



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

July 14

Mission Committee Meeting
Hannah Porcella Baby Shower
Summer Schedule-No Evening
Activities

July 16

Ladies' Summer Bible Study
Joint Session/Deacon Meeting

July 17

Mission: Chattanooga

July 18

Swim Day
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry

July 21

Membership Sunday
Special Speaker in Sunday
School-Heidi Meiners
Summer Schedule-No Evening
Activities

July 23

Ladies' Summer Bible Study

July 24

Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Practice

July 25

Swim Day

July 26

Family Camping/Rafting Trip

July 27

Family Camping/Rafting Trip

July 28

Shepherding Sunday

July 30

Ladies' Summer Bible Study

July 31

Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Practice

August 1

Swim Day

August 4

Lord's Supper Celebrated

August 6

Ladies' Summer Bible Study
WM Council Meeting

August 7

Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Practice

August 8

Swim Day

August 10

Men's Breakfast

His sons report to him that the son he thought dead is in fact the prime minister of the most powerful nation on earth. Endowed by God with wisdom, discernment and authority, his son has ordered that sufficient supplies of grain be stored during seven years of bountiful harvests in anticipation of a seven-year famine he knows is coming.

During those years of famine, his son gains the Pharaoh's permission for father Jacob and his clan to leave Canaan and settle in eastern Egypt.

For 400 years they have lived in Egypt. Then a new Pharaoh came to power whose historical revisionism no longer views Joseph as hero, but instead considers Jacob's descendants to be a threat and orders them enslaved.

One of those descendants, Moses, is adopted by Pharaoh's daughter and raised as a prince of Egypt. At age 40 Moses chooses to identify with his mother's people, kills an Egyptian slave master and flees into the wilderness.

Forty years later, God speaks to Moses from a burning bush, instructing him to return to Egypt and lead Jacob's descendants out of the land of slavery and back to "the promised land."

Yahweh's final judgment of Egypt occurs during "Passover," when God justly punishes those who refuse to acknowledge Him and persecute Israel, His "first born son."

Hundreds of years earlier, God changed Jacob's name to Israel. Now, in keeping with Yahweh's covenant promises, by their obedience to God's command, the Israelites are spared.

The Israelites are no more deserving of God's mercy than the Egyptians, but Yahweh graciously instructs them to offer up a substitutionary sacrifice, a spotless lamb, in place of their firstborn.

This history, recorded in Genesis and Exodus, has been our focus of late during

morning worship. For two Sunday mornings we've looked at 1 Peter 1.1-2.12, which reminds us that we are the people rescued by the death of The Lamb of God, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1.17-19).

We don't merit His favor, but He chooses us to become citizens of Israel (Ephesians 2.11-13), calls us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2.9), declares us His chosen race, a royal priesthood, His possession, to whom He gives the privilege and responsibility of proclaiming by word and deed His excellency (1 Peter 2.9).

Furthermore, by grace through faith in Jesus as Savior, Lord and King, He grants us His divine power (2 Peter 1.3), and the qualities (2 Peter 2.5-12) to live as His light in a world darkened by sin (Matthew 5.14-16).

On Sunday we'll look at Isaiah 13-35 (740 BC), where we find the prophetic message of how God deals with this world and those He claims as His own.

These chapters speak of God's judgment of both "the world" and His people. They also tell the story of God's unmerited favor as He redeems for Himself a people and mercifully makes clear to the entire world that He alone is God.

In light of today's news, it's intriguing to hear Isaiah use Egypt and Assyria (the ancient empire whose western most areas are now the modern land of Syria) as the two prime illustrations of how God will call to Himself not only the people of Israel, but also the Egyptians and Syrians.

Take the time to read through Isaiah 13-35. It should take you just over an hour to read it slowly. As you read, note especially Yahweh's promises to bless both His people and those we might think beyond saving (Isaiah 19.16-25 and 27.12-13).

I'll see you Sunday morning.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule July 14

Worship

Infants

Kenyon & Marcy Wilson

Creepers

Stephen & Mindy Haywood

Toddlers

Mandi Johnson
& Kristin Sotelo

Floater

Wes Gaither

Sunday School

Infants

Vangie Wykoff
& Peggy Bandy

Creepers

Anna Harnsberger
& Sue Spalding

Toddlers

Selah, Brandon
& Sophia Cross

P.M.

No Evening Service
Summer Schedule

July Coordinator:

Peg May

BABY SHOWER

There is a baby shower for Hanna Porcella on Sunday, July 14, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Hannah is expecting a little girl. She is registered at Amazon (her account is hanna.porcella@gmail.com).

SMITH OPEN HOUSE

Due to the rain last week, the Smith Open House is Sunday, July 14, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

CPC is having a Couples Retreat in the Smokies, September 20 - 22. Jon Harris is speaking on commitment, connection and conversation. The cost is \$200/couple with a **non-refundable \$100 deposit due July 14** and final payment due August 11. Registration forms are available at the welcome center. Please contact Marty & Nancy Cooper, Jason & Catherine Coffey, Jon & Heather Harris or Eric & Boo Mullinax for more information.

PRAY FOR THE MICHIGAN MINISTRY

The Gaines and Gregory families are in Detroit, Michigan, this week to partner with a sister church, New City Fellowship of Royal Oak. They are running a music camp for over 50 children from the area with the goal of New City being able to replicate the model in the future. Jeremy will then lead in worship the following Sunday. Please pray for both churches' efforts to be blessed by God in order to enrich His kingdom.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

Mission: Chattanooga opportunities continue through August 21 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Campus activities include: Caring Bee (knitting/crocheting); Crafts to Care; Cooking with a Purpose (meets July 24 and August 7); Prayer Group (7:00 p.m.) and Missions Support (stamp ministry & letter writing). Off Campus activities include: Weekly Visitation (at local nursing homes and assisted living facilities, with our shut-ins); Amani warehouse renovation (skilled and unskilled) as needed.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. The third Thursday of each month, we provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you can contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes or fruit this week, please call or email the church office.

MISPLACED BIBLES

If you have misplaced your Bible, check the bookcase next to the Coke machine

CPC SWIM DAY

Swim day at the Mays' pool continues throughout the rest of the summer on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are responsible for the supervision of your children and for clean up.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Please be sure to make the following changes in your CPC Church Directory:

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Bea*, Connie*, Vera*

SPECIAL SPEAKER

Good friend and long-time supported CPC missionary, Heidi Meiners, will be speaking during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, July 21.

STAMPS SUPPORT MISSIONS

Did you know that stamps from letters can be used as revenue for missions? Please place your saved foreign and domestic stamps, in good condition, in the collection container outside Pastor Mullinax's office. These stamps are sent to a Christian retirement community in Florida for processing. The money from the sale of these stamps is then used to fund new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America. These stamps are being sorted and prepared to mail to Florida during Mission: Chattanooga, so please remember to bring them in as soon as possible!

SOLES FOR SOULS CAMPAIGN

We are collecting shoes to help the Homeless Health Foot Clinic in Chattanooga. Please bring new or used (in good condition) gym shoes, sandals or any kind of shoes that fit young and old. Supplies such as socks, bleach, foot powder, triple antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, nail files, and liquid shampoo are also being collected. You may also make donations to purchase these items. There is a collection box outside Mark Wilson's office. Contact Sherry Baierl at 423.580.4376 you have any questions.