



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Director of Music Ministries...

Looking Ahead...

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

Pastoral Committee
Nomination Deadline
Firshburn/Schreiner Bridal
Shower
Martof/Jones 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
Diaconate Meets
Parents of Teens Meets
MS D-Groups
HS SNL

April 14

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

Sunday evening was a glorious time of worship as the choir presented *Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs*. Monday evening we presented the same concert, and it was just as glorious, but in a different way. When I first envisioned this concert, there was really no underlying theme other than categorizing the songs sung into different classifications. As we prepared, God brought out themes in each song which connected and knitted the songs together into His message.

REST

O may Thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise; there would I find a settled rest while others go and come. No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

In almost every song there was an allusion to rest or finally being at home. The more I age, the more I crave it. Having four children (with number five in the incubator) doesn't allow for an abundance of rest. In order to rest, you have to have been doing something (hopefully of worth) beforehand. The choir's primary purpose every Sunday is to help lead God's people before His throne. We believe that you do not do this haphazardly. Whatever your calling before the Lord (and all of God's children have one), work so hard at it that you truly desire rest in Him.

Far above the noise of life there's a voice that is gently calling "Leave behind your cares and strife; come to Me, I will give you rest."

For our congregation, and, in particular our choir, these words were a reminder of our beloved Patty and her final journey that she completed during our preparation for the concert. Patty is home and rests with her Savior.

By these words we are also reminded to rest in our Savior as well - to come to Him when we are weak and heavy laden - to bring our cares, worries, pains, grief, joys and sorrows.

HOME

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me and on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Monday evening at Walker State Prison the choir presented the same music to a different audience. Because of their circumstances the words took on a different meaning. These men, convicted of crimes which for many carry sentences lasting many years, have a special longing for 'home'. I cannot speak for all of these men, just as our pastors could not speak for all of us, but true faith was evident in the majority of men in that congregation Monday night. And it was a congregation. We had 'church'. These men recognize their sins, have repented of them and Christ calls them His own. They realize that their crimes carry an earthly penalty, but by one Man's righteousness they are absolved in the eyes of God, as Render so aptly shared with them. Their longing for home both physically and spiritually has a realness of which I am jealous.

We are created to worship, and that is exactly what we have been doing these past few days as a choir and as a church. I thank the choir and all who helped make this a glimpse of our future purpose in Glory. I'm tired, but I rest in God who gives me strength, and I long for Home even more than before.

~Jeremy Gaines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

March 30

Worship

Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

Creepers

Kristin Sotelo
& Mollee Brown

Toddlers

Camille Ambrose
& Babs Leach

Floater

Ava Akovenko

Sunday School

Infants

Tim, Susan
& Elyssa Gunter

Creepers

Sarah, Larkin
& Alayna Moore

Toddlers

Josh & Teri Akovenko

March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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

BRIDAL SHOWERS

A bridal shower in honor of Brittany Fishburn, bride-elect of Chris Schreiner, is Sunday, April 6, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Brittany is registered at Gigi's (Morristown, TN) and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

A bridal shower in honor of Jamie Martof, bride-elect of John Jones, is Sunday, April 6 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Jamie is registered at Home Depot and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

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 for \$15. Order forms are available in the Lobby and need to be turned in to Carol by April 6. You may pick up your lily following the Easter service.

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, bring them to the church starting Wednesday, April 9, and put them on the table outside of Mark Wilson's office. Please bring donation items with you to the swap after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10. If you have 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 April: J. Harris, D. Hobbs, T. Smith and C. Wilkie. 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:

Gracie Smith	Covenant College
Daniel Stevenson	Mississippi State
Daniel Trask	UTC
Emily Vatt	East TN State

PASTORAL SEARCH

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The nomination forms for the Pastoral Search Committee are available at the Welcome Center and in the bulletins over the next two weeks. Return completed forms in the offering plate, a designated box in the Lobby or to Tom Schreiner, Clerk of Session. Deadline for nominations is April 6.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 5, at 8:30 a.m. Ken Henry is speaking on "Tools of the Trade: Smaller Group Impact on One Life."

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who recently joined us.

Jeremy Moore

1125 Ridgetop Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421
901.378.9699

Jeremy has been attending CPC for the last several months. He is a contractor and works for Scott Orthner.

Michael & Rita Newman

Emma, Andrew, Maria
8206 Briarstone Lane, Ooltewah, TN 37363
423.344.0455

Michael-mwnewman64@gmail.com
Rita-rblucio@hotmail.com

The Newman family has been attending CPC for about a year. Michael and Rita are both engineers.

CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

TO THE DIRECTORY

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

Mike & Holly VanderGriend
..... 2132 Haven Crest Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421

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 or calling 899.5377.**