



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...*

### *Looking Ahead...*

- July 26**  
Family Camping/Rafting Trip
- July 27**  
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- July 28**  
Shepherding Groups Meet
- July 30**  
Ladies' Summer Bible Study
- July 31**  
Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 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 Rehearsal
- August 8**  
Swim Day
- August 10**  
Men's Breakfast
- August 11**  
Mission Committee Meeting  
Deacon Meeting  
Summer Schedule-No Evening  
Activities
- August 13**  
Ladies' Summer Bible Study
- August 14**  
Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- August 15**  
Swim Day  
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- August 16**  
Chicks 'n Chocolate
- August 18**  
Membership Sunday  
Sunday Evening-Mission  
Report
- August 20**  
Session Meeting
- August 21**  
Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- August 24**  
Choir Christmas Preview  
Brunch

I was delightfully delayed arriving at church Sunday morning. Thirty Canadian geese decided Haggard Road was a good meeting place. As they meandered down the street, traffic was stopped in both directions. As cars slowly edged their way forward, the geese, with great reluctance, moved off the road and into the yard of the family whose mailbox I knocked out of commission a couple of years ago. As traffic began to move again, each driver I passed had a smile on their face.

I will preach for at least two more weeks from Isaiah. I've thoroughly enjoyed my sermon preparation, and pray I haven't so overwhelmed you with history that I've obscured for you the wonder of God's sovereign rule over all nations, which should provoke from you praise and provide for you the peace that comes in knowing "He's got it."

This coming Sunday, we'll focus on Isaiah 24-27, which shows us two cities - one destroyed and the other eternally established. The central focus of these chapters is 25.6-10a, which begins and ends speaking of the mountain the Lord will make for His people, upon which His hand will rest. There, atop Mount Zion in the city of God, He will prepare for us a feast, will wipe away all our tears, will assure us that death, the final enemy, is defeated and will take away all that hinders us from being the men and women He created us to be.

It is His city, His mountain, His feast. It is His deliverance that gladdens our hearts and blesses our lives and there we will live forever with our God, our Lord, our Savior.

The other city is the descendant of Babel, where mankind first tried to organize life without taking God into consideration. Despite God's common grace poured out upon all peoples, they refuse to acknowledge Him, establish their own "rules," and ignore the evidence of His

Hand at work in this world. The consequence will be the outpouring of God's justice.

But yet, the promise remains that from all nations and peoples He will deliver His own into that eternal city whose walls and bulwarks are the work of His salvation.

Read Isaiah 24-27 and come prepared to be sobered and elated by what the Lord has done, is doing and will do.

There will be a change in what has been our usual schedule that I need to communicate to you. The session has decided that we will not resume regular evening services come this fall. But there will be several evening programs. For instance, Sunday evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>, we will hear reports from those who have participated in various missions projects these past few weeks. The last Sunday of each month, various shepherding groups will meet. And throughout the fall there will be other Sunday evening programs with particular focuses. For example, the first and last Sundays of October are already planned.

Eric, Dan or I may teach a two or three week study at some time during the fall. When such studies are prepared, we'll let you know ahead of time.

The hope is that freeing up our Sunday evenings will provide you with the opportunity to invite others into your homes, both fellow church members as well as neighbors. The purpose for such gatherings will be your decision.

One more note: the giving for July, after three Sundays, has met budget but has not reduced the deficit I wrote about last week. We'll try to keep you informed about how we're doing financially.

See you Sunday. Hopefully I won't have any close encounter with a mail box but I would love to see those geese one more time.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule July 28

#### Worship

##### Infants

Jeanie Ray & Reita Pierce

##### Creepers

Eric & Lucy Mantel

##### Toddlers

Daniel & Camille Platt

##### Floater

Isaiah Harris

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Sandy Coffey & Peg May

##### Creepers

Debby Gardner  
& Alayne Griffin

##### Toddlers

Aaron & Michelle Self

#### P.M.

No Evening Service  
Shepherding Groups Meet

#### July Coordinator:

Peg May

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, August 10, at 8:30 a.m. Dan Steere is speaking on "'Talk to Me!' because 'Silence is NOT Golden.'"

### 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). All Off Campus activities are at the home of Frank and Nicole May getting it ready for them to move back in by August 3. Many tasks need to be completed before they can occupy their home with vulnerable babies. Skilled and unskilled labor is needed. Contact Eric or Boo Mullinax if you are able to help.

### PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED

The college prayer ministry consists of an adult volunteer who agrees to pray for a CPC college student for a year. Monthly contact by email, Facebook, snail mail, etc. is also encouraged. Addresses are provided and you will receive a monthly email reminder about contact and prayer. We have about 14 students in need of an adult prayer partner this school year. Both men and women are needed. If you are interested or have questions, please email Brenda Mason at bren854@comcast.net by August 1.

### ITUNES AVAILALBE

The Sunday Morning Sermons are now available as an iTunes podcast. You can subscribe to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga to receive the sermon download weekly. Find more information at the Welcome Center.

### SANCTUARY CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN

The Sanctuary Choir has begun their new season of rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Now is the absolute best time to join us as we are looking at new music for the Fall. Christmas music is just around the corner as well. If you have ever thought about joining choir, come to a rehearsal - no strings attached - to see if choir would be a good ministry for you. Contact Jeremy with any questions.

### B.B. WARFIELD AND OLD SCHOOL, NEW CLOTHES

David Smith, a former member of CPC, spoke in January and mentioned his book on B. B. Warfield. There are a few copies left of this book as well as another book he co-wrote with Ronald E. Hoch about Christian Education the authors claim that "the fundamentally humanistic ideology of the West conditions and controls much of what is labeled 'Christian' education." The cost of the B.B. Warfield book is \$25 and the book on education is \$12.00. If you are interested in either book, please see Carol Beatty by August 4.

### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We may be sweltering in 90 degree heat here in the South but our sisters in Kenya are cozying up for an African winter, so Amani Chattanooga is throwing a Christmas in July party! Beat the Christmas rush and discover one-of-a-kind ornaments, earrings, baby bibs, bowls and much more while supporting working mothers around the globe. Take a 20% discount on all Christmas items between July 25 and July 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Warehouse on 420 S. Willow Street. Visit [www.amaniafrica.org](http://www.amaniafrica.org) for more information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are several opportunities available for ministering to our children through Covenant Corps starting August 28. If you are interested in being a teacher or a helper, please contact Holly Lehmann by phone at 423.667.2582 or by email at [holly.lehmann@live.com](mailto:holly.lehmann@live.com).

### 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.

### HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Ayusa is seeking host families for international exchange students for the 2013-2014 school year. Students age 15-18 years of age are coming to our area in August to study at local high schools. The students come with their own insurance and spending money. Host families are asked to provide a loving family environment, a bedroom, three meals a day and reasonable transportation. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Thelma Fountain by phone at 423.800.2828 or by email at [maidenapply2000@yahoo.com](mailto:maidenapply2000@yahoo.com).

### THANK YOU

Dear Covenant Family,  
Thank you all for your prayers, food, cards, calls and emails when my sister Cecelia passed away. The expression of your love was such a blessing to me and a reflection of our Heavenly Father's love.

In Him,  
Julia Gracy

### 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!