



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

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Group

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MS Rt. 68
HS D-Groups
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

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Chicks 'n Chocolate

October 20

Membership Sunday
MS D-Groups
HS SNL

October 23

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
Wednesday Night Activities

October 25

Youth Fall Retreat

"What in the world are we doing?" That's what I was thinking the Easter celebration of 1988. East Ridge Presbyterian Church (ERPC) was packed. Many expressed their appreciation for the Worship that I think was honoring to the Lord.

Earlier that year more than 90% of the members of ERPC present and voting confirmed their support for the Session's decision to plant a new church in the East Brainerd community. That first service of Covenant Presbyterian Church (CPC) was scheduled to be held in the "cafetorium" of West View Elementary School on the third Sunday of April, the Sunday following Easter in 1988.

I can't tell you it was a great step of faith. I don't ever remember thinking of it in those terms. Instead, after months of prayer, discussion and planning, it was clear that this was what we were supposed to do. Some doubted the wisdom of the plans. A few thought the plans were wrong. The over-whelming majority confidently believed we were obediently following the path the Lord had placed before us.

I confess that uppermost in my mind following our Easter celebration was the thought, "What in the world are we doing?" Now, this Sunday, October 6, we will celebrate what the Lord has done over the past twenty-five years.

How many of our present communicate and non-communicate members are less than twenty-five years old? How many have been married for less than twenty-five years? How many babies have been born during the past twenty-five years? My official answer is, lots!

During the past twenty-five years we've wept over our momentary separation from some members, friends and family members whom the Lord has called into His presence.

When CPC began we had few members sixty years of age or older to provide us with their wisdom and experience. The average age of the Session was around forty.

The Session's average age is now around fifty-five. As a church we have a healthy spectrum of ages. There are still many young families, lots of children and a steady supply of newborns. But we also have several older members who have been with CPC for many years who provide the wisdom that can be gained only from experience.

Sunday morning through early afternoon we will celebrate our 25th anniversary.

Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Robert Rayburn, Senior Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, Washington will be preaching. (Dr. Rayburn will also be speaking to the men at their breakfast Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.) There will be no Sunday School.

Approximately ten minutes after Morning Worship ends, we will enjoy "dinner on the grounds." The meat and drinks will be provided. Families whose last name begin with A through M are asked to bring family-sized side dishes. Families whose last name begin with N through Z are asked to provide family-sized desserts. Miss Mary will tend to the dishes provided, as she has for the last twenty-five years. Seats will be available in Schum Fellowship Hall and beneath a tent on the lawn to the east of the Welcome Center.

Following dinner, we will re-gather in the Sanctuary for a *Remembering CPC: 25 Years*.

It will be a day of thanksgiving, praise and celebration of twenty-five years in the making. I hope you can join us as we raise our "Ebenezer" to the Lord (1 Samuel 4.1, 5.1, 7.12) and celebrate, by the Lord's grace and strength, what He has been doing in and through us for this past quarter of a century.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

October 6

Worship

Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

Creepers

Heather & Grace Morrison

Toddlers

Jonah, Elijah
& Isaiah Harris

Floater

Mandi Johnson

October Coordinator:

Teri Akovenko

CPC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

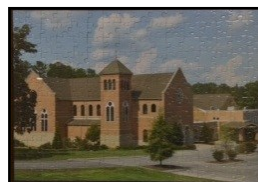
Remember to mark your calendars on October 6 for CPC's 25th Anniversary Celebration. The *25th Anniversary Worship Service* is at 9:30 a.m. with no Sunday School. *Dinner on the Grounds* follows the worship service. Fried chicken, smoked chicken, barbecue pork, salad and drinks will be provided. Families 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 *Leading and Loving with a Limp*. 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 at the Welcome Center. 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.

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, kids', infants' 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.

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 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 9: K. Henry, E. Brown, J. Hildebrand, D. Hobbs and A. Sanders. Please contact ?????? (deacon in charge) to let him know you can help.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

On Friday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. the women of CPC are invited to Diane Lazor's home for a movie night. Bring a sweet or salty treat to share and be ready to enjoy the movie "Amazing Grace". RSVP to Leanna Cathey (leannacathey@gmail.com) if you are able to attend.

STEPS2HOPE OPPORTUNITY

Steps2Hope, the local non-profit organization that built a house for Andrew and Tori Smith, would like to announce two opportunities to partner with them.

On Saturday, October 12, they will be hosting a work day at the Smith's home beginning at 9:00 am. There will be many jobs available for all ages and abilities, so feel free to make it a family service outing! Please bring work gloves and yard tools if you have them.

Also, Tazikis restaurant has offered to donate a portion of their sales to Steps2Hope on the FIRST Tuesday of EACH month! They have two locations: downtown across the street from Panera Bread and on Gunbarrel Road in the shopping strip behind Dairy Queen (to the left of Babies R Us and The Dollar Tree). Please visit the website for information about our newest project...Team Austin!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- October 9 Sweet and Sour Chicken/Egg Rolls
- October 16 Meatball Subs
- October 23 Cowboy Casserole
- October 30 Chili
- November 6 Lasagna