



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

February 28

Chicks 'n Chocolate

March 1

Men's Breakfast
Amani Ya Juu Renovations

March 2

Lord's Supper Celebrated
HS Junior/Senior Study of
WCF
Parents of Teens Meets
MS D-Groups
HS SNL

March 4

Mothers' Encouragement
Group
WM Council

March 5

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

March 6

Ladies' Bible Study

March 8

Youth Bowling Event
Spring Forward! DST Begins

March 9

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

March 10

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

March 12

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

March 13

Ladies' Bible Study

March 14

Youth Dare2Share

March 15

Youth Dare2Share
WM Spring Retreat

March 16

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

Thank you for your faithful prayers as I ministered in Ghana this past month. God blessed the trip and I am very encouraged by all that happened. Here are just a few of the highlights.

The first week we traveled to Bolganga, a city near Ghana's border with Burkina Faso. This far north, the influence of the Sahara was evident in the pervasive heat, the barren topography, and the dust-laden air. The conference on Biblical Marriage was sponsored by the local ministerial association and included representatives from a number of denominations. It was our first conference in this city and all those attending agreed it was profitable. On Thursday morning, we met with a pastor from Burkina Faso – a leader in the Assemblies of God – to discuss teaching a conference in his country. He was enthusiastic about the possibility and we arranged to correspond by email. This Romans conference should take place within the next year and will reach pastors from as many as five French-speaking countries.

Sam Oppong and I then drove 8 hours south to Sunyani where I preached on Sunday at Jubilee Chapel International. The next day, I began teaching at the MINTS Bible School that ELI has helped establish in that city. For the first 2 ½ days I taught Our Covenant God, a survey of Covenant Theology, God's Plan of Redemption, and Sacraments. Most of these leaders had never heard anything like this but, as is common in W. Africa, they listened carefully and asked lots of questions. They were particularly struck by the importance of the Old Testament in understanding the New Testament. This is something they are not taught and, as a result, they often misunderstand even the NT passages they use. The second half of the week, I taught the book of Hebrews which gives many practical examples of

NT dependence upon the OT. This week I also discovered that one of these leaders is teaching through Romans on the radio two times each week. His teaching has a potential audience of over three million listeners!

The following week I was in Kumasi and again taught the MINTS courses. These Biblical concepts were new to the Kumasi students as well, and none of these leaders had ever studied through Hebrews! One of their biggest concerns was how to handle believers who fall into sin. They believe such people lose their salvation. I tried to assure them that this was not the case, but they were skeptical until we came on Friday to Heb. 10:14: *"For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."* The Lord encouraged me to spend some time on this verse, explaining that those who are already "perfected" are still being sanctified, i.e. they still have sin in their lives. The light of understanding began to shine from the eyes of leaders all around the room as they grasped this comforting truth from God's Word.

I remained in Kumasi for my final week, teaching 1 Timothy to about 100 pastors and leaders. By this point in the trip, the long teaching days were taking a toll and your prayers were particularly appreciated! In this book, Paul speaks out strongly against the love of money – an issue of great import in Ghana because of the strong influence of the "Prosperity Gospel." Once again, God's Word had a powerful impact on these leaders and they were openly appreciative of the teaching.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of equipping African leaders and I'm so thankful for your encouragement in that work.

~Pastor Steere



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

March 2

Worship

Infants

Emily Elwood
& Diana Bowers

Creepers

Audrey Waldecker
& Allison Colberg

Toddlers

Karen Saxton
& Julia Bowers

Floater

John Mark Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Kimberly & Courtney
Swanson & Domekia Gaines

Creepers

Tammy & William Higgins
& Karen Fullam

Toddlers

John & Eva Herberich

March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

March 5	Breakfast
March 12	Baked Ziti
March 19	Chicken & Rice
March 26	Meatball Subs
April 2	Heidie's Surprise
April 9	Meatloaf
April 16	No Meal - Seder Dinner

YOUTH

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.

Bowling is planned for Saturday, March 8, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Pin Strikes. See Chris Gregory or Sam Hobbs for more information.

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 soon to Chris Gregory or Sam Hobbs by April 27.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Chicks 'n Chocolate - This month, CPC women are meeting in Schum Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 28, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a game night! Please RSVP to Catherine Coffey (423.991.6299) or Joan Denkinger (423.899.8385) if you are planning on attending.

Spring Seminar - Sandy Hartley, the Mid-America Regional Advisor for the PCA's National Women's Ministry Team, is the keynote 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. Registration deadline is March 9 so please sign up today! Contact Catherine Coffey (423.991.6299) or Joan Denkinger (423.899.8385) with questions or for more information.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

Taylor Helton	Chattanooga State
David Herberich	UTK
Jonathan Herberich	UT Dental School/Memphis
Sam Hobbs	UTC

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 March: D. Grant, M. Lander, M. Walker and K. Brown. Please contact Steve Leach (deacon in charge) to let him know you can help.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: RETURN TO REYNOSA

Remember to save the dates and start planning your wonderful, family-friendly mission trip to Reynosa this Summer from June 7 to 13. More information coming soon so keep an eye out!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, March 1, the Men's Ministry of CPC would like to invite men of all ages for the monthly men's breakfast. Dee Hobbs is this month's speaker and his title is "*We few, we happy few, we band of brothers: A call to action.*" Please join us for great fellowship, food, discussion and prayer at 8:30 a.m.

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.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who recently joined us.

John & Camille Ambrose

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John-423.650.6641
Camille-423.650.7075
camjay@epbf.com

John and Camille are a retired couple who have been regularly attending CPC for almost two years. They moved here from Pennsylvania to be close to family.

Christopher Gregory

Christopher is the 7 year old son of Chris and Reba Gregory. He is in first grade at CCS.

John & Ellen Heider

8594 Festival Loop, Chattanooga TN 37419
John-336.213.6450, jheider@epbf.com
Ellen-336.214.4728, eheider@epbf.com

John and Ellen are the stepfather and mother of Chris Gregory. They moved to this area about a year ago.

Aaron Lazor

Aaron is the 18 year old son of Nick and Diane Lazor and is a senior at CCS.

CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

TO THE DIRECTORY

Please be sure to make the following changes in your CPC Church Directory:
Bill & Judy Foster
.....6497 Hickory Brook Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421