



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

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

May Baby Shower
Mission Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Youth Back-2-School Bash

September 11

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
MS Youth Meeting
HS D-Groups
Wednesday Night Activities

September 15

Membership Sunday
MS D-Groups
HS Youth Meeting

September 17

Mothers' Encouragement
Group
WM Council

September 18

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
MS Youth Meeting
HS D-Groups
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
MS D-Groups
HS Youth Meeting

I didn't realize until Friday morning of last week that I was to preach this past Sunday morning at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. services at First Presbyterian Church. For reasons you'd understand, I was somewhat concerned about my ability to do so, but – thank the Lord – all went well.

Tim Tinsley, the pastor of First PC, has asked other PCA pastors to preach on different occasions as a way of making his people more aware of their involvement in the Presbytery. When introduced to the congregation, I was referred to as a “father” of the Presbytery. Just what does that mean? Wait. Don't tell me. I think I know.

On Wednesday afternoon Gary, Ruth and Lilly were in Dallas, having flown from Cape Town via London. Getting through immigration took considerably longer than anticipated, causing them to miss their flight into Chattanooga. They were rerouted to Nashville, where they arrived at 12:30 a.m. (EDT) Thursday morning.

Linda, Heather, Gretchen and I left home at 9:30 and drove up to meet them. They were the last people off the plane – which left a certain Daddy and Grandpa rather anxious. We all returned home around 4:00 a.m. Gary, Ruth and Lilly have slowly gotten reoriented, and Lilly has begun to feel comfortable around her American grandparents.

By the way, Gary is looking for work. If you know of any job openings, give him a call (423.400.4443).

Sunday morning, neither Ruth nor Lilly felt well, so they stayed home. Gary accompanied me to First PC, while Linda worshiped with you. Gary drove us home after the second service, with me quietly repeating two words: “Stay right.” When we got home around 12:30 p.m. Sunday

afternoon, Linda's car wasn't in the driveway, so I was surprised to find her sitting in the kitchen - with her right leg propped up.

She had rear-ended a truck that was turning off East Brainerd onto Givens Road. (At least she hadn't run into a mailbox.) It was only a love tap, but hard enough that she severely twisted her ankle. The damage to the trunk was slight, but its trailer hitch put a hole in our front bumper. The Lord provided Mark and Cindy Donaldson to take care of Linda, park the car - the power steering no longer worked - and bring Linda home. I'm grateful to say, the gentlemen in the truck were more concerned about my wife than they were their vehicle.

Linda is recovering, though still walking with a limp. The car is at the repair shop. Everything seems to be under control. And we're grateful that our bumper and power steering appear to be the only damage. Of course, as you would expect, Linda was more concerned about the car than she was about her ankle.

Sunday we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. We'll be focused on Exodus 12-13, particularly the Feast of Unleavened Bread established by the Lord as a lasting memorial for the Children of Israel. What does this celebration have to do with us and why would the Lord command Israel to cut off from Israel any who ate leavened bread during this week of celebration? Clearly there is something of great importance going on here. I hope we will see that understanding the biblical significance of this festival is one more way by which we can be properly prepared to receive the bread and cup.

The Lord willing, I'll see you Sunday.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

September 1

Worship

Infants

Amy & Meg Wooten
& Rachel Getz

Creepers

Brian & Holly Lehmann

Toddlers

Mindy Horton
& Katherine Fisher

Floater

Scott Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Dusty & Rachel Kemp

Creepers

Heather & Grace Morrison
& Anna Steere

Toddlers

Patty Liner
& Jean Mauroner

September Coordinator:

Camille Platt

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Night Dinners are served from 5:30 p.m. 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.

WM BIBLE STUDIES

The Women's Ministry is offering two Bible studies this fall in addition to the Wednesday night studies.

Thursday mornings Bev Mealor will be teaching the Gospel of John in the Perseverer's classroom at 9:45 a.m. This class starts September 5 and the book *The God Who Cares and Knows You* is \$9.00. Please talk to Bev Mealor for more information.

The second Monday of each month, Eva Herberich and Dianne Lazor will be leading a study of the book of Philippians. This class will start September 9. If you are interested in this study, please talk to Eva or Dianne for more information.

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. Contact Lucy Wykoff with questions.

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.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

All Middle School and High School youth, and their parents, are invited to a Fall Retreat, October 25 to 27, at Ponderosa Bible Camp in Mentone, Alabama. We'll leave the church Friday at 6:00 p.m. and return Sunday around noon. The cost is \$55.00 (all inclusive!) and the registration forms are outside Chris's office. Register by October 13 by turning the form and money in to Chris or Reba Gregory.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The September birthday and anniversary calendar is now available at the Welcome Center.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Bryce and River May is being given on Sunday, September 8 immediately following Sunday School in Schum Fellowship Hall. Please join us in welcoming the twins to our church family and blessing them and their family with diapers, wipes or gift cards from Costco, Target or Amazon.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 7 at 8:30 a.m. Pastor Mullinax is speaking on "The Fruit of Failure: Lessons Learned From a Lame Lover."

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Choir for children ages 3 through 5th grade will be starting on September 4 at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor of our Education Wing. *God's Kids* is for 3 year olds through 5 year olds while *Covenant's Call* is for kindergarten through 5th grade.

CPC PRAYER CALENDAR

The *CPC Prayer Calendar* has been updated! This prayer tool covers all CPC members, family concerns, ministries, missionaries, personal growth in grace and the world in a one-month cycle. You may pick up a new copy of the *CPC Prayer Calendar* at the Welcome Center.

BLOODMOBILE

Make plan to donate to the Bloodmobile! Wednesday, September 25, the Blood Assurance Bloodmobile is stopping at Covenant Presbyterian Church from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Give the gift of life; one donation can save up to 3 lives. Donors must be 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds.

GAITHER VOCAL BAND CONCERT

If you would like to join others going to the Gaither Vocal Band Concert on Friday, November 8, at Memorial Auditorium please call Marilyn Swanson at 423.432.7726. Tickets cost \$42.00 each.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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 Tetrazzini
November 20	Meatloaf
November 27	No Meal-Thanksgiving Service
December 4	Chicken and Dumplings
December 11	Pizza