

The Lord's Service

September 5, 2021

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

Welcome and Announcements

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.

Scripture Lesson

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 68.32-35

LEADER: O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, to Him Who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

PEOPLE: **Behold, He sends out His voice, His mighty voice.**

LEADER: Ascribe power to God, Whose majesty is over Israel, and Whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from His sanctuary; the God of Israel -

PEOPLE: **He is the one Who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!**

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 441

Jesus Shall Reign

*Invocation

Elder Ken Henry

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 118.1-29 (p.511)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

O be joyful in the Lord

From Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands,
Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure, that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us,
And not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise:

Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!
Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end, amen.

(Rutter 1984 Oxford University Press)

*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.

Tithes and Offerings

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

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.

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 our selves.

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.

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 throughout the service. Follow along with this text (lesson) that directs the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 11.1-11

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

¹¹ And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

FINALLY THERE

*Hymn of Response

No. 235

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Call to Confession

Matthew 6.24-25, 34

LEADER: No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

PEOPLE: Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

LEADER: Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.

PEOPLE: Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But surely they are not, and without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 43.1-3

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel,
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and

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, sometimes individual and silent confession, is a corporate confession uniting our voices as people equally and desperately 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.

through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn of Assurance

No. 129

I Belong to Jesus

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.

*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.**

[†]"catholic" -- universal

*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.

*The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is good and right so to do.**

LEADER: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing...

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with
all the company of heaven, we praise and
magnify Your glorious name, ever more
praising and singing...

**Celebration of
The Lord’s Supper**
In the Lord’s Supper, Jesus
meets Christians in
spiritual communion.
Coming in faith, they
reflect on the instruction
from Holy Scripture,
remember His atoning
work for them on the cross,
and receive nourishment
and comfort through the
Holy Spirit.

*Song of Ascent

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven_ and earth__ are
full__ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes__ in the name__ of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Instruction and Prayer

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

The Institution

Melissa Ferrel

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry:
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry:
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace.*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry:
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in Heav'n but Thee?*

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry:
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

(Fanny Crosby, text; William Doane, tune; Arr: Fernando Ortega)

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

Postlude

Pastor Bennett

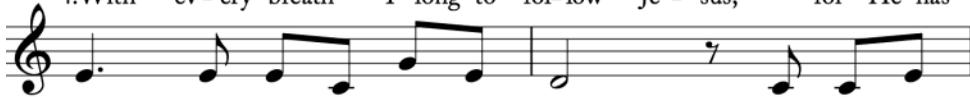
Benediction

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.

Yet Not I But Christ in Me



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
 4. With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for hea - ven now to give. He is my
 side the Sav - ior, He will stay. I la - bor
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus
 said that He will bring me home. And day by



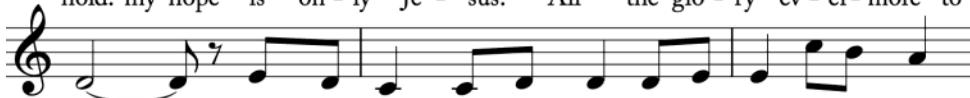
joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast
 on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing, for in my
 bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and He was
 day I know He will re - new me un - til I



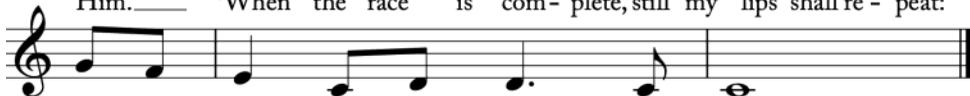
love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
 need, His pow - er is dis - played. To this I
 raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
 stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life is whol - ly bound to
 hold: my shep - herd will de fend me. Through the deep - est val - ley He will
 hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now, and ev - er is my
 hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to



His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine!
 lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come!
 plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!
 Him. *When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

We are glad you chose to worship with us.

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 Jones is preaching from Mark 11.12-25.

Officer Nominations

One of the duties of a church member is to nominate and elect the officers of your church. As a congregation of the PCA, we have two offices which serve two different roles in the life of the church: elder and deacon.

We are now receiving nominations online at cpcchatt.org/nomination/ through September 18. Additional information concerning the specific roles and qualifications of these officers.

Any male member in good standing can be nominated to serve as an elder or deacon. However, before nominating a member of our congregation to one of these offices, please take a moment to prayerfully consider the biblical qualifications for these offices.

We also ask that any member who is nominating someone to an office personally ask the nominee and receive their consent prior to submitting their names.

Birthday/Anniversary Calendar

for September is available in the Narthex.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY, September 5

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.
NO Sunday School
Connect Facilitator Meeting - E-104
(Perseverers Class) - 11 a.m.

MONDAY, September 6

Church Offices Closed - Labor Day

WEDNESDAY, September 8

Midweek Meal - Outside - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Fellowship and Small Groups - Front
Lawn - 6:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.
Prayer Group - Zoom - 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, September 10

Men's Proverb Study - O-105 (FR) - 8:30 a.m.
Marriage Retreat

Saturday, September 11

Marriage Retreat

SUNDAY, September 12

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 9:30 a.m.
NO Sunday School
Youth Leaders Meeting - O-100 (SFH) - 11 a.m.
Marriage Retreat

Volunteer Nursery Workers Needed

To help in the nursery on Sundays, sign up on the church website Children's Ministry page for a date that works with your schedule. Contact Stacy Collins at SCollins@cpcchatt.org for more info.

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Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

The Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers in the following classes:

4th grade Sunday School – helper

5th grade Sunday School – teacher and helper

K-5th grade Boys Midweek– 3 teachers/helpers

If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Millie Sanders at MSanders@cpcchatt.org or call/text 423-825-9071.

Delayed Fall Start Up

This past summer we were joyfully excited and encouraged to move forward with a plan of steadily returning to a sense of church family gathering and normalcy. Prudently cautious in light of the rising COVID infections in our area, our deacons' Staged Return Commission has recommended delaying the full start of our fall ministry plans.

The official start for Midweek has been moved back to September 22. Outdoor Midweek meals will be offered. Youth will meet on the front lawn, and Choir Practice will be held in the Sanctuary. Our fall Sunday school start date has been delayed to September 19.

All large events except worship for the first three weeks of September are being delayed.

Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Marilyn Swanson and her family on the sudden loss of her husband, Rod Swanson.

Staff Updates

Editorial Specialist: We are excited to share that **Bev Fowler** has joined the CPC Staff as an Editorial Specialist. Please pray for her as she begins her work with us.

Special "Thank You": We want to recognize a few staff members as they begin or return to school this fall. **Matthew Beatty** and **Erik Jones** faithfully worked in our sound booth. **Jonmark Beatty** served as our youth intern this summer. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Needed Positions at CPC:



Paid Nursery Worker

We are currently hiring a regular childcare worker for Sunday morning worship. Contact Becky Pearce at BPearce@cpcchatt.org for more information.

Children's Sunday School & Midweek Registration

Attention Parents!! We need your help registering your 3-yr-olds through 5th graders for our fall Midweek and Sunday school programs which begin the third week of September. Be watching for a Children's Ministry registration table in the Lobby following the worship service. All children - new and returning - who plan to participate in either of these programs must register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CPC is once again collecting year-round for OCC. For the month of September, we are collecting:
small plastic bowls, spoons, forks, small cups, water bottles, and small containers for food.

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.

Good News Club Helpers

Would you like to be part of a team that has shares the gospel with the children of East Brainerd? Our church has been invited again to host a Good News Club at East Brainerd Elementary School one hour a week after school lets out. If you are interested in helping or have any questions, contact Diane Lazor (dlazor7@gmail.com).

Fall Retreat Registration Extended

Great News! Registration has been extended until September 13 for the Women's Fall Retreat! Also, due to Covid concerns, each attendee will have their own bed. This will be a wonderful weekend with a fascinating, enthusiastic young speaker in a beautiful location growing together in the Lord. The cost is \$85. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact, Pat Barber, Emily Calloway, or Judy Foster.

Women's Ministry Fall Study Groups

Ladies, we are excited to announce the launch of our fall studies and Mothers Encouragement Group. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

- **Mothers Encouragement Group** (1st Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.) meets in E-111 (Parlor) and starts September 7. Led by Connie Hildebrand.
- **Rising to the Call Study** (weekly on Tuesday at 7 p.m.) is a hybrid group (in-person and Zoom). It meets in O-105 (Frederick Room) and starts September 21. Led by Bev Fowler.
- **Hope in Times of Fear Study** (weekly on Wednesday at 7 p.m.) meets in E-111 (Parlor) and starts September 22. Led by Lynda Brown.
- **Hebrews Study** (weekly on Thursday at 10 a.m.) meets in O-105 (Frederick Room) and starts September 23. Led by Bev Mealor.

Nursery Schedule - TODAY

Nursery Schedule - September 12

Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)			Worship Service (9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.)		
Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers	Front Desk	Infants/Crawlers	Toddlers
Lauren Warren	Bonnie Schoap	Eric Mullinax	Rebekah Gernhard	Anna Yonkofski	Volunteer Needed



Connect is a new extension of our shepherding ministry in which members meet weekly with a small group of other members of our church for prayer, growth, and support. With Connect small groups, the primary shepherding care comes from these weekly meetings. Would you consider participating in a small group?

Sign-up for a connect group at cpcchatt.org/connect

Men's Group

Meets: Wednesdays, 7-8p.m. - CPC
Facilitator: Ernie Brown

Women's Group

Meets: Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. - E. Brainerd
Facilitator: Susan Gunter

Young Adult's Groups

Meets: Thursdays, 7 p.m. - Harrison
Facilitators: Stephen & Mindy Haywood
Audience: Young Adults (18-25)

Meets: Sundays - 6-8 p.m. - East Ridge
Facilitator: Rebekah Bennett
Audience: Young Adult Ladies

Couple's Groups

Meets: Sundays - 6-7:30 p.m. - Ooltewah
Facilitators: Jason & Catherine Coffey
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - CPC
Facilitators: Tony & Tracy Horton
Childcare Available: Yes

All Welcome

Meets: Sun. or Mon. evening - Cleveland
Facilitator: Rex Wagner
Childcare Available: No

Meets: Sun. - 6-7:30 p.m. - Rock Springs or Rossville
Facilitator: Bill Lloyd
Childcare Available: No

Meets: Sundays - 6 p.m. - East Ridge
Facilitator: Ken Henry
Childcare Available: Possibly

Meets: Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. - CPC
Facilitator: Chris Rimondi
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Monday evenings - Ringgold
Facilitator: Jonathan Calloway
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Sundays - 6-7:30 p.m. - Ringgold
Facilitators: Jon & Heather Harris
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. - CPC
Facilitator: John Herberich
Childcare Available: Yes

Meets: Mondays evenings - Zoom
Facilitator: Gary Cosby

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.

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	Jonathan & Maggie Hunter	UWM - Costa Rica
Agape Puppets	Global	Love's Arm Outreach Ministries	Chattanooga
Amani Ya Juu	Global	Lee & Jennifer Leadbetter.....	RUF1 - UTK
Paul Billy & Shirley 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	Mario & Keila Xaco	Isaiah 55-Reynosa, Mexico

