

# The Lord's Service

October 26, 2025

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

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Caroline Hudson, harpist

## 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.

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 117.1-2

**LEADER:** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**PEOPLE:** Extol him, all peoples!

**LEADER:** For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

**PEOPLE:** Praise the LORD!

### 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.

\*Invocation

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

\*Hymns of Adoration & Praise

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
(Hymnal No.92)

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and pow'r are great;  
and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever.

*The Church's One Foundation*  
(Hymnal No.347)

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;

one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

The church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish,  
is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her,  
and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor  
she ever shall prevail.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

*Rock of Ages*  
(Hymnal No.500)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure,  
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfil thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears for ever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to thy cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the Fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

## God Cleanses Us

### Call to Confession

Isaiah 53.6

**LEADER:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have  
turned - every one - to his own way;

**PEOPLE:** **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity  
of us all.**

### Corporate Confession of Sin

from *Church Order*, Pieter Datheen, Dordt (1619)

**Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for  
ourselves and we confess before you that which is the  
truth: that if you decided to consider our merits and  
worthiness we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to  
heaven and bring our prayer before you. For our  
consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us.**

**We also know that you are a righteous Judge, who  
punishes the sins of those who transgress Your  
commandments. But, O Lord, since you commanded  
us to call upon you in every affliction, and promised  
in your unspeakable mercy to hear our prayers, not  
for the sake of our merits – of which there are none –  
but for the sake of the merits of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, whom you have set forth as our Mediator and  
Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our  
refuge to your mercy alone. 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. This  
prayer begins with silent  
confession, followed by  
corporate confession 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

## Lamentations 3.22-25

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.”

## 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

*My Worth Is Not In What I Own*  
music on page 9

My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love  
At the cross  
My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose, in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed  
At the cross

*Refrain:* I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us  
At the cross  
I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ  
At the cross. *Refrain*

Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed – my ransom paid  
At the cross. *Refrain*

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 130(p.518)

read by Elder Chris Rimondi

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*Text Psalm 23, American Folk Hymn Arr.by Mack Wilberg*

Sanctuary Choir

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
And leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

\*Doxology

TALLIS' CANON

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.

Prayer of the Church

by Elder Tracy Wright

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.

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 3.17-4.1 (p.981)

**Sermon**

Sermon

by Pastor David Stephenson

**JOY IN BETTER CITIZENSHIP**

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.

\*Hymn of Response

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
(Hymnal No.481)

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
and life more abundant and free!

*Refrain:* Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of his glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting  
he passed, and we follow him there;  
over us sin no more hath dominion-  
for more than conqu'rors we are! *Refrain*

His Word shall not fail you- he promised;  
believe him, and all will be well:  
then go to a world that is dying,  
his perfect salvation to tell! *Refrain*

\*Confession of Faith      Westminster Confession of Faith 8.5

**LEADER:** Christian, what do you believe?

**PEOPLE:** **The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto 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

*GREATOREX*

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

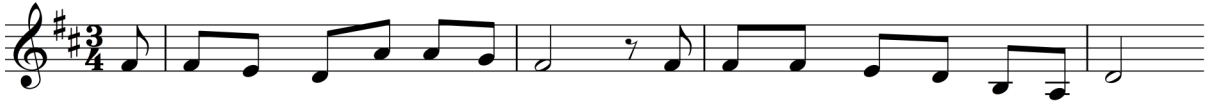
Postlude

### **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.



# My Worth Is Not In What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone.  
2. As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by.  
3. Two wonders here that I confess: My worth and my unworthiness.



But in the costly wounds of love at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name;  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross. I will not boast in wealth or might,  
My value fixed-my ransom paid at the cross. 3rd TIME TO CHORUS



in win or lose, in pride or shame. But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.  
or human wisdom's fleeting light. But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

16 CHORUS



I rejoice in my Redeemer-greatest treasure, Well-spring of my soul.

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I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

# SERMON NOTES

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**Title:** Joy in Better Citizenship

**Text:** Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. <sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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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: Woody Brauer, Jason Brown, Adam Cathey, Jason Coffey, Todd Gaither, Jon Harris,  
Ken Henry, Ken Hostetler, Bill Massey, Will McDaniel, Chris Rimondi,  
Adam Sanders (Clerk of Session), Todd Smith, David Stephenson (Moderator), Rex Wagner,  
Mike Walker, Tim Warren, Tracy Wright

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Mike Mason (Chairman of Diaconate), Richard Mauroner, Jared McCurry, John Morrison,  
Vince Pereski, Caleb Ray, Tim Sotelo, Phil Wade (Clerk of Diaconate), Matt Wright

# 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 that meets in Room 120.

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We invite you to join us next week as Pastor Travis preaches from Philippians 4.

## 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 the Family Worship Room)

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Sunday, October 26

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

## Tuesday, October 28

Ladies' Bible Study (*Nehemiah*) - Room 122 - 10 am  
Ladies' Study (*Ezra, Esther, Nehemiah*) - Room 119 - 6:30 pm

## Wednesday, October 29

Midweek Meal - Room 100 - 5:30 pm  
Reformation Celebration - Front Lawn - 6 pm

## Thursday, October 30

Growing Together (for moms of littles) - Room 200 (*Youth Suite*) - 9:30 am  
Men's Forge Group - Room 105 - 6:30 pm

## Friday, October 31

Men's Proverbs Bible Study - Room 105 - 8:30 am

## Saturday, November 1

Church-wide Work Day - Room 100 - 8:30 am

## Sunday, November 2 - *Daylight Saving Time Ends*

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 am  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School - *visit cpcchatt.org for class list*

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# MORE INFORMATION

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

**Prayer Requests:** Email your request or update to [prayer@cpcchatt.org](mailto:prayer@cpcchatt.org)

# COVENANT LIFE

## REFORMATION CELEBRATION

**WED, OCT. 29 - 6-8 PM**

Join us for supper at 5:30 pm - activities to follow!

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!**

Enjoy carnival games, inflatables, candy, and prizes  
while learning about the Reformation.  
Activities for all ages!!



### MIDWEEK CLASS PAUSE

**Wed, Oct 29**

No adult classes will meet this week due to the Children's Ministry Reformation Celebration on the front lawn. If you would like to help run a game/station, contact Sara Southard ([SSouthard@cpccchatt.org](mailto:SSouthard@cpccchatt.org)). Supper is at 5:30 pm. Festivities are 6-8 pm.

### CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY

**Sat, Nov 1 • 8:30 am**

Men, women, and children are invited to a Church Work Day. A light breakfast will be provided. We will aim to complete all projects by noon. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Hanks ([brhanks@epbf.com](mailto:brhanks@epbf.com)) or Daniel Barber ([dbarber@cpccchatt.org](mailto:dbarber@cpccchatt.org)).

### YOUTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

**Fri, Nov 7 • 11:30 am • Panda Express**

Youth homeschool students and families are invited for a time of fellowship at Panda Express (1808 Gunbarrel Road).

### LADIES' CRAFT FELLOWSHIP

**Sat, Nov 8 • 9:30 am • Room 100**

Come enjoy fellowship while we get our creative juices flowing! There will be three crafts to choose from. Visit the Women's Ministry page at [cpccchatt.org](http://cpccchatt.org) for additional information. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Diane Lazor at [dlazor7@gmail.com](mailto:dlazor7@gmail.com)

# COVENANT LIFE

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## HS GIRLS' MOVIE NIGHT

**Sat, Nov 8 • 6 pm • McDaniel's Home**

High School girls are invited to watch "Unsung Hero" at the McDaniel's home. Pizza will be provided and feel free to bring a snack to share. Let Heather Morrison know if you plan attend.

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## CPC FOOD DRIVE

"AN ABUNDANTLY GRATEFUL HARVEST"

**Sun, Oct 12 – Sun, Nov 9**

CPC is having a food drive for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. Bring non-perishable food items - canned goods (vegetables, soup, proteins, fruit) and shelf-stable dry goods (peanut butter, pasta, rice, and oatmeal) - and place in the labeled boxes outside the Fellowship Hall.

Questions? Email Jan Griffin [jgriffin@epbfi.com](mailto:jgriffin@epbfi.com)

Scan the QR code to  
make a monetary donation



## DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS

It's time to *Fall Back!* Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed this coming Saturday night. The time change occurs early Sunday morning, November 2.

## MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY GERMANY

**May 27 – July 22, 2026**

Join CPC supported missionary, David Stoddard in Germany this summer!

How is God shaping you, and what kind of work does He have for you in His kingdom?

These are the questions you'll tackle at Die Werkstatt, "the workshop," a summer ministry program in the heart of Europe and a 2026 RUF partnership site.

- \* 8 weeks in Munich and Freiburg in southern Germany
- \* Live in community with each city's missionary, dig deep in the gospel, explore exciting places
- \* Connect with multiple churches and get a taste of the missionary experience
- \* Learn German and engage in outreach
- \* Serve alongside MTW workers in two young church plants that CPC supports
- \* For ages 20-25

Scan QR code  
for more information



## CELEBRATIONS CALENDAR

The November birthday/anniversary calendar is now available outside the Church Office.

# COVENANT LIFE

## UPCOMING MIDWEEK MENU

**Oct 29:** Reformation Celebration: Pigs in a Blanket, Coleslaw, Chips, Salad Bar, Fall-Cookie Muddy Buddy Mix

**Nov 5:** Pineapple Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Salad Bar, Millionaire Shortbread Bars

**Nov 12:** French Onion Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Pumpkin Gooey Cake

- 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.

## FOOD ALLERGY INFO

If you have food allergies/dietary restrictions and want to know Midweek meal ingredients beforehand, please email our Hospitality Coordinator, Emily Calloway, at [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
Laura Spotts	Aubrie McClelland Jonathan McClelland Mollie McClelland	Evangeline Cathey Heather Harris Jon Harris	Abby Knecht Sarah McCurry	Tara Rimondi Ella Rimondi

## NURSERY SCHEDULE - Nov 2

Worship - 9:15 am			Sunday School - 11 am	
Front Desk	Little Lambs	Busy Bees	Little Lambs	Busy Bees
Lauren Warren	Eva Arkushenko Hannah Ingram Sandi Schreiner	Charlotte Gernhard Jeannie Hall Calvin Ingram	Maria Lopez Tello Jose Romero Nuñez	Neal Doran Nicole Doran

# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



## THANK YOU

to everyone who helped on OCC Prep Day this past Tuesday. We had a great team and accomplished so much.

## OCC – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help (mostly evenings) at CPC during OCC National Collection Week, Nov 17-24.

Signup at the OCC table in the Narthex.

- Children (under 12) may only volunteer to come and help with a parent
- Teens may volunteer with the permission of their parents

## BUILD A SHOEBOX ONLINE

For \$30, you choose the items for your box and pay for the shipping (also includes the Greatest Gift booklet in the child's language). Scan the QR Code to be directed to CPC's Build-A-Box Page.



## Nov 22 – OCC PACKING DAY at CPC

*Additional items listed below are needed by Sunday, Nov 16*

- Washcloths
- Toothbrushes - 100
- Pencil Eraser - 200
- 24 - Pack Crayons - 130
- Glue Sticks - 195
- Pens - 300
- Pencils - 300
- Notebooks that fit in the box or 3 hole notebook paper - need several
- Hot Wheel type cars - 140
- Pencil Sharpeners - 100
- Coloring Books for the 2-4 year olds - 20

*Plus, any other items you would like to bring! (FYI: we already have enough stuffed animals.)*

**SENDING THE GOSPEL  
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH**



# MISSIONS

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**Frank & Cindy Sindler**  
Equipping Farmers International - Global

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**Ministry Focus:**

EFI restores food security, helps churches and leaders build sustainable livelihoods for life's needs and emergencies, and equips ministries to fund themselves - so local churches move from dependence to resilience, all from a Biblical foundation.

**Prayer:**

- For funding to fill positions on EFI's International Team
- For the nearly 7,000 farmer-church leaders whose lives EFI will touch by the end of 2025
- For training opportunities and farming families in the Global South



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**Dr. Bill Higgins**  
Mexico

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**Ministry Focus:**

Bill is leaving for Mexico on October 29 and will be leading a Reformation Conference at John Calvin Theological Seminary in Mexico City that first weekend. He will then head to the Michoacán mountains to lead a second conference among the native P'urepecha people. He will be emphasizing the importance of having and using the Bible in one's own language, as well as the importance of faithful preaching and passionate evangelism.

**Prayer:**

- For the Lord's blessing on the conferences
- That the Lord would move by His Holy Spirit to strengthen the leadership of the churches there
- For the health and safety of Bill and teammate Jose' Fabila travelling in a dangerous area