



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

#### **September 28**

Church Work Day  
Communicant Class

#### **September 29**

Shepherding Groups Meet

#### **October 1**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

#### **October 2**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Children's Choir  
MS Rt. 68  
HS D-Groups  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **October 3**

Ladies' Bible Study

#### **October 4**

CPC's 25th Anniversary  
Golf Outing

#### **October 5**

CPC's 25th Anniversary  
Men's Breakfast

#### **October 6**

CPC's 25th Anniversary  
Celebration  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Dinner on the Grounds  
Remembering CPC: 25 Years

#### **October 9**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Children's Choir  
MS Rt. 68  
HS D-Groups  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **October 10**

Ladies' Bible Study

#### **October 13**

Mission Committee Meeting  
MS D-Groups  
HS SNL

#### **October 14**

Clothes Swap  
Ladies' Evening Bible Study

#### **October 15**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

#### **October 16**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Children's Choir  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

#### **October 17**

Ladies' Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch

Between my first and second year of college, during the summer of 1966, I was working for USSteel when I received a call from Covenant College asking if I would work as a student recruiter in the Northeast. I eagerly accepted.

I have three clear memories of that summer.

As my boss was teaching me the ropes, we drove to an appointment in downtown Philly. It was a hot, muggy day in Delaware Valley. But we were riding in his air-conditioned Oldsmobile. That's my first memory of traveling in such comfort.

My second memory is not so pleasant. The college rented me a car, which in those days a nineteen-year old was allowed to do. I drove the sixty miles from my home in North Trenton to Long Beach Island to make a presentation on behalf of the college to the teenaged staff of Harvey Cedars Bible Conference.

On the way, I got nailed. As I drove through the pine barrens of south Jersey, I was pulled over by a New Jersey State Trooper. I was going sixty. The posted speed limit was fifty. At that time in New Jersey, the penalty for exceeding the speed limit by ten miles per hour was a one month suspension of your driver's license.

A week later I appeared in the Ocean County courthouse. I articulately explained to the judge that I needed to keep my license in order to earn enough money to return to college in September. He wasn't impressed. My license was revoked.

Given a one-day license, I returned home, called the college and told them my situation. Understandably, they weren't pleased. But instead of letting me go, I was told that a member of the college staff was in New Jersey at that moment,

that he'd be returning to the mountain in a couple of days and if I would accompany him, the college would put me to work on campus as a "go-fer." I eagerly accepted their offer.

My third memory is having Mrs. Barnes, the college President's wife, offer me a room in their home. I took it. And for the next month I lived with the Barnes', and worked for the college doing whatever was needed.

Honored by the college to be asked to serve as a student recruiter, losing that opportunity by my own foolishness (I knew the law), I was provided with work on campus and invited by Mrs. Barnes to live with them until the semester began.

That was quite a summer: Honor, failure, mercy.

That was nearly fifty years ago. But Mrs. Barnes' graciousness to me, and the college's mercy, will always serve as an example to me of how the love of Christ is manifested through His people.

Sunday, we will conclude our quick survey of 1 John. We've turned to this little book in the midst of our study of Exodus because it ends with these words: "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

John teaches us that children of the Light will walk in the Light and keep their Lord's commandments. John summarizes those commandments, as did Jesus, by reminding us that those who have experienced the love of Christ will love as they have been loved.

That summer of 1966 I was so loved.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

September 29

#### Worship

##### Infants

Britt Collier  
& Bev Roop

##### Creepers

Dawn & Emilia Reynolds

##### Toddlers

Emily & Cary Calloway

##### Floater

Andrew Schreiner

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Domekia & Ellie Gaines  
& Peg May

##### Creepers

Susan Close & Sue Spalding

##### Toddlers

Adam & Leanna Cathey

### September Coordinator:

Camille Platt

### CPC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Remember to mark your calendars on October 6 for CPC's 25th Anniversary Celebration. The *25th Anniversary Worship Service* is at 9:30 a.m. with no Sunday School. *Dinner on the Grounds* follows the worship service. Fried chicken, smoked chicken, barbecue pork, salad and drinks will be provided. Families with the last name beginning with A to M are asked to bring family-sized side dishes (vegetables, casseroles, fruit, etc.) and families with the last name beginning with N to Z are asked to bring family-sized desserts. Around 1:15 p.m. *Remembering CPC: 25 Years* will be held in the sanctuary. Dr. Rob Rayburn will be our special speaker during both services. This is a special time in our church history and we would like all of our current and former members, visitors, friends and family of the church to join us in celebrating God's mercy and grace to CPC.

### CPC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF OUTING

If you are interested in attending the Golf Outing celebrating CPC's 25th Anniversary on October 4 at Nob North, please contact Pastor Mullinax. Tee times begin at 1:04 p.m. Registration is necessary, so sign up early!

### CPC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY MEN'S BREAKFAST

The October's Men's Breakfast is a part of the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Dr. Rayburn is speaking on *Leaders, Lovers, and Limpers*. Make plans to join the CPC Men on Saturday, October 5, at 8:30 a.m. for a great breakfast, a wonderful time of fellowship and a very special speaker.



### CPC PUZZLES

In honor of our 25th Anniversary, puzzles with a beautiful picture of the church are available outside Mark Wilson's office. We are asking a minimum donation of \$30.00 per puzzle but will welcome larger contributions. All donations will go to the Building Fund to help retire our debt.

### COMMUNICANT CLASS

A Communicant class for young people preparing to make a public profession of faith and join the church begins Saturday, September 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the Pastors Classroom. The course will be guided primarily at home by parents of the prospective communicants with only a couple of corporate meetings led by Pastor Mullinax. The coursework is geared for ages 10 and up. The cost of materials is \$10. See Pastor Mullinax for introductory information.

### FREE BOOKS

The church library is being re-organized and many individual and sets of books are being given away free! Please stop by the tables outside the library now and pick up books you want.

### CHURCH WORK DAY

There will be a church work day on September 28 to prepare the church for our 25th Anniversary Celebration. Please join us from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to help make our facility and grounds look good. There will be a continental breakfast available at 8:00 a.m.

### BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS BANQUET

Come join with 13 area churches, October 13, for a prayer service for our students, teachers and administrators as well as a dinner to fund Bible history classes for East Hamilton Middle/High School and Tyner Academy. More information is available in the lobby.

### 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 at the Welcome Center. Register by October 9 by turning the form and money in to Chris or Reba Gregory.

### 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.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for October 2: K. Henry, E. Brown, J. Hildebrand, D. Hobbs and A. Sanders. Please contact Pete Johnson (deacon in charge) to let him know you can help.

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who recently joined us.

#### Gary & Phyllis Waldecker

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Gary and Phyllis serve as missionaries with PCA's Mission to the World. They train new missionaries and are in Bogota, Columbia, for the next three months. The daughters are here while their parents are away.

### CLOTHING SWAP

It's time to clean out your closets again! Bring items you do not wear, like, or that do not fit and swap them for something you can use. There are usually men's, women's, kid's, infant's and maternity clothes with the occasional household item thrown in. Even if you don't have anything to bring, come "shop." Bring your items and lay them out on the tables provided in Schum Fellowship Hall and stay to shop! Monday, October 14, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is the "shopping" time with clean-up on Tuesday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wade at 706.937.5951.