

The Lord's Service

First Sunday of Advent | November 29, 2020

Please wear a mask if you intend to read responsively and sing while standing.

*As you exit our service today, please be sure to wear your mask
as you exit the sanctuary.*

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

Lighting of the Advent Candle

8:30 a.m. Service

The Dan Steere Family

11:00 a.m. Service

The Jon Harris Family

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 98.1-6

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

PEOPLE: **The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

LEADER: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

PEOPLE: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

LEADER: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

PEOPLE: **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

*Hymn of Adoration

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
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*Invocation

Father God, Holy One, though the earth trembles and the stars shake like leaves, your Word stands forever. Help us through your Spirit to worship you today. Keep us watchful for the day when you will gather the faithful from all the ends of the earth, so that we may greet you in glory; through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

1 John 1.5b-8

LEADER: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

PEOPLE: **If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.**

LEADER: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

PEOPLE: **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,
We confess to You and to one another,
that we have sinned against You
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

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 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.

You alone know how often we have grieved you
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.
Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father; and free us
from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son our Savior. Amen.

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.

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1.13-14

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
"He has delivered us from the domain of
darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of
his beloved Son, in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

Hymn of Assurance

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
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God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1.5-17

⁵ In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest
named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a
wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was
Elizabeth. ⁶ And they were both righteous before God,
walking blamelessly in all the commandments and
statutes of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no child, because
Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.
⁸ Now while he was serving as priest before God when his
division was on duty, ⁹ according to the custom of the
priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of
the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And the whole multitude of
the people were praying outside at the hour of incense.
¹¹ And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord
standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And

Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Worship

The Glory of the Father

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
Full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word.
The Word was with God.

In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to His own, and His own received Him not.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
Full of grace and truth.

(1974 Harald Lyche & Co.)

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.

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

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

Isaiah 40.1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth

of the Lord has spoken.”⁶ A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.⁹ Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

ANTICIPATION

*Hymn of Response

Of the Father’s Love Begotten
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Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe of God?

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;**

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.

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.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
Who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic[☩] and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

God Commissions Us

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.

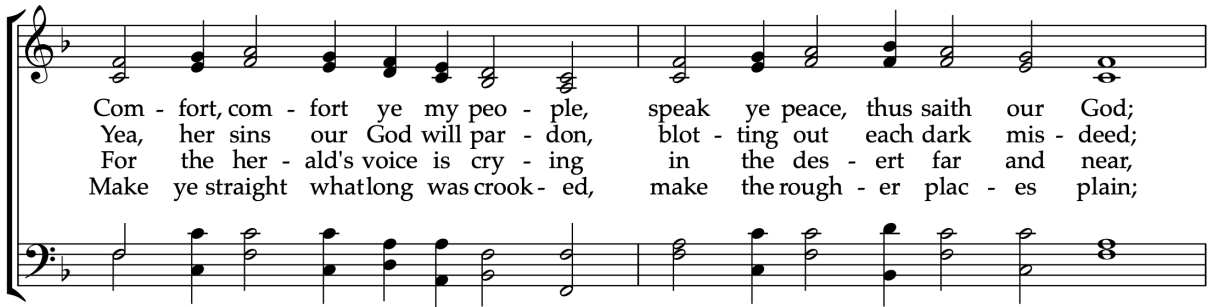
*Benediction

Pastor Jones


Closing Greetings

Postlude

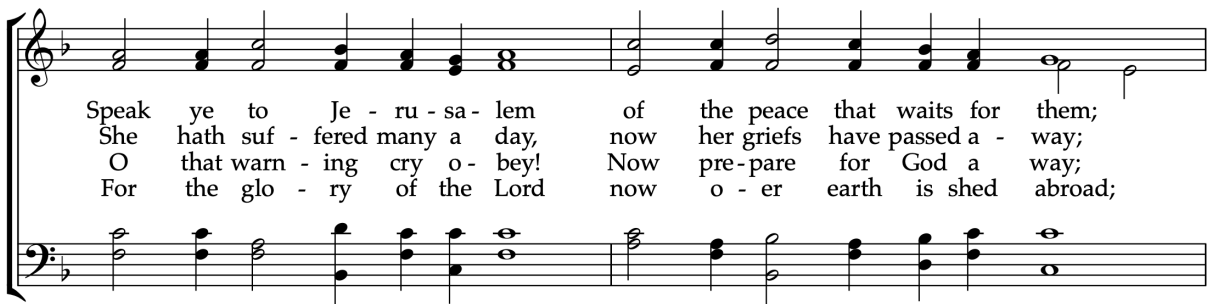
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



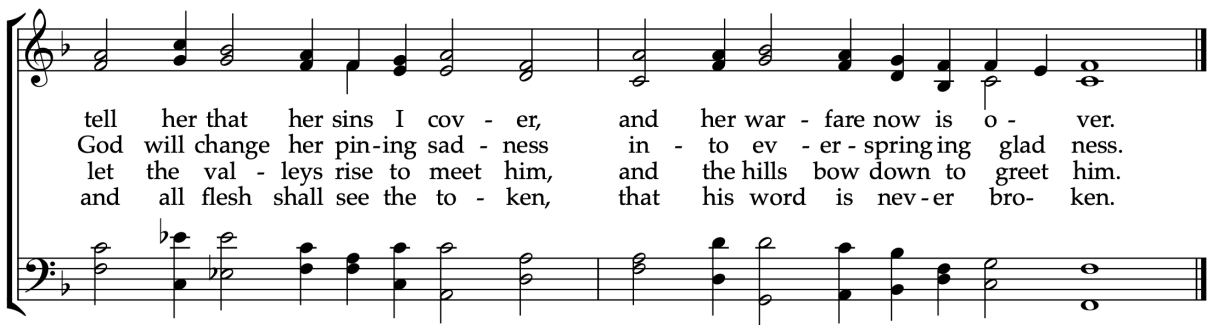
Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
She hath suf - fered many a day, now her griefs have passed a - way;
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o - er earth is shed abroad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - springing glad - ness.
let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 3. This is He whom heav'n- taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; an - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
 5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,

5 He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
 whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
 all do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,

9 of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed His sa - cred face,
 now He shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

13 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
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Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 318-413
 Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1854;
 Henry W. Baker, 1859

DIVINUM MYSTRERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7
 Plainsong, 12th cent.
 Arr. by Jeremy Gaines, 2015



Womens' Ministry

Christmas Dinner

**December 11 - 6:00 p.m. & December 12 - 4:00 p.m.
in Schum Fellowship Hall**

Cost: Adults - \$8.00 & Girls under 12 - \$5.00

Registration begins November 29 thru December 7.

Sign-up forms are in the lobby or you may register online.

(Each dinner limited to 40 participants)

Our ministry focus this year is Hope For The Inner City and we are collecting the following items to donate to this ministry:

Bikes ♦ Sports Equipment ♦ Crayons & Markers ♦ African American Dolls
Toy Cars/Trucks ♦ Electronic Items ♦ Bedding ♦ Sleeping Bags ♦ Winter Clothing

Speaker: Jory Worley



Tory is a native of Clarksville, TN. He first heard the gospel through the combined efforts of a missionary to his low-income apartment complex, and his mother's younger brother who had become a Christian in college. He moved to East Chattanooga in 2015 where he lives and works seeking to make Jesus known amongst his neighbors.



*And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."*

~ Hebrews 1.6



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 Jones is preaching on Isaiah 42.1-4.
- **TODAY - Children's Advent Calendar** - Be sure to pick up a calendar in the Narthex.
- **December 1 - Moms' Encouragement Group** - 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Moms, join Connie Hildebrand for a time of encouragement, sharing, and prayer in the Frederick Room.
- **December 6 - Congregation Meeting** - 10:00-10:30 a.m. - See page 14 for specific details of this meeting and a sample ballot.
- **December 8 - High School Christmas Party** - 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- **December 9 - Middle School Christmas Party** - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **December 11 & 12 - Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner** - Registration begins today in the Foyer and on our website. See page 11 for specific details.
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Maureen Shipp on her recent passing.
- **Christian Sympathy** - Christian sympathy is extended to Boo Mullinax and her family on the loss of her father, Richard (Dick) Stephens.

Nursery Schedule - Today

First Worship Service (8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)			Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)		
Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers	Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers
Diane Lazor	Emily Calloway	Cami Calloway	Susan Helton	Jay Helton	Eva Herberich

Nursery Schedule - December 6, 2020

First Worship Service (8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.)			Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)		
Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers	Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers
John Pearce	Heidie Armao	Anna Yonkofski	Lauren Warren	Tim Warren	Shirley Jones

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needed: Part-time Facilities Helper

A part-time helper is needed for a few hours each week over the next month to assist with church facility needs. If you know of anyone looking for a few hours of part-time work, please have them contact Shannon Ratliff at sratliff@cpchatt.org.

Budget Report

Through November 23:

Annual Budget Need:	\$1,941,427
Giving To Date:	\$1,359,672
Needed By Year-end:	\$581,755

Advent Reading Guides

We have Advent Reading Guides available in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up a copy for your family as you leave today. They are printed with white Covenant Presbyterian covers. We will also have an online version of the booklets available on the church website.



Please remember to save Christmas Card Stamps.

Deposit them in the mailbox by Pastor Mullinax's office.

Used stamps are processed and re-sold with proceeds going to finance Spanish language Sunday School curriculum in Latin America.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

December 6 - 10:00-10:30 a.m. Please plan to attend our annual Congregational Meeting after the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary. During this time we will receive a report from our pastoral staff and vote on four trustees of the 2021 CPC Board of Directors. According to the church constitution these serve one year terms and represent the church on legal transactions. Our current 2020 trustees have agreed to serve an additional term in 2021 if elected again by the congregation. These individuals are Mr. Doug McEachern, Mrs. Lynda Brown, Mr. Duane Ferrel, and Mr. Larry Miller. In addition to those elected, the Executive Pastor, Clerk of Session, Chairman of the Diaconate, and Church Treasurer also serve on the Board of Directors. This meeting will be live streamed, however, you must be physically present to participate in the meeting.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHATTANOOGA
Congregational Meeting ✧ December 6, 2020

SAMPLE BALLOT

All candidates may be elected - no number limit.

For Election to a Director (Trustee) of
CPC, Inc.:

Name:	Yes	No
Lynda Brown		
Duane Ferrel		
Doug McEachern		
Larry Miller		

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, Kent Brown, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither, Danny Grant, Mark Griggs, 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