



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Director of Youth and Their Families...*

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

**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  
HS Junior/Senior Study  
of WCF  
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

**April 3**

Ladies' Bible Study

**April 5**

Men's Breakfast

**April 6**

Schreiner/Fishburn Bridal  
Shower  
Martof/John Bridal Shower  
Parents of Teens Meets  
MS D-Groups  
HS SNL

**April 9**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

**April 10**

Ladies' Bible Study  
Clothes Swap

**April 12**

Church Work Day  
TVP

**April 13**

Morning Worship Service  
Sunday School  
Membership Sunday  
Missions Committee Meets

In the early 80's Arnold Palmer was invited to play golf in Saudi Arabia by one of the country's princes. After seeing his skill on the golf course, the prince told Palmer that he wanted to give him a gift. Being quite wealthy in his own right, Palmer refused but the prince insisted. Palmer thought for a minute and told the prince "How about a golf club? That would be nice." The prince was thrilled with Palmer's request and agreed that a golf club would make a wonderful gift for his friend. Six weeks later, while checking the mail Arnie received his gift. It came in a plain manila envelope from the prince himself. Enclosed Arnold found the deed to a 465-acre golf club, in the beautiful, rolling countryside of western Pennsylvania.

When dealing with royalty, sometimes we get more than we ask for.

With that in mind, I'd like to tell you about our youth. Over the last few months Sam (our wonderful youth intern) and I have been praying for revival among our teens. Simultaneously, we've been teaching about the value and efficacy of prayer. This stemmed out of the deep conviction that prayer is the most effective, yet least used tool in a Christian's arsenal. As our students began to catch a vision for the power of prayer, we began to notice changes in our group. For instance, some of them started weekly prayer lunches at their schools with their friends. Last month, one of our students gave her life to Christ. A deep sense of community and solidarity began to take hold in their hearts.

Last weekend we had the privilege of attending the Dare2Share evangelism training conference. The goal of the conference is to equip and train teens for evangelism in their schools, families and communities. As part of the training our students traveled to different parts of Chattanooga and shared their faith with whomever they believed God might be

calling them to speak to. At first they were timid but then God began to move. By the end of the day each student had shared Christ multiple times and surprisingly they didn't want to stop. After the conference they even asked us to begin incorporating monthly evangelism outings into our schedule in order to give them even more opportunities to share their faith. Sometimes we get more than we ask for!

Each week we end our youth meetings with a time of prayer. During this time we invite our students to either get on their knees or their faces and approach our King in prayer. Kneeling is often physically and mentally uncomfortable. It's both a sign of reverence and vulnerability. It's a position of dependence. So after our youth meetings (Sunday nights for high school, Wednesday nights for middle school) we all kneel together in the youth suite and talk to King Jesus.

Seeing a room full of teens on their knees is both strange and wonderful. Hearing the things they pray for is otherworldly. Many students have begun to pray to the Father in intimate, kingdom-building ways. They pray believing that He delights in them the way a poverty-stricken woman delights in finding a lost coin or a shepherd rejoices over finding just one lost sheep.

They ask the King for big things too. After Dare2Share, they prayed for the lost, for their friends, for revival to break out at their schools and in their own hearts. Sometimes students even confess and repent...*in front of their friends.*

Sam and I have often remarked that this movement has nothing to do with either of us as leaders. We watch in awe of the King's work and we pray that it continues and grows but we are simply along for the ride in many ways.

We have been praying for this for years, but what we are receiving is far beyond our expectation!

~Chris Gregory



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

March 23

#### Worship

##### Infants

Gretchen Brown  
& Allison Millard

##### Creepers

Daniel & Camille Platt

##### Toddlers

Duane & Mindy Horton

##### Floater

Will Horton

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Jessica Greer  
& Ellie Gaines

##### Creepers

Frank & Nicole May

##### Toddlers

Jeannie Hall  
& Debby Gardner

#### P.M.

##### Combined

Paid Workers

##### March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

### SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

The CPC Sanctuary Choir is presenting a Spring Concert on March 23, this 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.

### CLOTHES SWAP

The bi-annual CPC Clothes Swap is Thursday evening, April 10, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the home of Amy Wooten. If you have items to donate, you can bring them to the church and put them on the table outside of Mark Wilson's office. Please bring all donation items between Wednesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 10. Please have the items at CPC before 3:00 p.m. or you may take them with you to the swap. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Wooten at 423.834.4707.

### 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.

### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

Will Musto	UTC
Chandler Peppers	Lee University
Kendall Ray	University of Alabama
Luke Rogers	UTK

### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,  
We are so thankful for the cards of encouragement and all the prayers on our behalf.

Thank you,  
Len and Carolyn Williams

### RETURN TO REYNOSA

This family-friendly missions trip to northern Mexico, June 7-13, is currently accepting participants. Please see Pastor Mullinax for application packets. These packets include general information, trip costs and required forms. Deadline for application and deposit is Monday, April 7.

### EASTER LILIES

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter while honoring or remembering a friend or loved one, you may order an Easter lily. Order forms will be available at the Welcome Center starting this Sunday and need to be turned in to Carol by April 6. You may pick up your lily following the Easter service.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Two volunteers are needed on March 30 during the Worship Service in the Toddler Room. Please contact Heather Harris if you can help.

### 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 NIGHT MENU

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

### SEDER SERVICE

Thursday evening, April 17, we will gather as the family of God to eat a meal. We will celebrate a Seder service, commemorating the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. This was the meal eaten together by Jewish families the first night of Passover. This wasn't a meal they ate simply because they were hungry. They ate this meal to remember the blood by which they had been saved and safely delivered out of the land of slavery. Likewise, we will gather not simply because we are hungry-though we do anticipate a delicious meal-but because of the blood of the Lamb of God shed for us.

In I Corinthians 5.7 Paul tells us that "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." What we will do Thursday evening, April 17, is a reminder of how important it is for us to recall what took place in Egypt, the significance of the events of that night, how they anticipated events that would occur at Calvary, and the great salvation that is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ. It will be a family meal. Our focus will be on remembering what God has done. Hopefully God will use our time of celebration to encourage us in our faith and "to spur (us) ... toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10.24).

Again, this year, the Colonnade in Ringgold will be the venue for this service. **Registration is required. You may register by using the sign-up sheet in the church lobby, by emailing [cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org) or calling 899.5377.**