



The eNewsletter

March 13, 2014

A publication of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 8451 East Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421
423.899.5377 www.covenantchattanooga.org

From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- March 14**
Youth Dare2Share
- March 15**
Youth Dare2Share
WM Spring Seminar
- March 16**
Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Membership Sunday
Reynosa Informational Meeting
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**
Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Spring Choir Concert
- March 26**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- March 30**
Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet
Parents of Teens Meets
MS D-Groups
HS SNL
- April 1**
Mothers' Encouragement Group
WM Council Meets
- April 2**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

One of the definitions that Mr. Webster gives for *spring* is "to come, to appear, to move quickly". Although we're still in the unpredictability of March weather, spring is busting out all around me as I sit to write this article. Trees are budding, grass is growing and daffodils are everywhere. The "madness" of NCAA basketball is upon us and Augusta is just around the corner.

Speaking of spring...next Sunday evening, March 23, CPC's Sanctuary Choir will present a Spring Concert, *Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs*. The concert will take place in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. Our choir will be accompanied by a full orchestra. The concert will use different styles of music to represent different texts from the Bible.

The choir is dedicating their performance to God's glory, but also to long-time and beloved choir member, Patty Wilson. It should be a great evening and what an opportunity to bring friends and neighbors!

The next evening after the concert, Monday, March 24, the choir will take the show on the road. The concert will be presented at Walker State Prison (WSP) in Rock Spring, Georgia. Our choir will be joined by some from other PCA choirs in their performance. Pastor Caines is scheduled to preach that evening as well. Hundreds of inmates and volunteers are expected. Please pray for this ministry opportunity.

Continue praying for the ongoing mentoring ministry at WSP. Mark Casson, the PCA's national director of prison ministries has initiated a one-on-one

mentoring program at WSP (read about Mark's fascinating life and work in our denomination's magazine...<http://byfaithonline.com/remember-the-prisoner/>).

In the summer of 2012, prison ministry in our area was expanded when Walker State Prison approached the PCA with a request for 200 men to mentor prisoners at its faith and character facility in north Georgia. Mr. Casson, who has recently moved his family from California to Chattanooga, is leading in this open-door ministry opportunity. So far more than 70 mentors have been recruited from First Presbyterian, Covenant, and several other PCA and Reformed churches in the area. Ten CPC men have joined those ranks...and speaking, personally, and for the other nine... the blessing has been ours!

Every other week, the mentors travel to WSP to meet with their mentees. We spend two hours each visit praying with and for them, encouraging them, studying the Scriptures with them and helping them prepare for release by talking through topics such as biblical parenting and budgeting.

I hope you'll move quickly, even spring forward, in your plans to join us on Sunday evening, March 23. Also, pray for March 24's service. And, consider becoming a mentor at WSP.

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule March 16

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Sally Forrester

Creepers

Brian & Holly Lehmann

Toddlers

Josh & Diana Perrel

Floater

Liam Lehmann

Sunday School

Infants

Russ & Bev Roop

Creepers

Kelly, Madeleine
& Abigail Jennings

Toddlers

Ellen Heider
& Daniela Brown

March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

YOUTH

The Dare2Share Conference is this Friday and Saturday. Those attending this conference will be leaving on Friday at 5:30 p.m. and will return around 11:00 p.m. Saturday they will be leaving at 6:30 a.m. and will return around 9:30 p.m. Please see Chris Gregory or Sam Hobbs for more information.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The WM Spring Seminar is this Saturday, 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. Contact Catherine Coffey or Joan Denkinger 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:

Abby Lyons	UTC
Jason Marrs	Chattanooga State
Cara Martof	Berry College
Amy Morris	Covenant College

SAVE THE DATE:

RETURN TO REYNOSA

There is an informational meeting for all those interested in going on a family-friendly missions trip to Reynosa, Mexico July 7-13. The meeting is next Sunday, March 16, at 12:15 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Tex-Mex snack will be provided.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WM EVENT

All women are invited to attend a WM Event at First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

CHANGES/CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO THE DIRECTORY

Please be sure to make the following changes in your CPC Church Directory:
Suni Kim ... 800 12th Street Apt. 502, Palisades NJ 07650
Jack KozlowskiJack Cross
John Morrisonjohn_morrison01@comcast.net
Barbara Tapley 423.892.3912
.....P.O. Box 28179, Chattanooga TN 37424

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, Sunday, at 6:00 p.m. *Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs* will feature the CPC Sanctuary Choir with a full orchestra. This concert will use different styles of music to represent different texts from the Bible. Please plan on attending and invite friends and neighbors to this wonderful time of worship through music. On the following evening, this concert will be presented to the inmates at Walker State Prison as part of CPC's Prison Ministry.

SEDER SERVICE

CPC will be observing Maundy Thursday, April 17, with a Seder Service this year. Please keep this date open and watch for registration information.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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
May 21	Hot Dogs