



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

March 8

Youth Bowling Event
Spring Forward! DST Begins

March 9

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

March 10

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

March 11

WM Council Meets

March 12

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

March 13

Ladies' Bible Study

March 14

Youth Dare2Share

March 15

Youth Dare2Share
WM Spring Seminar

March 16

Morning Worship Service
Membership Sunday
HS Junior/Senior study
of WCF
Parents of Teen Meets
MS D-Groups
HS SNL

March 18

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

March 19

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meets

March 20

Ladies' Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry

March 22

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

March 23

Spring Choir Concert

March 26

Wednesday Night Supper

Several weeks ago, Melissa was preparing to lead us in morning worship by singing an arrangement of one of the Psalms. But she chose not to do so. In fact she told me she couldn't. Of course she could. But she couldn't. Why? Because it was "Patty's song."

Tuesday evening, at Patty's request, Melissa sang "Patty's song." Psalm 27.

I've known Patty for over fifty years. I'd guess I've heard her sing the 27th Psalm more than 30 times. The first time was during chapel when we were students at Covenant College.

In the second verse of Psalm 27, David speaks of being attacked by a flesh eating enemy. We don't know precisely the circumstances of which David speaks but we do know David's enemy wasn't cancer.

Cancer was Patty's enemy - an enemy against which she battled for more than nine years. Despite the battle, Patty joined with the Psalmist in testifying: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Because of her obedient faith in Jesus, Patty did not fear death. She knew that when we found her absent from her body, she would be present with her Lord.

Patty did have lots of concerns. Concerns for Mark, her daughters, her sons-in-law, her grandchildren, her mother, her sisters and their families...and for many of you, her extended family.

The last time I visited Patty she was barely able to talk but, as our brief conversation began she immediately

asked me about one of my grandsons and his physical challenges. That was Patty. Her love for her Lord evidenced itself in her love for her husband, family and extended family.

Like the Psalmist, Patty was always eager to come into the house of the Lord, to gaze upon His beauty and to live her life in a worshipful manner each and every day.

Now she has entered The House of the Lord. She no longer sees through a glass darkly as she gazes upon His beauty and in that House she will live forevermore. The Lord has lifted her up (27.6) and you can be sure that she's once more singing and making melody to the Lord.

In the final two verses of Psalm 27, David expresses His confidence that he will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

More than nine years ago Patty was told she had six months to live. The Lord had other plans and Patty experienced the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living in this world.

Now she is experiencing a goodness far greater than anything she could have imagined. For now she lives in a land of people more alive than we can imagine.

I am confident Patty would have me speak to you - her immediate family and her extended family - the closing words of Psalm 27: "Wait for the Lord...be strong...and let your heart take courage...wait for the Lord."

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule
March 9

Worship

Infants

Jeanie Ray & Reita Pierce

Creepers

Heather & Grace Morrison
& Andrea Waldecker

Toddlers

Jack Cross
& Nathan Bowers

Floater

Olivia Bowers

Sunday School

Infants

Sandra Nicely
& Eunice Martin

Creepers

Adam & Leanna Cathey

Toddlers

Susan Mobley
& Craig Miller

March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

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 \$69. Please see Chris Gregory or Sam Hobbs to sign up.

Bowling is planned for this 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

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 and lunch will be provided. Please sign up for childcare when you register. Registration deadline is this Sunday, March 9! Contact Catherine Coffey (423.991.6299) or Joan Deninger (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:

Abbey Horton	Covenant College
Drew Lazor	UTC
Alexis Liner	UGA
Kristen Liner	Southern Polytechnic State University

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!

PRESWIC EVENT

All women are invited to attend a PRESWIC Event at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga. Karen Hodges, who is the new Women's Coordinator for the PCA, is speaking. The cost is \$10 and dinner is included. Contact First Presbyterian Church for more information.

NEEDED: HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS TRIP

First Presbyterian Church Chattanooga (FPCC) is putting together a missions team to minister to people living in the Mathare Valley area of Nairobi, Kenya. FPCC has taken teams there in recent years. This year will mark the first time that a medical team has been included. Currently two MDs have committed to go (both subspecialists). The need is for several other physicians or high-level medical providers (NPs or PAs), especially with primary-care expertise, and nurses. Trip is June 16 to 25, 2014. **For more information**, please contact Dr. Steve Hawkins at 423-265-2737.

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: E. Brown, K. Henry, J. Hildebrand, A. Sanders and J. Wykoff. Please contact Steve Leach (deacon in charge) to let him know you can help.

SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

The CPC Sanctuary Choir is presenting a Spring Concert on March 23 at 6:00 p.m. *Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs* will feature the CPC Sanctuary Choir with a full orchestra. This concert will take different styles of music and represent different texts from the Bible. On the following evening, this concert will be presented to the inmates at Walker State Prison as part of CPCs Prison Ministry. Please plan on attending this wonderful time of worship through music.

FROM THE WILSONS

Our daughters and I, along with all our family members, are extremely grateful for the love and support you have shown Patty and us; not just these last few days, but for the last nine years. The immense pain is covered by the amazing peace of God and all your compassion. We are weak and shaky, but our hope is firm (Romans 15.13). From the bottom of our hearts thank you!

Mark, Anna & Becca

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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
April 23	Sweet & Sour Chicken
April 30	Taco Salad
May 7	Grilled Chicken/Fettuccini
May 14	Cowboy Casserole