



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- 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-2-School Bash
- September 11**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- September 15**
Membership Sunday
- September 17**
Mothers' Encouragement
Group
- September 18**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- September 19**
Memorial Hospital Lunch

"How are you?" "Fine"
That exchange takes place countless numbers of times every day. Sometimes it's an honest question and answer. More often, it's a cultural formality. It's the question you ask. It's the answer you give. It's polite conversation.

I'm not interested in knocking polite conversation. But we all know there are those moments when that question expresses deeper concerns, and the answer given conveys more significant information.

I'd suggest that perhaps a more appropriate response for believers would be to say, "I'm trusting the Lord."

That's a good answer which should always be true in good times and in those moments when life is difficult, if not painfully challenging.

I'm eager to return to our study of Exodus. But for a number of reasons, I'm going to wait until the first Sunday of September to rejoin the Israelites as they exodus out of Egypt.

This Lord's Day I want us to consider in broad strokes Psalms 120-134. In Psalm 125.1 the Psalmist teaches that "those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever."

Trusting the Lord has to do with things in our past, our present circumstances, and whatever He intends for our future.

Trusting the Lord is directly tied to believing in Him. But often when we speak of believing in Jesus, we're referring to that moment in time when we first understood Who He is

and what He has done for us through His life, death and resurrection.

But believing in Jesus should also include believing in His ascension, reign and return. Believing in Jesus is tied to trusting Him not only in relation to what He did at Calvary 2000 years ago, but also trusting Him for this present moment and for the days that yet lie before us in this world.

One of the purposes of corporate worship is to express and deepen our trust in Him. Psalms 120-134 were most likely sung by those approaching Jerusalem as they gathered together to corporately worship the Lord.

They were people just like us. In Psalm 120, the Psalmist is distressed. In Psalm 129 he's afflicted. In Psalm 130 he cries out to the Lord from the depths of despair. In Psalm 131 he speaks of hardships.

They were people just like us, living real lives in the real world.

But the encouraging and challenging truths of these Psalms are what the Psalmist experiences and expresses as he and others ascend into Jerusalem to worship the Lord as a body of believers.

I'm eager to walk with you through these fifteen Psalms. There's much here for us to consider and meditate upon as we gather Sunday morning to corporately worship our Lord. I hope you'll join us. See you Sunday, the Lord willing.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

August 18

Worship

Infants

Gretchen & Mollee Brown
& Esther McEachern

Creepers

Cathy, Grace
& Katie Smith

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Elijah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Tim & Susan
& Elyssa Gunter

Creepers

Julia Gracy & Rachel Miller

Toddlers

Allison Millard
& Isaiah Harris

P.M.

Need Volunteers

August Coordinator:

Kate Lambeth

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

Next Wednesday is the last chance to participate in Mission: Chattanooga from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

August 28	Baked Ziti
September 4	Chicken Casserole
September 11	BBQ
September 18	Spaghetti
September 25	Chicken and Rice
October 2	Creamy Sausage Pasta
October 9	Sweet and Sour Chicken/Egg Rolls
October 16	Meatball Subs
October 23	Cowboy Casserole
October 30	Chili
November 6	Lasagna
November 13	Chicken Tetrizzini
November 20	Meatloaf
November 27	No Meal-Thanksgiving Service
December 4	Chicken and Dumplings
December 11	Pizza

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 food, fun, inflatables and fellowship, followed by an informational meeting outlining this year's youth events.

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!

MOTHERS ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

The Mothers' Encouragement Group will start on the September 17 and meet every first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the school year. Please mark your calendar now to be a part of this wonderful group and contact Lucy Wykoff for more information or questions.

SINGING CONVENTION

A group will be journeying to the Lookout Mountain Singing Convention on Saturday, August 24. This is an annual shaped note or sacred harp community sing near Collinsville, Alabama. Plans are to leave CPC at 10:30 a.m., participate in the singing, have lunch on the grounds and return to CPC around 4:00 p.m. See Pastor Mullinax or Rex Wagner for more information.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all for your prayers before, during and after my surgery and for all the other expressions of love and concern - - the beautiful cards, telephone calls and meals. It is a blessing for John and me to be a part of such a caring and loving church family.

Sylvia Mills