



# The eNewsletter

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

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### **February 14**

Forever 39ers Lee Concert

#### **February 15**

Prison Training Meeting  
Youth Service Project

#### **February 16**

Morning Worship Service  
Membership Sunday  
Parents of Teen Meets  
MS D-Groups  
HS SNL

#### **February 18**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

#### **February 19**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meets

#### **February 20**

Ladies' Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch  
PCA Women's Leadership  
Conference in Atlanta

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PCA Women's Leadership  
Conference in Atlanta

#### **February 23**

Morning Worship Service  
Shepherding Groups Meet

#### **February 26**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **February 27**

Ladies' Bible Study

#### **March 1**

Men's Breakfast  
Amani Ya Juu Renovations

#### **March 2**

Morning Worship Service  
Parents of Teens Meets  
MS D-Groups  
HS SNL

#### **March 4**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council

Three weeks ago, Linda, Grandma J. and I met Linda's sister and brother-in-law in Murphy, NC. Following lunch, Linda and I returned to Chattanooga while Carol and Joel took Grandma J. back to their home (and hers) in Asheville. It would be the first time she'd been back "home" since Grandpa J. went home to be with the Lord.

On our way back to Chattanooga, Linda and I listened to the convocation speech delivered at Covenant College in August of 2005 by Dr. Will Barker. A couple of months ago in a sermon, I listed Dr. Barker as one of my heroes. When he was a student at Princeton University, he worshiped at our church in Trenton and ate Sunday dinner with us on a few occasions. Dr. Barker was my history professor at Covenant College and he played baseball for Princeton and, most significantly, is an exemplary godly man.

2005 was Covenant College's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He had written a book rehearsing Covenant College's first fifty years.

Covenant College began in Pasadena, California, in 1955 under the control of the Bible Presbyterian Church. The BPC was established in the late 1930's by conservatives who had withdrawn from the Northern Presbyterian congregations.

I won't take the time to explain but, because of some sad circumstances, the BPC split into two denominations forcing Covenant College to move from Pasadena to St. Louis in 1956 where it shared a campus with Covenant Theological Seminary. The governing body of Covenant College was still called the BPC. In 1956 it had a membership (as a denomination) of 6,000.

The student bodies of the college and seminary continued to grow. By 1963 there was a need of new buildings to be constructed on the St. Louis Campus. The cost of expansion was estimated at \$300,000 - a lot of money in 1963.

A member of the college board told his fellow trustees that an abandoned hotel atop Lookout Mountain was for sale. The trustees did not believe moving the college to Lookout Mountain was a good idea. The Evangelical Presbyterian Church (as it was now called)

was located primarily in the midwest and northeast, and no EPC congregation was located anywhere near Lookout Mountain.

Dr. Rayburn, the founder and first president of Covenant College, rode the train from St. Louis to Chattanooga to take a look at the "Castle in the Clouds." He realized quickly that the old hotel could meet all the college's needs. So the trustees put in a bid of \$250,000 for the hotel and 17 acres of land. They knew that others had offered more but they chose to "test the waters."

In God's providence, the trustee's bid was accepted. A down payment of \$125,000 was paid with the balance financed by American National Bank.

In the fall of 1964 Covenant College held its first classes atop Lookout Mountain. At the same time an EPC congregation began to meet in the southern end of what is now called Carter Hall.

In 1965 the EPC merged with another small Presbyterian denomination and once more changed its name to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod.

At that time,

- no one knew that eventually the RPCES would one day merge with the PCA, a denomination situated primarily in the southeast;
- no one knew that one day several Southern Presbyterian Churches in Chattanooga would also join the PCA, including Lookout Mountain PC;
- no one knew that a ruling elder at Lookout Mountain PC, Frank Brock, would one day serve for fifteen years as the President of Covenant College;
- no one knew that several foundations located in Chattanooga would prove extremely generous in their support of Covenant College.

But God knew and look at what God hath wrought. Clearly God has done far greater things than a tiny denomination of 6,000 members could have ever asked or imagined.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule February 16

#### Worship

##### Infants

Esther McEachern  
& Sandi Schreiner

##### Creepers

Kenyon & Marcy Wilson

##### Toddlers

Adam & Millie Sanders

##### Floater

Andrew Schreiner

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Peg May & Lynda Brown

##### Creepers

Amy Wright  
& Cayce Weekley

##### Toddlers

Ingrid Guyton  
& Amy Maclellan

#### February Coordinator:

Teri Akovenko

### YOUTH

Youth Service Project-the youth will meet Saturday, February 15, at 8:30 a.m. to do a community service project. Please contact Chris or Sam for more details.

The Dare-2-Share Conference is March 14-15 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. This event is open to all 6th - 12th grade students. The cost is \$56 if registered by February 26. The cost will go up to \$69 after February 26. Please see Chris Gregory or Sam Hobbs to sign up.

The Edge Middle School Conference is June 16 thru June 20 at Covenant College and costs \$275. There is a waiting list so turn in your deposit of \$50 with a registration form to Chris Gregory or Sam Hobbs by April 27.

### WM SPRING SEMINAR

Sandy Hartley from First Presbyterian Church is the key note speaker of this year's WM Spring Seminar. Sandy will be speaking on *Kingdom Daughters Covenantally Connecting*. Please make plans now to attend the seminar March 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$5.00 and lunch will be provided. Please sign up for childcare when you register. Contact Catherine Coffey (423.991.6299) or Joan Denkinger (423.899.8385) for more information or with questions.

### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

Chris Gaither  
Alyssa Griffin  
Bethany Griffin  
Eric Griggs

UTC  
Berry College  
Vanderbilt  
Georgia Tech

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and 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.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of February: D. Grant, M. Lander, M. Walker and K. Brown. Please contact Steve Leach (deacon in charge) to let him know you can help.

### PRISON MENTOR MINISTRY TRAINING

The next Prison Mentor Ministry Training to serve at Walker State Prison in nearby Rock Spring, GA (the first and only faith and character based prison in Georgia) will be here at CPC on February 15. The orientation and training session are for adult men from our area churches and will take place Saturday, February 15, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For details, contact Alan Bonderud (423-903-3700 or arbonderud@gmail.com) or Eric Mullinax (423-899-5377 or emullinax@covenantchattanooga.org.)

### CHOIR CONCERT

The CPC Sanctuary Choir is presenting a Spring Concert on March 23 at 6:00 p.m. Please plan on attending and keep looking for more information to follow.

### Amani Ya Juu Renovations

Building renovations are needed at the CPC supported ministry, Amani Ya Juu, in their warehouse. Skilled and unskilled help is needed so there is an opportunity for everyone to help! Work is after the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 1. The warehouse is located in the Highland Park area at 420 South Willow Street, Chattanooga, TN. For more information, please contact Lewis Reid at 423.227.2367 or l.g.reid@epbf.com.

### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. The third Thursday of each month, we provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you can contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes or fruit this week, please call or email the church office.

### 2014 FCA ROAD TO VICTORY BANQUET

This year's FCA banquet features Chette Williams, the Auburn Football Chaplain. The banquet is Tuesday, March 4, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Chattanooga Convention Center. FCA's Jay Fowler is supported by CPC and ministers to student athletes and coaches throughout Chattanooga and southeast Tennessee. Contact Jay Fowler or Eric Mullinax for more information.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Your help is needed!** It is our Covenant privilege and responsibility to help care for our babies, toddlers and children. Please consider joining the nursery volunteer team. Heather needs all volunteers by this Sunday, February 16, as she is planning the schedule for the next 6 months. If you are currently volunteering and would like to change your scheduled time or you are new, you can fill out the forms at the Welcome Center or you can call (706.891.8754) or email (jehHeather directly). Heather especially needs volunteers for Easter Sunday, April 20.

### CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

#### TO THE DIRECTORY

Please be sure to make the following changes in your CPC Church Directory:

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Ann Irvin..... Apt. 227  
John & Becky Pearce..... zip code 37421

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

February 19 Taco Salad  
February 26 Cowboy Casserole  
March 5 Breakfast  
March 12 Baked Ziti  
March 19 Chicken & Rice  
March 26 Meatball Subs  
April 2 Heide's Surprise  
April 9 Meatloaf  
April 16 No Meal - Seder Dinner