

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

**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 May

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Dear Grace Members:

The following is a letter that was sent by the Mission to North America (MNA), a mission branch of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Our Deacons will soon be letting us know more specific ways we can serve our brothers and sisters in our presbytery.

Nashville Flood Response-Many PCA Families Affected-May 6, 2010

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common."
Acts 2:44

Dear PCA Family,

And now Nashville...On May 2 and 3, 2010 torrential rains fell in the Nashville, TN area and resulted in record flooding. Rain totals in some areas were greater than 17 inches and the Cumberland River crested at nearly 52 feet, a level not seen since 1937, before the Army Corp of Engineers and the Tennessee Valley Authority established flood control measures in the area.

At least 60 PCA members' homes were flooded; almost 100% are without flood insurance. The number of PCA families directly impacted by this disaster is substantial and certainly among the highest in our history from one disaster.

Your participation is requested: MNA Disaster Response is assisting the churches of Nashville Presbytery in responding to this great disaster and urges your participation. The greatest need is for financial grants for each family to care of immediate needs. Many families have lost everything including all personal possessions and even cars. MNA is working with a presbytery established task force to distribute these funds through each church's diaconal ministry.

Prayerfully consider giving generously to this fund. Gifts of cash may be given by check or credit card; credit card donations may be made on the web site or by phone. Visit www.pca-mna.org or **mail your check to MNA designated to Nashville Flood Response**. For other giving information please call 678-825-1200.

Relief workers needed: For the next 4-6 weeks muckers, gutters and restorers are welcome and needed. Teams must be self contained, not depending on the local church for hosting. Day trippers from the surrounding presbyteries can make the best impact. A longer term recovery effort is anticipated and in the planning stages. Check the MNA website for details as they develop. Because needs are being updated by the minute, please contact Sherry Lanier at slanier@pcanet.org or 678-294-3012 to find out how and when you can volunteer.

May the Lord's grace and favor shine on our PCA family in Nashville.

Pastor's Corner

Caleb Cangelosi, Pastor

I want to invite everyone to our 8th Annual Strawberry Festival, and our 2nd Annual Crawfish Boil, on Saturday, May 22nd, from 2-4 (Strawberry Festival) and 4-6 (Crawfish Boil). The Strawberry Festival is a tradition that my parents began back when I was a young boy, imitating the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival (Louisiana strawberries used to taste sweeter than any other strawberry; I don't know if that is the case any longer), and Elizabeth and I started it back up again once we got married and settled. If you haven't been before, everyone is asked to bring their favorite strawberry dish (preferably a dessert, but not required!); we'll supply the drinks, and it's essentially a strawberry tasting bazaar. Last year we started the crawfish boil, since my brother started selling crawfish retail in Baton Rouge, and so I am able to get them shipped up here without undue cost. There's no such thing as a free lunch, so we have to charge - \$10/adult, \$5/child (6-12), \$30/family max. **If you want to eat crawfish, I need you to RSVP by Monday, May 17, so that I will know how much food to buy. Email me (calebcangelosi@gmail.com) or call me (931-854-0498).**

We'll be boiling crawfish, corn, potatoes, garlic, mushrooms, etc. It will be spicy, but I'll try not to make it as spicy as I would in Louisiana. Bring your own drinks. Even if you have zero desire to peel a crawfish and eat it, feel free to stick around throughout the day. We hope to have a jumper for the kids this year, and maybe even a crawfish race. Bring your chairs, and pray that the weather will be nicer than it was last year. Also, feel free to bring a friend – events like this are great ways to let an unbeliever spend time around believers, or to introduce other believers to our church family.

As I watch my children grow up, and as I watch Elizabeth love our children, I'm more thankful every year for my mom and my wife. Being a mother can be a thankless job. But God sees every sacrifice, every encouraging word, every unseen deed of service. I Corinthians 15:58 applies to mothers especially: "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." I wanted to share some quotes on motherhood from a variety of sources.

"Here is another sweet, fragrant mouth to kiss; here are two more feet to make music with their pattering about my nursery. Here is a soul to train for God, and the body in which it dwells is worthy of all it will cost, since it is the abode of a kingly tenant. I may see less of friends, but have gained one deeper than them all, to whom, while I minister

in Christ's name, I make a willing sacrifice of what little leisure for my own recreation, my other darlings had left me. Yes, my precious baby, you are welcome to your mother's heart, welcome to her time, her strength, her health, her tenderest cares, to her life-long prayers! Oh, how rich I am, how truly, how wondrously blest!" (Elizabeth Prentiss, 1800).

"The life I have chosen as wife and mother entails a whole caravan of complications... It involves food and shelter; meals, planning, marketing, bills and making the ends meet in a thousand ways. It involves not only the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, but countless other experts to keep my modern house with its modern "simplifications" (electricity, plumbing, refrigerator, gas stove, dishwasher, radios, car and numerous other labor saving devices) functioning properly. It involves health; doctors, dentists, appointments, medicine... vitamins, trips to the drugstore. It involves education, spiritual, intellectual, physical; schools, school conferences, carpools, extra trips for basketball or orchestra practice; tutoring; camps, camp equipment and transportation. It involves clothes, shopping, laundry, cleaning, mending, letting skirts down and sewing buttons on, or finding someone else to do it. It involves friends, my husband's friends, my children's friends, my own, and endless arrangements to get together; letters, invitations, telephone calls and transportation hither and yon" (Anne Morrow Lindbergh, quoted in Kent Hughes, Mark).

"When people begin to talk about this domestic duty [of a mother] as not merely difficult but trivial and dreary, I simply give up the question. For I cannot with the utmost energy of imagination conceive what they mean... If drudgery only means dreadfully hard work, I admit the woman drudges in the home, as a man might drudge at the Cathedral Amiens or drudge behind a gun at Trafalgar. But if it means that the hard work is more heavy because it is trifling, colorless and of small import to the soul, then as I say, I give it up; I do not know what the words mean. To be Queen Elizabeth within a definite area, deciding sales, banquets, labors, and holidays; to be Whitely within a certain area, providing toys, boots, sheets, cakes, and books; to be Aristotle within a certain area, teaching morals, manners, theology, and hygiene; I can understand how this might exhaust the mind, but I cannot imagine how it could narrow it. How can it be a large career to tell other people's children about the Rule of Three, and a small career to tell one's own children about the universe? How can it be broad to be the same thing to everyone, and narrow to be everything to someone? No; a woman's function is laborious, but because it is gigantic, not because it is minute" (G. K. Chesterton).

May the Lord bless you mothers every day, and make you as Lois and Eunice (II Timothy 1:5)!

Your Pastor, Caleb

Notes Regarding the Upcoming Events

• **Monday, May 17 6:00 pm**

Sunday School Teacher Meeting

A meeting for children’s Sunday School teachers, past and present, will be held at the Meeting House.

• **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

	5/9	5/16
SS Babies	Seitzinger	Sperry
AM Worship Babies and Toddlers	Richards’ Family	Kincaid Family
PM Worship Babies	Hadlock	Barnhart
Greeters	Winston	Craig/Morse

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5/9	5/10 3:30-4:30 pm Calvin’s Institutes Meeting House	5/11 10-11:30 am Women’s Bible Study Meeting House	5/12	5/13 Young & Happy Birthday! Matthew McClearn Michael Elmore Anniversary! Walker	5/14 Birthday! Jason Morse Steve Conally	5/15
5/16 Birthday! Laura Hobbs Liz Hawk	5/17 3:30-4:30 pm Calvin’s Institutes Meeting House 6:00 pm Sunday School Teacher meeting Meeting House	5/18 10-11:30 am Women’s Bible Study Meeting House Birthday! Helen Morse Anniversary! Parker Wienke	5/19	5/20 Young & Happy	5/21 Birthday! Joshua Mitchell Sara Robertson	5/22

Meet the Deacon: David Cunningham

Hello, my name is David Cunningham. I'm married to Keeba. We have four children: Kelsey, David (also known as DJ), Hampton and Annalee. Alongside family, our family's farm and an aged mother I deal with a full plate most times. My vocation as a "fixer" causes me to travel the Upper Cumberland, servicing major appliances in peoples' homes. I was raised in an appliance store, and wanting to please my Dad, it fit for me to be his service manager. I like people and enjoy the challenge of new problems and situations. Serving people and their needs as a vocation naturally lends to the office of Deacon. I came to know the Lord in a Baptist church in the first year of our marriage. Not being raised in a church and not having a "grid" to view the proper role or function of Deacon, I witnessed abuses as well as misuses of this fine office. I'm honored to be part of the Presbyterian Church of America and especially Grace Presbyterian. The Reformed Presbyterian theology in the form of confessions, catechisms and doctrine have quickly caused me to realize far better men than I have struggled with

God's word. My confidence in this life is based on the perfect life of our Lord, not on my performance. My prayer as our church goes forward is that we rely on the Love the Bridegroom has for His Bride. I have witnessed in my own children's lives their confidence and security in relationships flows from the love I demonstrate toward their mother.



Hampton, Annalee, David, Keeba, and DJ (Kelsey is not shown)

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