

The Lord's Service

May 2, 2021

The Staged Return Commission, a commission of our deacons, agrees with health officials that wearing a mask as you stand to sing and read responsively decreases the chances for the transmission of coronavirus.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118.1-4

LEADER: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

PEOPLE: **For His steadfast love endures forever!**

LEADER: Let Israel say,

PEOPLE: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: Let the house of Aaron say,

PEOPLE: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

LEADER: Let those who fear the Lord say,

PEOPLE: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

*Hymn of Adoration

O Love of God, How Strong and True
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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

Our Father, you alone have done the mighty acts of creation, from speaking out spinning galaxies no mortal eye has ever spotted to whispering into being tiny galaxies of atoms whose infinities are too vast for us to comprehend. You who have done the still mightier acts of re-creation, joining He who is uncreated with His creation, putting the immortal to death so that the dead might live and death might die. We, your creatures, bless you this morning, able to do so only because you by your Spirit have given us eyes of faith to see the beauty of your Son Jesus Christ. For the sake of your Son and in His name we ask that you would please receive our worship this morning, Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 30.1-6

¹ “And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, ² and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. ⁴ If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. ⁵ And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. ⁶ And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

I Will Arise

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus He will embrace me in His arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

(1960 Lawson-Gould Music Publishers, Inc. CCLI No. 447727)

*Doxology

No. 731

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

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

Tithes and Offerings

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 pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

Prayer of the Church

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great and small

For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty

For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness

For God's goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus

For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially, spiritually)

For our church, family, friends, counselors, community

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the nations

For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority, healthcare workers

For containment and reversal of COVID –19

For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in plenty and want

For specific requests for others, ourselves

For God's glory alone in all matters

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 7.14-23

¹⁴ And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters

not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

INNER SELF

*Hymn of Response

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
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Call to Confession

Psalm 24.3-4

LEADER: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

PEOPLE: **And who shall stand in His holy place?**

LEADER: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

PEOPLE: **Who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against You in
thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in Your will,
and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

Sermon

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

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

**Corporate
Confession
of Sin**

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

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.

[†] "catholic" -- universal

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 2.13-14

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

*Hymn of Assurance *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs 1,4)*
see Page 11

*Confession of Faith (in unison) *Apostles' Creed*

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

No. 735

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.

Instruction and Prayer

*Please approach the table from the outer aisles and return
to your pew through the middle aisle.*

The Institution

Distribution Hymn

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!
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Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’ve first begun.

*Benediction

Pastor Bennett

Postlude

Benediction

Just as God calls us to
worship at the beginning of
the service with Holy
Scripture, He sends us into
our week with a Holy
Scripture reminder (*a good
word*) of the blessing of
Christ, by God’s grace,
through the indwelling
Spirit.

SERMON NOTES

Mission Statement of CPC

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

Vision Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ, the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.

O Love of God, How Strong and True

Introduction Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

Unison C F C F

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2. O heav'n-ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

C Am⁷ F C Am⁷

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

F#dim Em Am⁷ Em D C Dm A

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - em -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -

O Love of God, How Strong and True

God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est
 brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
 pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
 all you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change-less, e -
 bove, we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
 grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
 name; we will ex - tol you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

Interlude

ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
 swell, and streams that flow.
 ful - ness of your might.
 more your praise pro - claim.

Final ending

Horatius Bonar, 1858
 Mod.

JERUSALEM (PARRY) L.M.D.
 C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916
 Arr. by Janet Wyatt, 1977

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Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart, in my heart.
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart.
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart.
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1,4)

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

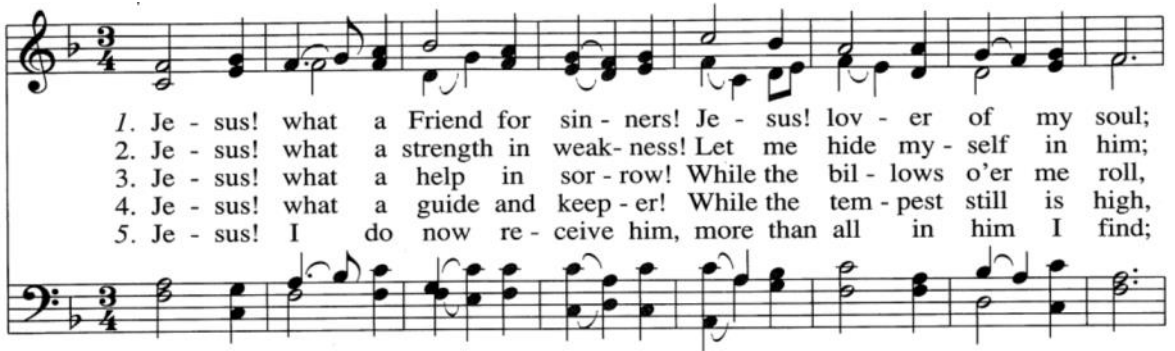
5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

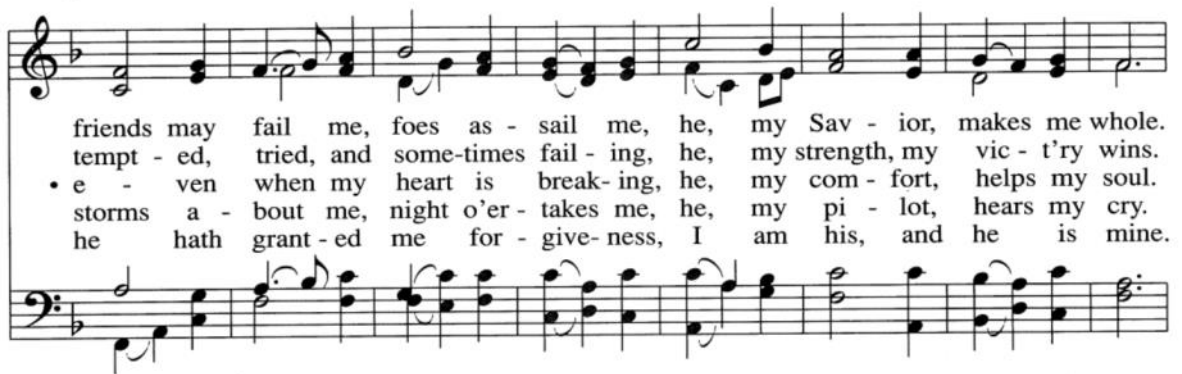
Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
 Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.



REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome

Heidi Meiners

International Christian School
in Budapest, Hungary

May 2 - 11 a.m. - SFH

Heidi will share a brief
presentation of her work in
Budapest and will be available
for questions.

Graduate Recognition

It is almost that time of year again! We are preparing to honor our graduates at CPC. Please let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, and doctorate programs. Please email the Church Office with the name of the graduate, degree earned, name of school, and graduation date.

Operation Christmas Child

CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of May, we are collecting: **bar of soap and holder, toothbrush and holder, NO TOOTHPASTE, stick deodorant (no aerosols), combs, washcloths, hairbrushes, dental floss, and minipads for older girls.** For your convenience, a collection box is located in the Lobby in front of the Church Office. Let's work together to make 2021 another successful year of supporting this great organization.

Nursery Schedule - Today		Nursery Schedule - May 9	
Front Desk	Tammy Bacon	Front Desk	Emily Calloway
Toddler Rm. (9:15-10:45a)	Shirley Jones	Toddler Rm. (9:15-10:45a)	Connie Hildebrand
Toddler Rm. (10:45a-12:15p)	- - -	Toddler Rm. (10:45a-12:15p)	Eva Herberich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WELCOME!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- We value your child's presence and desire for him or her to remain in the worship service. If your child becomes restless during the service, a soundproof room is available in the transept area where you may sit with your child, if necessary.
- We invite you to join us next week, as **Pastor Bennett is preaching on Exodus 20:1-2, 12.**
- **TODAY - Missionary Heidi Meiners Presentation - SFH - 11:00 a.m.** - Heidi teaches at International Christian School in Budapest, Hungary, and has a vital ministry to expat families. Join us for a mission's get-together after worship where Heidi will make a brief presentation of her work and answer questions.
- **May 9 - Sunday School Resumes** - We will resume our pre-Covid pattern of gathering for Sunday School following morning worship. Nursery will be available.
- **May 9 - Compassion Sunday** - Our church is participating in Compassion Sunday, next Sunday on Mother's Day. This is part of a national event, sponsored by Compassion International, that helps us grow in our understanding of God's special love for the poor. Please begin praying now about sponsoring one or more of these children in need. Sponsorship packets will be available Sunday, May 9 through Wednesday, May 12. Please contact Bev Fowler with questions or stop by the table in the Lobby. For sponsorship information, visit <http://www.compassion.com/covenantpresbyterian> and feel free to share the link with others to promote sponsorship.
- **May 15 - Men's Ministry Kickoff Event - SFH/Lawn - 9 a.m. - 2:30ish p.m.** - Men, make plans to join us for a great day. Our speaker for the breakfast portion of our kickoff event will be Herb Ward, Professor of Biblical Studies from Covenant College. Breakfast will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a few indoor/outdoor tournaments, and then we'll wrap up the day with a Wings Cook-off (be sure to check your email for details about the wing cook-off). Don't miss this great opportunity to fellowship with and encourage one another.
- **June 7-11 - Music Camp** - Hey Kids, mark your calendar for Music Camp. This year's musical is *Esther-ordinary Faith*. Camp is \$30 per child and open to children entering Kindergarten through those entering Grade Six. Registration begins today. Registration forms are found online at cpcchatt.org and in the Lobby. Family discounts and scholarships are available, but you must apply in the Lobby. Volunteers may also register by completing a form in the Lobby.
- **July 19-23 - SHINE Camp: A Creative Arts Camp for Girls** - This summer SHINE is open to girls who have completed 3rd through 8th Grade. The cost for the week is \$70, which includes lunch, snacks and all supplies. You can register your child online at our website.

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- **Sept. 10-12 - CPC Marriage Retreat in the Smokies** - Cost: \$215 (Includes 2 nights and 4 meals). Join us for the Marriage Retreat at Oak Haven Resort. Our speakers will be Ed and Margaret Killeen, marriage counselors in private practice in St. Louis. Ed is a PCA teaching elder. This year's theme is "The Power of Presence." Registration opens May 2. A \$50 deposit is due with your reservation. Questions: contact Jon or Heather at 423.503.8651 or jeh1224@aol.com.
- **Church Membership** - If you are interested in joining the church, please email Pastor Mullinax at emullinax@cpcc chatt.org or the church office at office@cpcc chatt.org for an appointment.
- **Thank You** - "Words cannot express how grateful I am for your love and support shown through encouraging words, cards, gifts of flowers, and your thoughts and prayers shown through the illness and passing of my sister, Dale. It is by the grace of God our Father that we have been called together in worship and fellowship to up hold one another. Your kindness will always be remembered with deep gratitude." ~ Your Sister in Christ, Shirley Jones
- **Congratulations** - The rose placed on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Thomas Henry Choate, son of Connor and Grace Choate, born April 24.

This Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, May 5

No Midweek Activities

FRIDAY, May 7

Men's Proverbs Study - FR - 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, May 9 - Mother's Day

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School to follow

TVP Women's Ministry Retreat

May 15 - Camp Vesper Point - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Together...Raised, Hinged, Growing & Walking Retreat

All women in the Tennessee Valley Presbytery are invited to a half day retreat. During the time together at Lake Chickamauga, we will learn how we are raised and hinged together and are growing and walking together as women of the Covenant. Please visit this link to learn more and to RSVP by May 10: <http://bit.ly/may15retreat>.

Helpers Needed for Shine Camp!!

This summer SHINE: A Creative Arts Camp for Girls will take place July 19-23. The camp is open to girls who have completed 3rd through 8th Grade. If you are a high schooler who would like to be a small group leader for the week, or you are a women who would like to share your enthusiasm and talents in cooking, sewing, crafting, or art, we would love to have your help.

Please email Rebekah Bennett at

Rebekahjbennett@gmail.com.

Evensong Services

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Evensong Service dates for 2021. These services will begin at 5:00 p.m.

- May 16
- June 13 - Music Camp Performance
- July 18

ELDERS AND DEACONS

Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither,
 Danny Grant, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor,
 Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Tom Schreiner, Todd Smith, Jay Spalding,
 Mike Walker, Tracy Wright, John Wykoff

Active Diaconate

Geff Adams, Mike Bacon, Paul Baierl, Adam Cathey, David Close, Jason Collins,
 Rich Denkinger, Mark Donaldson, David Gernhard, Jon Griffin, James Hall (*Clerk of Diaconate*),
 Vanna Ker, Steve Leach, Mike Mason (*Chairman of Diaconate*), Richard Mauroner,
 Doug McEachern, John Morrison, John Pearce, Caleb Ray, Chris Rimondi,
 Tim Sotelo, Mark Stevenson, Phil Wade

MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES

African Bible University.....	Uganda	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga
Agape Puppets	Global	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter.....	RUF1 - UTK
Amani Ya Juu	Global	John & Kathy Lesondak.....	MTW - Slovak Republic
Paul Billy Arnold.....	PMI - India	Luke & Amanda McAuley	SIM - Kenya
James & Karen Ashley	Wycliffe - Global	Heidi Meiners	ICS - Budapest, Hungary
Marc & Denise Atchley.....	TEAM - Greece	Pete & Ruth Mitchell.....	MTW - France
Tom & Ann Austin	MTW - Global	Randy & Joan Nabors	MNA - Mercy
NoNo & Kate Beale	Isaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	Andy & Kathy Napier	TWR - North Carolina
Mark Casson	MNA - Prison Ministry	PCA Agencies	Atlanta, Georgia
Child Evangelism Fellowship	Chattanooga	John Mark & Caroline Scruggs.....	RUF - UTC
Compassion International	Global	Jamie & Bethany Sexton	IDEAS - China
Chattanooga Sports Ministries.....	Chattanooga	Brian & Connie Shepson	MAF - USA
Chernobyl Children's Program.....	Belarus	Frank & Cindy Sindler.....	MTW - Enterprise
Choices.....	Chattanooga	Teresa Snow.....	CRU - City - Austin, Texas
Matt & Annette Cummings	WEC - Japan	Stepan & Alla Solodukha.....	Belarus
East Ridge Wyldlife	East Ridge, Tennessee	Dan & Susan Steere.....	ELI - Global
Jay & Beverly Fowler.....	FCA - East Tennessee	David & Eowyn Stoddard	MTW - Germany
Aubrey & Jerri Fritz.....	CRU - Chattanooga	Sujai & Lavanya Suneetha	Nireekshana - India
Dan & Mako Gilchrist.....	ELI - Global	Tennessee Valley Presbytery	Church Plants
Jean-Baptiste Gueracague	Harvestime - France	Third Millennium Ministries	Global
Haitian American Friendship Found.....	Haiti	Jeff & Heather Vaughn	MTW - Global
Harvest USA	USA	Pete Vaughn.....	Amani - Chattanooga
Andrew & Julie Halbert	UWM - Costa Rica	Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.....	Chattanooga
Christine Harrison.....	Wycliffe - East Africa	Gary & Phyllis Waldecker	Third Mill - Global
Russ & Amanda Hightower.....	LA Church Plant	Josiah & Miriam Walters	MTW - Chad
Hope for the Inner City	Chattanooga	Bruce & Barb Wannemacher	MTW - South Africa
Jonathan & Maggie Hunter.....	UWM - Costa Rica	Mario & Keila Xaco	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico

