jay Fowler**  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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## Ministry Focus:

Jay serves as a multi-area director with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in our Tennessee Valley area. Their mission is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Locally, FCA serves on over 60 campuses (college, high school, middle school) in a five-county area.

## Prayer:

- For upcoming fund-raising banquet
- For the hearts of students to be captured and transformed for Christ
- For God to raise up volunteers to serve on the mission field of area schools
- For funding and faithful stewardship of resources



**Duncan Joyner**  
RUF intern at TN Tech University

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## Ministry Focus:

Duncan is in his second school year as an Intern with RUF in Cookeville. (His wife Lexi is a full-time elementary school teacher.) He has led several small groups as well as meeting individually with male students for discipling.

Duncan has also recently started a few classes towards a Master of Divinity with RTS in Nashville.

## Prayer:

- For students, especially freshmen, to continue creating godly friendships
- For our students who are sharing Christ to nonbelievers, and for those students to be receptive to the Gospel
- For the students going to Chile in March to prepare their hearts and raise the money needed to go

