



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- August 10**
Men's Breakfast
- 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
Mission Committee Meeting
Sunday Evening Service-
Mission Report
- August 20**
Ladies' Summer Bible Study
Session Meeting
- August 21**
Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- August 22**
Last Swim Day
- August 24**
Sanctuary Choir Christmas
Preview Brunch
- August 25**
Shepherding Groups Meet
- August 28**
Wednesday Night Supper
Resumes
Wednesday Night Activities
Resumes
- September 1**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
- September 2**
Labor Day - Church Office
Closed
- September 3**
WM Council
- September 4**
Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir Begins
Wednesday Night Activities
- September 7**
Men's Breakfast
- September 8**
Mission Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Youth-Back to School Bash
- September 11**
Wednesday Night Supper

Tuesday evening, August 6, the Session received a report from Diaconal Chairman Brian Lehmann. It concerned the Deacon's study of needed improvements of our nursery, additional and larger classrooms, a youth facility, and a play area for our younger children.

The Session was also presented with estimates on (1) the cost of refinancing our present debt, (2) the cost of refinancing our debt and remodeling or building a new nursery, and (3) the cost of refinancing our debt, remodeling or building a new nursery, and expanding our facilities to meet the other areas of concerns expressed by the Diaconate.

In response to the Deacon's report and after much discussion, the Session appointed Elder Tom Schreiner to chair a Feasibility Committee, which will wrestle with the implications of these various possibilities. Tom's committee will report to a joint meeting of elders and deacons on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m. It will still be several months before the committee's findings and the Session's final recommendations are reported to the Congregation/Corporation.

How and where we use the financial resources that the Lord provides through your giving is a major question and one that cannot be answered easily or quickly.

We built our present facility only after asking you for three-year pledges (above regular giving) totaling \$500,000. You pledged (and gave) more than \$1,000,000 dollars, plus another \$300,000 that was used to support various ministries. (Remember, 20% of previous pledges was placed in a Ministry Expansion Fund.)

Before we plan any additional modifications to our present building and/or expand our facilities, we will again ask for pledges, to help alleviate expenses and provide greater flexibility to expand our present ministries.

The Session's responsibility is to lead the congregation but we will not act presumptuously. What we propose by way of modification or expansion of our facilities and ministries is dependent upon you, and the immediate challenge is meeting this year's budget.

So, please pray and give cheerfully as the Lord enables. If you have ideas or opinions about future plans, please feel free to share them with Tom Schreiner.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

August 11

Worship

Infants

Sherry Baiert
& Emily Calloway

Creepers

Jessica Greer
& Carla Stevenson

Toddlers

Josh & Teri Akovenko

Floater

Isaiah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Diane Lazor
& Brenda King

Creepers

Kelly, Madeleine
& Abigail Jennings

Toddlers

Jason & Crystal Middleton

P.M.

No Evening Service

August Coordinator:

Kate Lambeth

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.'"

MARRIAGE RETREAT

There is room for 1 more couple to attend the Marriage Retreat in the Cumberland Mountains the weekend of September 20-22. If you are interested in attending but have not signed up yet, please contact Heather Harris as soon as possible. ALL BALANCES are due to Heather this Sunday, August 11. All spots that are not filled by August 11 will be cancelled, so call or email Heather Harris today!

MINISTER TO OUR CHILDREN

There are several opportunities available to minister 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.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

Mission: Chattanooga opportunities continue Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. On Campus activities and Off Campus activities continue through August 21.

MISSION REPORT

Sunday evening, August 18, is a service that is meant to give God the glory for the great things He has done through our CPC family this summer. Please make it a priority for you and your family to be here that evening at 6:00 p.m. as we hear of His mighty acts. We will tell of His excellent greatness in Chattanooga, Detroit (MI), Macon (MS), Albania, Honduras, Belarus and Mongolia. Afterwards, there is an ice cream social in Schum Fellowship Hall.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

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

- Grant & Lauren Caldwell.....
- 102 West Brow Oval, Lookout Mountain, TN 37350
- Susan Gunter423.463.2930
- Tim Gunter.....423.702.0992
- Dorothy-Jane Kozlowski336.470.5026
- Julia, George, Susanna*, Gloria-Jane*, Walter*, Zadok* PO Box 1350, Linwood, NC 27299
- Jacob & Shelby Rogers
- Hayley*, Addison*
- John & Vangie Wykoff
- Bryonie*, Peter*, Magdalene*

Corrections:

- Mary Caudlemarycoleycaudle@aol.com
- Dick & Theo Fisher
- 1024 Moran Road, Franklin, TN 37069

YOUTH BACK-2-SCHOOL BASH

There are some big changes coming to our youth program this year. Sunday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. your family is invited to find out more at our 6th Annual Back-2-School Bash. The evening starts with a time of food, fun, inflatables and fellowship, followed by an informational meeting outlining this years youth events.

THANK YOU

Dear Covenant Pres Family,
We are so grateful to those of you who so faithfully prayed on Gary's behalf as he underwent his recent emergency appendectomy. We were so blessed to have such compassionate and caring hospital staff attending Gary while he was in the hospital. A special thank you as well to those who took the time to call and send cards. We are grateful to report that Gary is well on his way to recovery. Thank you, again, to all who extended such loving encouragement and prayer support.

Yours in Christ,
Dianne (and Gary) Cosby

Dear CPC Family,

As I prepare for my move "back home", beginning about a week from today, I wanted desperately to send a greeting to each of you before I go. I wanted to write because I do not believe that I am moving back as Naomi did as told in the book of Ruth. She said that she went back "empty"-she asked to be called, "Mara" (Ruth 1.20-21). Instead, by God's mercy and grace and power, and through the faithfulness of His body here at CPC and the Christian community here in the Chattanooga area, I feel that I am going back "full."

A year ago I moved out into the unknown with the support and help of my dad, who had come with the encouragement and support of my mom. In just a few days, my dad had made arrangements to buy a home for us. My Shepherding Group and MANY OTHERS from CPC came to our new home to unpack the truck, paint the interior of the house, cut the grass, trim the edges and the hedges. You, CPC, through your faithful and loving session, have been a continuing and present support to me as I have worked to care for the needs of my children. You have been there to lend a lawn mower, fix electrical and plumbing problems!!! You have been there to listen and support and give encouragement.

So thank you, CPC Family, for being there--whether you knew of your involvement or not. I could not have done it without you! I will GREATLY miss you when we've gone but look forward to seeing you again when I visit Jack and Tirzah who are staying here.

With much love for all of you,
Dorothy-Jane, for all of us

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

On Friday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. the CPC women are invited to Shirley Allin's home (1302 Keys Rd., Tunnel Hill, GA) for a fun night of food and fellowship. Shirley will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and dessert. Please bring a side (lettuce, tomatoes, beans, slaw, potato salad, etc.) or drinks. RSVP to Shirley Allin at 706.935.6695 and let her know what you plan on bringing. Hope to see you there!