



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

- August 24**  
Sanctuary Choir Christmas  
Preview Brunch
- August 25**  
Shepherding Groups Meet
- August 28**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Resumes  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Resume
- September 1**  
Lord's Supper Celebrated
- September 2**  
Labor Day - Church Office  
Closed
- September 4**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Children's Choir Begins  
Wednesday Night Activities
- September 7**  
Men's Breakfast
- September 8**  
Mission Committee Meeting  
Daconate Meeting  
Youth Back-2-School Bash
- September 11**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities
- September 15**  
Membership Sunday  
MS D-Groups  
HS Youth Meeting
- September 17**  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council Meeting
- September 18**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting
- September 19**  
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- September 20**  
Marriage Matters -  
Couples Retreat
- September 21**  
Marriage Matters -  
Couples Retreat
- September 22**  
Marriage Matters -  
Couples Retreat  
Shepherding Groups Meet  
MS D-Groups  
HS Youth Meeting

Novelist George MacDonald's definition of the "careless soul" is a description that confronts me. It is a careless soul, he explains, who receives good things as if they simply had a way of dropping into his hands. This same one is ever complaining that another is accountable for the setbacks he meets along the way. Writes MacDonald, "For the good that comes to him, he gives no thanks - who is there to thank? At the disappointments that befall him he grumbles - there must be someone to blame."

Whether an atheist denying the existence of God or a believer overlooking the blessings of God the contradiction seems obvious, even as it is ignored. To overlook the good in our lives is to state that there is no one to thank. To grumble is to declare that there is someone else to hold responsible. Which will it be?

To be thankful is to recognize that the blessing is bigger than me, that there is something or Someone working beyond me. Isn't the one who is thankful for the tree's shade and fruit, also thankful for the one who planted the tree? And more so for the One who made the tree?

The countless hints of kindness that surround us ... in moments of beauty, glimpses of order, tenderly spoken words, and felt provision ... are reminders that we are not alone; we are not orphans, but sons and daughters of a benevolent and omnipotent heavenly Father. A grateful soul (not a careless soul) is widened to wonder as it follows the sunbeam up to the sun. It is possible, with practice, to see only the light and not the source that offers it. But a thankful (and careful) heart, works to see that there is, in all things, Someone greater to thank.

The words of Psalm 103 are commanding and comforting: "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits! Who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that

your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (vv. 2-5). Throughout the Psalms we are regularly reminded to give thanks and praise to God. Here, the psalmist reminds us to remind ourselves why. Remember again and again the things He has done; forget not all of his benefits. Speak of his kindness, revel in his timely provision, remember the moments when He touched your life with redemption and mercy. It is wise (and careful) to do so, for there is Someone to thank.

While thanking the One from whom all blessings flow, I also would like to say thanks for all the good works done this summer ... Steps2Hope house build, May house work, and Mission: Chattanooga projects. Thanks to all those good works and gospel declarations done around the world. If you missed this past Sunday evening's summer global missions reports, you missed a real treat! Hopefully, as an evidence of God's gracious work in our lives, may these works, done on many levels by many people in many locations, prove to be honoring to our King and helpful to others.

Changing gears ... **Wednesday night** family suppers begin again on August 28 with regular activities following the meal time. Classes and groups that are in the works for Wednesday evenings are: Children's Choir, followed by all Covenant Corps classes, Youth Small Groups (this will change after the Back-2-School Bash), Sanctuary Choir (Jeremy Gaines), Prayer Group (Doug McEachern), a study on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians geared for couples, but not exclusively (begins Sept. 11, Jon Harris), Bible Leadership (begins in January, Pastors Dan Steere and John Herberich), and the Women's Ministry: a study on 2 Peter (Marla Neal), Gospel of John (Thurs a.m., Bev Mealor), Caring Bee (knitting fellowship, Carol Beatty) and another Bible study is in the planning stage. Please plan to join us.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

August 25

Worship

#### Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

#### Creepers

David & Kate Lambeth

#### Toddlers

Debbie & Becca Duble

#### Floater

Ryan Duble

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Sandra Nicely & Edyne Vatt

#### Creepers

Mike & Holly VanderGriend

#### Toddlers

Aaron & Michelle Self

#### August Coordinator:

Kate Lambeth

### GOALPOST/END ZONE PRAYER

FCA, CRU-Student Venture, Front Porch Alliance, Nehemiah Project and others are encouraging spectators, fans, parents and students to pray "ten minutes" before each football game this year. The kick-off of this ministry will be the August 23rd game between Brainerd and Ooltewah.

### 25TH ANNUAL FCA 5K/10K RUN

This year a new 10K option along the Chattanooga Waterfront, Tech shirts for all participants and a special recognition for Louis and Sandy Priddy have been added in honor of our silver anniversary. This annual event for FCA will be held Labor Day, September 2, at Chattanooga State Community College. All proceeds support FCA's ministry in southeast Tennessee. For more information visit [www.chattanoogaFCA.org](http://www.chattanoogaFCA.org).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Night Dinners return August 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the meal is served until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4 and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children 4 and under eat for free. The maximum family donation is \$15.

### MOTHERS ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

The Mothers' Encouragement Group will start on 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.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF

August 28, Wednesday, the Women's Ministry will have a short meeting after dinner in Schum Fellowship Hall. This year's fall Bible studies, book studies and fellowship groups will be presented.

### 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.

### 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.

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who recently joined CPC.

#### Don Sullins

Don Sullins is the father of Laura Fosgate and recently moved to Ringgold, GA.

#### John and Catherine Pippin

Charlotte, Grace  
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This family has been attending CPC for about a year.

#### Shannon Wilkie

Shannon is the daughter of Clint and Danielle Wilkie and in 6th grade.

#### Thomas Wilkie

Thomas is the son of Clint and Danielle Wilkie and in 7th grade.

### HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Ayusa is seeking host families for 3 Japanese 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) as soon as possible. Homes need to be provided by August 31st.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

August 28	Chicken Casserole
September 4	Taco Salad
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 Tetrastini
November 20	Meatloaf
November 27	No Meal-Thanksgiving Service
December 4	Chicken and Dumplings
December 11	Pizza