



# The eNewsletter

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## From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

### Looking Ahead...

- April 5**  
Men's Breakfast
- April 6**  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Pastoral Committee  
Nomination Deadline  
Fishburn/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**  
Clothes Swap
- April 12**  
Church Work Day  
TVP
- April 13**  
Morning Worship Service  
Sunday School  
Membership Sunday  
Missions Committee Meets  
Diaconate Meets  
HS Junior/Senior Study  
of WCF  
Parents of Teens Meets  
MS D-Groups  
HS SNL
- April 14**  
Ladies' Evening Bible Study
- April 15**  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group
- April 16**  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Session Meets
- April 17**  
Memorial Hospital Lunch  
Ministry  
Seder Service
- April 18**  
Office Closed for Good Friday
- April 19**  
Egg Hunt & Breakfast
- April 20**  
Extended Easter Worship  
Service

Dr. Alicia Jackson referred repeatedly to McIntoshes and Andersons of South Carolina. That caught my attention. Most of my extended family live in South Carolina. The surnames McIntosh and Anderson are prominent in our history.

As a trustee of Covenant College, I serve on the Academic Affairs Committee. One of our responsibilities is to read the papers submitted by faculty members as part of their application for a three-year or five-year rolling contract.

If a paper is submitted by a science or math professor, I'm often unsure of what I'm reading, but when a paper is written by a history professor, such as Dr. Jackson, I'm right at home.

Too much at home. Dr. Jackson's paper was about the founding of a black religious denomination in Georgia in the latter years of the 1800s. As you might expect, racial discrimination is part of the story, and two of the offending white families are Andersons and McIntoshes who moved to Georgia from South Carolina in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

I am grateful for the progress I've seen during my lifetime in race relations. Clearly, everything is far from rosy but it's not like I once knew it.

Speaking of rosy...when I was a boy just learning to read, we were traveling from New Jersey to our "home" in Lee County, SC. Somewhere in North Carolina we stopped for gas. I used the restroom. As we resumed our drive south, I told my parents I didn't understand what I had just read.

"What did you read?" "I read the sign outside the bathroom." "What did it say?" "It said 'color red,' but the bathroom wasn't red, it was white." "The sign didn't mean the bathroom was the color red. It meant the bathroom was for 'colored' people." "What are colored people?" "Negroes." "Why do they have their own bathroom?" "Son, you're too young to understand, but someday you will."

One day I did understand. Sadly, I don't remember being greatly disturbed by what I understood.

I remember as a boy attending my mother's home church, Hephzibah (Isaiah 62.4) Presbyterian Church in Bishopville, South Carolina. In the graveyard behind the church are buried five or six generations of my mother's family, including now, my Granny (Allie ANDERSON McCutchen McINTOSH) and her husband (John ANDERSON McCutchen III), my father and my brother.

I remember the balconies on either side of the sanctuary. They could only be accessed through outside doors.

"What are those balconies for?" "They were for the slaves." "Slaves?" "Yes, the slaves owned by the families who worshiped at Hephzibah a long time ago." "Our family?" "Our family." "Why did the slaves have to sit in the balconies?" "Son, you're too young to understand, but some day you will."

One day I did understand. Again I don't remember being particularly upset by what I understood. In fact, I was glad to know the slaves got to go to church.

All of these memories go back some sixty years but reading Dr. Jackson's paper, filled with references to McIntoshes and Andersons who showed extreme prejudice against the blacks of Middle Georgia, left me saddened.

Racial prejudice is still too much a part of the fabric of our lives, but I'm grateful for the progress we've made.

I'm particularly thankful to the Lord that in September we'll once more have the privilege of hearing the Gospel preached from our predominantly white southern Presbyterian pulpit by a black African Anglican, the former Archbishop of Uganda.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

April 6

### Worship

#### Infants

Susan Helton & Joyce Trask

#### Creepers

Cathy & Katie Smith

#### Toddlers

Josh & Renee Ray

#### Floater

Grace Logterman

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Becky Pearce  
& Rebekah Gernhard

#### Creepers

Susan Close & Julia Gracy

#### Toddlers

Becky Fingerle  
& Ingrid Guyton

### April Coordinator:

Boo Mullinax

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- 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 this Sunday, April 6, from 2:30 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 this Sunday, April 6 from 3:30 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 CPC Clothes Swap is Thursday evening, April 10, from 7:00 - 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, placing them on the table outside 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.

### EGG HUNT BREAKFAST

Our annual egg hunt breakfast is Saturday, April 19. This fun event is a fundraiser for the youth group. The proceeds help defray the cost for students going to The Edge or Reynosa. A full breakfast is served from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. A story explaining the reason we celebrate Easter will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by the egg hunt at 10:15 a.m. for children ages 2 through the fifth grade. Bring a basket only; the eggs are provided.

### SPRING FOR LIFE COLOR RUN/WALK 2014

Support Choices by participating in this year's Spring for Life Color 5K Run/Walk Saturday, May 10, at Camp Jordan from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Register to walk or run at [www.springforlife.org](http://www.springforlife.org) today! They are also looking for volunteers and sponsors.

### CPC PRAYER CALENDAR

The updated CPC Prayer Calendar is available at the Welcome Center.

### 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.**

### PASTORAL SEARCH

#### COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The nomination forms for the Pastoral Search Committee are available in the lobby and in the bulletins this week. Return completed forms in the offering plate, in the designated box in the lobby or to Tom Schreiner, Clerk of Session. Deadline for nominations is this Sunday, 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.

#### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

April's birthday and anniversary calendar is available at the Welcome Center.

#### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember our college students in your prayers. Many of them are finishing their spring semester and are preparing for exams and planning their summer activities.

#### CHURCH WORKDAY

It's time to spruce up our facility prior to Easter so join us Saturday, April 12, for the Church Workday. We are serving a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. with the workday starting at 8:30 a.m. and finishing around noon. A variety of projects are available for all ages (no nursery provided). Outside projects include mulching, pruning bushes and trees, raking or pressure washing walls and inside projects include cleaning walls, windows, tables, chairs, floors, closet, and the kitchen. If you are willing to lead a group, please email Huston Wade [hwade@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:hwade@covenantchattanooga.org).

This is a great time of fellowship as well as service to our church. Please put April 12 on your calendar for CPC Spring Cleaning. Thank you!