



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

**April 12**

Church Work Day  
TVP

**April 13**

Palm Sunday 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

**April 23**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

**April 25**

Taters and Tubesteaks

**April 26**

Mission Yard Sale

**April 27**

Morning Worship Service  
Sunday School  
HS Junior/Senior Study  
of WCF  
Parents of Teens Meets  
MS D-Groups  
HS SNL

"These things took place as examples for us." Those are Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 10.6 as he writes about Israel's exodus out of Egypt and safe passage through the parted waters of the Red Sea. Paul comments further in verse 11, "These things...were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come."

Paul says that upon those to whom he writes has come "the end of the ages." The end of the ages has arrived because the King has come announcing that the Kingdom is at hand and has commissioned His disciples to proclaim to the ends of the earth the Gospel of the Kingdom. With His coming, the promise of the former age is fulfilled. A woman has given birth to a Son. The evil one has attacked Him, but He has crushed beneath His feet the head of the evil one.

Elsewhere Scripture divides human history into "this present age" and "the age to come." Scripture also teaches that we who by grace through faith have embraced Jesus as Savior, Lord and King, live both in "this present age," as well as in "the age to come." Because of Christ's victory over sin, death and the grave, we now live in "the age to come." But, at the same time, we also live in "this present age," for there are still many battles to be fought before our King returns.

Theologian, Oscar Cullmann, has compared our historical situation to that of the Allied armies in Europe following D-Day. Once our soldiers gained a solid position on French soil, the final victory that would be celebrated ten months later was all but assured. During those ten months, many battles were fought. Some momentary setbacks were suffered, but humanly speaking, the flow of Allied manpower and materials into Europe assured that VE Day would follow D-Day.

Next Thursday evening, April 17, we will step back into the age prior to the coming of Christ to participate in a celebration of Passover. We do so because this was the meal that spoke of the Israelite's deliverance out of Egypt, and was celebrated by Jesus and His disciples the night before He was betrayed, arrested and crucified.

As they ate and drank together, Jesus took the unleavened bread, and told His disciples from now on this bread would no longer remind them of the bread of affliction they once ate in Egypt. Instead it would represent for them His body. Then, taking one of the cups, He told them that from now on this cup would no longer represent the blood of a lamb slain in Egypt. Instead it would speak to them of the blood of covenant, of His blood, shed for the forgiveness of their sins.

As they ate the Passover lamb, I hope some remembered the day when Jesus approached John the Baptist, and John responded by boldly proclaiming for all to hear: "Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

Next Thursday evening, as we partake of the bread, cup and lamb, let us remember Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 5.6-7: "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

April 13

### Worship

#### Infants

Sherry Baierl  
& Emily Calloway

#### Creepers

Joey & Michelle Logterman

#### Toddlers

Crystal Middleton  
& Patrick Joiner

#### Floater

Maggie Middleton

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Dusty & Rachel Kemp

#### Creepers

Anna Steere  
& Rachel Miller

#### Toddlers

Mike & Holly VanderGriend

#### April Coordinator:

Boo Mullinax

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- 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

### NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us spruce up our facilities this Saturday, April 12, for the Church Workday. Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. with the workday starting at 8:30 a.m. and finishing by noon. Family friendly projects are available for all ages and skills, but we are not staffing the nursery. If you want to help outside bring your gloves and tools. Projects include mulching, pruning, or raking. Inside projects include cleaning walls, windows, tables, chairs, floors, closets, and the kitchen. If you are willing to lead a group, please email Huston Wade at [hwade@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:hwade@covenantchattanooga.org).

This is a great time of fellowship as well as service to your church. Please join us this Saturday for the CPC Spring Cleaning. Thank you!

### EGG HUNT CANDY

The youth group is collecting candy for the annual egg hunt, their fundraiser for their summer camp and mission activities. If you can help, please bring wrapped candy by next Wednesday, April 16, at 5:00 p.m. A collection box is located outside of Mark Wilson's office. He has promised not to eat any. Thank you for your help; every bit helps!

### 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 Mission Trip*. A full breakfast is served from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. A story explaining the reason we celebrate Easter begins 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.

### EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 20, our Easter Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. will be an extended time of worship and celebration of our Lord's resurrection. There will be no Sunday School or Evening Activities.

### 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.

### SEDER SERVICE

Thursday evening, April 17, at 6:30 p.m., 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 by Monday, April 14!** 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.

### REYNOSA YARD SALE

A huge yard sale to raise funds for the mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico in June is Saturday, April 26, at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Please keep this in mind as you do your spring cleaning. Be thinking of items you may have that you could donate to this effort. We are especially looking for tools, exercise equipment, baby clothes & baby items, sports equipment and furniture-no adult clothing please. Bring your items to the church beginning Monday, April 14. Contact Boo Mullinax to make arrangements for transportation of larger items.

### TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family on Friday, April 25. The tubesteak dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. in Coolidge Park. Stay for the Lookouts game at AT&T Park at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 max per family - the best entertainment value in town! Please sign up at the welcome center or email/call the church office.

### 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.

### GRADUATES

Sunday, May 25, is Graduate Recognition day at CPC! Please mark your calendars and let us know if you are a graduate or have one in your family so we can recognize each and every one who is graduating this spring or has graduated since last spring. This is for high school and above such as college, trade school, masters or doctorate programs. Please let us know in the next few days so we can plan accordingly. We need the name of the graduate, the degree earned, name of the school, date of graduation and email address. Please send this information to Jill Finley at [southernjill@comcast.net](mailto:southernjill@comcast.net).

### 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.