



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

November 23

Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Box Filling

November 24

Morning Worship Service
Evening Service-Deacon/Elder
Candidate Introductions

November 27

Thanksgiving Service

November 28

Thanksgiving-Office Closed

November 29

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December 1

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Youth/Parent Meetings

December 3

Last Mothers' Encouragement
Group for the Year

December 4

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
MS Christmas Caroling
HS Gift Wrapping
Wednesday Night Activities

December 5

Ladies' Bible Study

December 7

Youth Service Project-Soup
Kitchen
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Sanctuary Choir Lunch

December 8

Morning Worship Service
Mission Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Sanctuary Choir Christmas
Concert

December 9

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

December 11

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir
MS Christmas Caroling
HS Gift Wrapping
Wednesday Night Activities

December 13

WM Christmas Dinner

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held December 8, 2013, in the sanctuary immediately following morning worship.

The main purpose of this meeting will be for the members of CPC to decide whether to confirm the Session's recommendations for the offices of Elder, Deacon and Trustee.

To facilitate this procedure, this coming Sunday evening, November 24, those nominated for the offices of Deacon and Elder will share with you a word of testimony so that you might more wisely judge whether to vote to confirm them.

Nominated for the office of Deacon are:

Jeremy Armao
Ron Fullam
Dusty Kemp
Richard Mauroner

Nominated for the office of Elder are:

Tony Horton
Tracy Wright
John Wykoff

These men have met with me since September to review the PCA's belief, practices and stories. I always enjoy teaching this class. These men are sincere in their desire to serve and genuinely embrace the responsibilities of the office for which they are nominated and are judged by the Session to be in conformity with that system of doc-

trine taught in the Westminster Confession and Catechisms.

The office of Trustee is required by the state. Trustees serve as our legal representatives, but can only take those actions approved by the congregation meeting as a corporation.

Please join us this coming Sunday evening.

Wednesday evening, November 27, there will be a service of thanksgiving in Schum Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and share a word of thanksgiving.

Linda and I, Boo and Eric, Susan and Dan, Patty and Mark, Domekia and Jeremy, and Reba and Chris – we all hope you have an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Great is His Faithfulness.

Next week, because of the holiday, there will be no Newsletter. Linda and I will celebrate Thanksgiving in Asheville. We'll return on Saturday. The next day, Sunday, December 1, is the first week of Advent. Where did the year go?

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

YOUTH EVENTS

Youth and Parent Tubing:

The youth and their parents will be tubing on January 25 at Stone Mountain Park in Georgia. The cost is \$20 per person with extra money for lunch. You must sign up outside Chris's office by December 1 with a \$10 deposit. Please give the deposit to Chris or Sam.

SNL (HS):

Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please sign-up outside Chris's office.

Gift Wrapping on Wednesday, December 4 & 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The high school small groups will offer FREE gift wrapping to our church members. Whether you have one or 100 gifts, we are ready to wrap! Donations of wrapping paper and ribbon would be appreciated.

Christmas Party is Saturday, December 21, starting at 6:00 p.m. the home of Tony and Tracy Horton.

Route 68 (MS):

Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 4 & 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the middle school small groups will be visiting local retirement homes to sing Christmas Carols to the residents.

Christmas Party is Saturday, December 14, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Chris & Reba Gregory.

RENT-A-YOUTH

Rent-A-Youth helps our students raise the needed funds to attend youth activities. The youth need to raise money throughout the year, so more jobs are needed. If you would like to *Rent-a-Youth*, request forms are outside of Chris' office or at the welcome center. Have questions or a request? Please email Christine Morrison at rpgchatt@comcast.net.

GRATEFUL GOBBLER

People from all walks of life will gather together for the three-mile Grateful Gobbler Walk held on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 a.m., beginning and ending at Coolidge Park. Proceeds from the event are distributed to groups such as the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and the Chattanooga Homeless Coalition to help the needy in our community. For more information or to register, visit gratefulgobbler.org.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

It is time to order *Offering Envelopes* for 2014. Please email or call Carol by December 15 and let her know if you want weekly, monthly or quarterly envelopes.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

This coming Sunday evening, November 24, at 6:00 p.m. those nominated for the offices of Deacon and Elder will share with you a word of testimony so that you might more wisely judge whether to vote to confirm them. Please plan to attend this service.

WOMENS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner will be Friday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for 12 and under. Pre-registration and payment is required by Sunday, December 8. A nursery will be available for those pre-registered. This year's focus ministry is CRU, an outreach at Brainerd High School.

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 December 4: D. Grant, M. Lander, M. Walker and K. Brown. Please contact Brian Lehmann (deacon in charge) to let him know you can help.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember our college students as you pray. Here are a few of the many we have:

Jamie Martof
Amy Morris
Kendall Ray
Luke Rogers

Berry College
Covenant College
University of Alabama
UTK

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts to deliver to needy children around the world at Christmas time. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. For more details, click [here](#) to visit OCC's website. *November 23 is the deadline for boxes and items.* Call Judy Foster for more information.

COVENANT CORPS SCHEDULE

November 27:

No Covenant Corps - Thanksgiving Service

December 4:

Christmas Party

ADVENT CALENDAR

The Advent Calendars for the families with children (through 5th grade) are available for pickup at the Welcome Center.

WMBW AT CPC

WMBW is having a special remote radio broadcast on Tuesday, December 3, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as part of their celebration of being in broadcasting for 40 years and in anticipation of the *Walk Worth Men's Conference* being held at CPC on March 8. Tune in and listen that day (88.9 FM) as the broadcast will include interviews of some of our folks.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed the following days:
Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving
Friday, November 29 - Thanksgiving

MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Jeff Vaughn and his family will be in the Choir Room during the Sunday School hour as the finale to our Missions Conference. All are welcomed!

Nursery Schedule

November 24

Worship

Infants

Matt & Amy Wooten
& Need Volunteer

Creepers

Jessica Greer
& Camille Platt

Toddlers

Tammy & Lexi Bacon

Floater

Elijah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Jim & Connie Hildebrand

Creepers

Sarah & Maggie Wade

Toddlers

Selah & Sophia Cross

November Coordinator:

Cayce Weekley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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