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Presbyterian Church**
*is to glorify God by gathering
and growing His people in
accordance with His word.*

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Sunday Worship Schedule:

9:15 am Sunday School
Inquirers' Class

Romans

Family Life

10:30 am Morning Worship
Colossians: Our Sufficient,
Glorious Christ

6:00 pm Evening Worship
The Gospel of Mark:
The Suffering King Has
Come to Save

Wednesday Schedule:

6:00 pm
Youth Group
Algood School

The Session

Caleb Cangelosi
(Teaching Elder),
Brad Bleasdale,
Dennis Parker
(Clerk of Session),
Darryl Richards,
Robert Row (Director
of Family Ministries),
Quinton Bain (Elder
Emeritus)

The Diaconate

Todd Burks,
Chuck Craig,
*David Cunningham,
Jamey Farris,
Jason Morse (Treasurer),
John Rust (Chairman),
Michael Savage,
Wes Stevens

*Deacon for April

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Assurance Weekend News: Do Hard Things

Micah Wilkins

Dear Friends,

I'd like to tell you about our youth group's "Assurance Weekend," and I hope this provides you with a good idea of how much of a blessing this time was. If you do not already know, "Assurance Weekend" is a weekend filled with joy, happiness, fun, fellowship, and God's grace! "Assurance Weekend" was from Thursday, February 25, till Sunday, February 28. It was a time to learn who you are, if you truly are a child of God or not, a time of assurance! Over the weekend, we read the book by Alex & Brett Harris, "Do Hard Things." It is about teens breaking out and doing the unexpected! In the following excerpts are the things we did! We hope you enjoy!

Loving Lessons

Every day, our wonderful [and devilishly good looking] youth leader gave us a sermon/lesson! Now I missed the first one, but I know they talked about building a home and its foundation. The foundation was made of the Trinity, the walls were made of the Covenant of Redemption, and the roof of the Cross of Jesus. Since we were reading the book "Do Hard Things," that was our motto for the weekend! We truly did hard things! But those are in the stories to come! Our lessons really got us ready for the rest of the day and wrapped the day up as well. They were, in general, a wonderful time of quiet and preparation of our hearts.

Gorgeous Gathering and Group

For many people, this was not the first of their youth trips, but for me, it was my first ever, and the people that were with me and the location were worth while! The location of the trip was The Great Smokey Mountains, right by Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. It was a truly amazingly beautiful place to be. The cabin in which we stayed in was very very VERY large! It had 4 & 1/2 floors. It had everything a teen could wish for, arcade games, a pool, hot tub, pool table, movie theater, EVERYTHING!! The view was absolutely spectacular! There were mountains on every angle, snow, and other marvelous cabins! I felt truly blessed to be able to go on this amazing trip. There is a saying, that it doesn't matter where you are, but who you are with, and I tend to agree, and in this case, they both applied! Everyone that went truly made it what it was. I was one of the few to arrive on Friday, but when I did, everyone there made it so very welcoming. They had all the lights turned off and the moment we walked in they jumped out and scared us, and knowing the klutz I am, I freaked out, but I felt so welcomed! The people on the trip truly made it amazing!

Amazing Activities

There were so many things we did, and it may take a while to tell most, but it truly was the best part, well, OTHER than the lessons! Again, because I was not there Thursday, I was told all about the fun activities Thursday. On Friday, the youth woke up early in the morning, and went down to a homeless shelter downtown. Everyone got the chance to help paint a mural on the inside wall! I got to see photos, and it truly was a beautiful mural! It was a wonderful time of sharing the gospel with people who really do need it. Everyone that went got to see how blessed they are to have the life they have. After the second group got there on Friday, we pretty much just had our wonderful lesson and chilled! Saturday, was the big day! It was the last full day, and the day of our big hike! Now, we were ready to endure some chilly weather, but not 2 feet of snow! We didn't know there would be that much snow until after we got there! The hike was roughly 3 miles, but to get to the trail itself, we had to walk about a mile, which seemed very long because of the snow everywhere. Although the hike was beautiful, near the 1 mile mark, we couldn't find the trail, so we had to turn around, and make our way back up the hill!! Not so fun, but we made it! After the hike, we went and swam and got all warm in the hot tub!

Cunning Conclusion

This is the sad yet cunning conclusion of our trip! Although it had to end sometime, this trip truly brought people closer! It was an amazing experience and I was so happy to be a part of it! It was a wonderful first trip for me, and I hope this was an informing letter! God bless you so very much and thank you for being a huge part of our lives!

Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

Last Tuesday Robert Row stood before the elders of Nashville Presbytery to preach a sermon and to be examined in Bible content, theology, church history, church government, and sacraments. He did a wonderful job! The end of the road has been reached, after many years of seminary training, study, and exam upon exam. This coming Sunday night, April 25th, at 5:00 p.m. (an hour earlier than our normal evening worship time), he will be ordained by the Presbytery. We will see the "laying on of hands by the presbytery" mentioned in I Timothy 4:14, by which Robert will be formally set apart to the work of preaching, teaching and pastoring. At the service, there will be a series of questions that Robert will answer, and that you the congregation will answer. They show the seriousness with which the church takes the pastoral ministry. First, the questions addressed to Robert:

1. *Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?*

2. *Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?*

3. *Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?*

4. *Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?*

5. *Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?*

6. *Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?*

7. *Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?*

8. *Are you now willing to take the charge of this church, agreeable to your declaration when accepting their call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties of a pastor?*

And here are the questions to the congregation:

1. *Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Robert Row, whom you have called to be your pastor?*

2. *Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?*

3. *Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?*

4. *Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?*

Following the service, there will be a reception given in honor of Robert. Elders from across the Nashville area will be coming over to conduct the service, and I really encourage you to be there. It is always a joyful and sober reminder of the unity of believers, the plan of Jesus for His church, and the weighty calling of the gospel minister.

Let's not forget our opportunity and responsibility to love our neighbors at Algood School. We should always be very mindful of the fact that we're in someone else's house on Sundays and Wednesdays, and so make sure we and our children leave the building in a better condition than we found it. Also, a great way to serve the teachers and staff is to bake something for the teachers' lounge and leave it there for Monday morning. The fact that Algood School graciously allows us to meet at their school at no monetary cost should not lead us to presumption, but to a greater zeal and devotion to serving them. What a great way to live out the gospel of free grace!

The week of June 28-July 2 is the PCA's General Assembly, the yearly gathering of elders from across the country. If you want to get a better understanding of our denomination, here's your chance! It's not often that General Assembly meets close by, and so if you get a chance to go over to Nashville that week, you ought to do so. Our presbytery is hosting the week, and needs volunteers to help with children's activities and a host of other functions. Please let me know if you're interested, even if you're only able to help out for a morning. Each evening on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday there is a worship service. Rev. Mark Davis (of Park Cities PCA in Dallas, TX), Rev. George Robertson (of First PCA in Augusta, GA), and Rev. Scott Roley (of Christ Community PCA in Franklin, TN) will be preaching. There are seminars each morning from 8:00-10:00 a.m., and a very interesting seminar by Ligon Duncan and Tim Keller on Wednesday afternoon from 4:45-6:15 entitled, "The PCA – A Way Forward: What We All Can Agree on and Why We Should Stay Together." As you can see from the title of that seminar, there are several matters of debate and dissension in our denomination, and it's at the General Assembly that we seek to work out these matters. You can learn more about the General Assembly at www.pcaga.org and www.pcaac.org, including the various overtures about which there will be great discussion this summer. One highlight of this year's assembly will be a Hymnsing at the Ryman Auditorium, put on by the Indelible Grace bands. The tickets are not yet on sale for this event, but I'll let you know more about it when they go on sale.

Your Pastor, Caleb

Notes Regarding the Upcoming Events

- Youth Group Fund Raiser**

Youth Group Slave Auction - Several of the young men and women in Youth Group are looking for ways to earn money for the upcoming RYM Trip. If you have any work that needs to be done around the house that you are looking to hire out contact Robert or Brent McClearen and we can match a few of them up for the task or tasks that meet your needs.

- Tuesday, April 27 7:30 pm**

Women's Book Club

Susan Sperry and Kandice Vick are organizing a Ladies Book Club that will meet every eight weeks. On April 27th we will meet to discuss the book Beyond Stateliest Marble: The Passionate Femininity of Anne Bradstreet written by Douglas Wilson. Ladies, we encourage you to read this book and come join us for some good dialogue. If you have any questions about future books or meeting dates, please contact Kandice (931) 319-7958 or Susan (931) 823-5954.

- Friday, April 30 6:00-9:00 pm**

Children's Luau

The Youth Group is organizing a Children's Luau at Algood Elementary School. Drop off your children and enjoy a night out on the town. Donations will go to the Youth Fund.

- Sunday, May 2 4:30pm**

Family Ministry Committee Meeting

Family Ministry Committee members: Please plan to attend a meeting at the Meeting House.

- Wednesday, May 8 6-8 pm**

Homeschooling Get-Together

Ladies, are you homeschooling or considering homeschooling? Please join us for a time of dessert and discussion at the Cangelosi home. We are not planning on providing childcare, but contact Elizabeth (931) 854-0498 if you have trouble finding someone to watch your children.

- Wednesday, May 26 5:00 pm**

Cookeville Rescue Mission Cookout

Make plans now to attend the 2nd annual Cookout at the Cookeville Rescue Mission. Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers...this event is designed to raise awareness for the Cookeville Rescue Mission and to show our appreciation for their service. Please RSVP by May 12th...the Nyhofs are providing the meat and need to have a headcount. If you can bring a side dish, drinks, or dessert, please let Matt know. Email him at nconst@twlakes.net.

Vacation Bible School needs YOU!

Volunteers are needed for this summer's VBS. We will meet the mornings of June 7-11, and the theme is Space Probe 2010. Would you like to teach, lead music, lead arts and crafts, provide snacks, or help decorate? Contact Cheryl Burks at (931) 537-7404.

Nursery Volunteers and Greeters

	4/25	5/2
SS Babies	Stewart	Gail McCall
AM Worship Babies and Toddlers	Gleason Family	Cunningham Family
PM Worship Babies	Row	Kandice Vick
Greeters	R/K Farris	Cunninghams

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/18	4/19 3:30-4:30 pm Calvin's Institutes Meeting House	4/20 10-11:30 am Women's Bible Study Meeting House	4/21 Birthday! Connie Stewart	4/22 Young & Happy	4/23 Anniversary! Hicks	4/24
4/25 5:00 pm Ordination Service and Reception	4/26 3:30-4:30 pm Calvin's Institutes Meeting House Birthday! Marilyn Majewski Wes Christian	4/27 10-11:30 am Women's Bible Study Meeting House 7:30 pm Book Club Sperrys' home Birthday! Lori Ann McClearen	4/28 4:30 PM Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal Birthday! Karen Kincaid	4/29 Young & Happy	4/30 6:00-9:00 pm Children's Luau	5/1

Meet the Deacon: Chuck Craig

Renee and I met in college in Memphis over 20 years ago, and in August we will celebrate our 19th wedding anniversary. We have three children: Josh and Jeremy (twins who recently turned 15) and attend Cookeville High School, and Rebekah, who will soon turn 12 and goes to school at Algood Middle. I work in the College of Education at Tennessee Tech University, where I teach several different courses, my favorite of which is Intro to Teaching and Technology. Additionally, I am an advisor for approximately 220 education majors. Currently, I am working toward an Ed. S. and eventually a doctorate in Instructional Leadership. Renee teaches special education in the Cumberland County Schools and is working toward a masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction. Among my hobbies are computers and technology in general, and I particularly like trying out different versions of Linux on older computers. Also, I enjoy hiking, camping, and boating with my family, as well as reading. We came to Grace Pres because we were looking for a church that was strongly rooted in the Word of God and ruled by elders, and this year Renee and I celebrate our 12th year as members. Renee and I both feel that the strong Biblical teaching and studies, as well as fellowship with other believers makes Grace Pres a perfect fit for our family. I enjoy serving others, and being a deacon is often rewarding and difficult at the same time. Quite honestly, I often feel inadequate as a deacon and

would appreciate your prayers in this regard. Also, please pray for Renee and I as we both strive to balance time with each other and our children, our full-time careers, and part-time pursuit of graduate degrees. Finally, please be in prayer for our pastors, elders, and deacons to have Godly wisdom in the leadership of our church. One of the major challenges I see for Grace Pres is for the leadership and congregation to come together to formulate and carry out the building of our own worship and Sunday school facility in a timely manner. Although I am grateful that we have been given the opportunity to worship at Algood School, I long for the day that we have our own building on our property!



Josh, Rebekah, Chuck, Jeremy, and Renee

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