



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

**May 3**

WM Ladies Tea

**May 4**

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School  
HS Junior/Senior Study  
of WCF  
MS D-Groups  
HS SNL

**May 6**

Election Day  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council

**May 7**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

**May 10**

Men's Breakfast

**May 11**

Mother's Day  
Morning Worship Service  
Congregational Meeting  
and Vote  
Sunday School

**May 12**

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

**May 14**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

**May 15**

Memorial Hospital Lunch  
Ministry

**May 17**

Prison Training Meeting  
O'Roarke/Adams Bridal  
Shower  
Youth Car Wash

**May 18**

Morning Worship Service  
Sunday School  
Membership Sunday  
Teacher Appreciation Sunday  
HS Junior/Senior Study  
of WCF  
MS D-Groups  
HS SNL

**May 20**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

In 1 Chronicles 28:9-10, as Solomon faces the impending responsibility of becoming Israel's leader, his father David urges him to "seek [the Lord]," to "be careful," to "be strong," and "do it."

At last year's annual congregational meeting the Session informed CPC of an impending change in leadership. After months of discussion and prayer, the Session determined—at my urging—that on or before July 1, 2014 a search would begin to identify CPC's next senior pastor.

Sunday, May 11, following morning worship, there will be a congregational meeting called to initiate this process by the election of a Pulpit Committee and a Search Committee.

This is a moment of great importance in the history and future of CPC. Therefore, I urge you to seek the Lord, to proceed carefully, to be strong in your faith and then do what is required.

The Search Committee (SC) will be composed of nine members. The Session and Diaconate have each appointed one member to the SC: RE Adam Sanders (who will serve as chairman) and Deacon Brian Lehmann.

By vote of the congregation, there will be added to the SC one additional elder and deacon and five "at-large" members—at least two of whom will be women. (Elders and deacons honored with emeritus status, since they are no longer voting members of the Session or Diaconate, are eligible to be elected as members-at-large.)

This coming Lord's Day, May 4, you will find a sample ballot in the bulletin. If you are unable to be present Sunday, call the church office and we will email or mail you a sample ballot.

The SC's responsibilities will be extensive, time-consuming and physically demanding. They will have the task of identifying possible candidates.

In line with the Presbyterian Church of America's Book of Church Order (BCO) 20-2, the congregation will be asked May 11

to elect the Session to serve as the Pulpit Committee (PC). Their responsibility as the PC will be to examine any candidates recommended to them by the SC.

Here is an overview of the steps we will take to call a pastor once we have our SC and PC in place:

- The SC will discover a candidate and recommend him to the PC.
- As the PC, the Session will vet this candidate and make the final recommendation of a candidate to the congregation.
- At a called congregational meeting, the members of CPC will be asked whether they are willing to affirm the recommended candidate as their next senior pastor. The BCO 20-4, 5 states that a simple majority is required to elect a candidate as pastor, but it also suggests that ideally an election should be nearly unanimous. Personally, I would never consider a call unless it was nearly unanimous.
- Once the congregation has affirmed a candidate as the man they believe the Lord has called to be their next senior pastor, the candidate will be asked if he is willing to serve. If he is, his candidacy and call will be placed before the Presbytery.
- The Presbytery has final authority. They will examine the candidate and his call, and upon their approval, appoint a day on which they will install him as CPC's next senior pastor. If the Presbytery does not find the candidate acceptable or his call is out of line with Presbytery guidelines, they will not install him as pastor. If that happens, a new search will begin.

If you have any questions, please call Tom Schreiner or me and we will gladly attempt to answer your inquiries. God bless you as you seek the Lord. Proceed carefully, trust the Lord for guidance, and then do what is required.

~ Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, May 10, at 8:30 a.m. Brian Salter is speaking on "Stirring the Pot."

### THANK YOU

Many thanks for all the donated items to last Saturday's missions yard sale. Through your generosity approximately \$2500 was generated for the summer Reynosa missions trip.

Nursery Schedule  
May 4

### Worship

#### Infants

Kay Gaither & Beth Griggs

#### Creepers

Heidie, Charity  
& Jenny Armao

#### Toddlers

Tammy Bacon  
& Cayce Weekley

#### Floater

Lexi Bacon

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Alayne Griffin  
& Peggy Bandy

#### Creepers

Sarah & Maggie Wade

#### Toddlers

Luther & Shirley Allin

#### April Coordinator:

Becky Pearce

### PRISON MENTOR MINISTRY TRAINING FOR MEN

The next training for men in our area churches to participate in the Prison Mentor Ministry at Walker State prison is Saturday morning, May 17, at CPC. Walker State Prison in Rock Spring, GA is the only faith and character based prison in Georgia.

For details contact Alan Bonderud at 423-903-3700 or arbonderud@gmail.com.

### PRISON MENTOR MINISTRY TRAINING FOR WOMEN

The next training for women in our area churches to participate in the Prison Mentor Ministry at The Next Door is Saturday morning, May 24, at First Presbyterian Church. The Next Door is a pre-release facility near Moccasin Bend run by the State of Tennessee.

For details contact Alan Bonderud at 423-903-3700 or arbonderud@gmail.com.

### YOUTH

#### CAR WASH FUNDRAISER:

The youth are hosting a car wash Saturday, May 17, at the Cornerstone Bank on Gunbarrel Road. The car wash starts at 12:30 p.m. All money received helps pay for summer trips. Those teens wishing to participate in this fundraiser need to pick up a pledge sheet from outside Chris Gregory's office and start getting donations. The car wash itself is free. Please plan to help our youth by getting your car washed!

#### RENT-A-YOUTH:

Do you need help around the house? Do you have yard work that needs to be done, or are you in need of a babysitter? Our youth are kicking off the *Rent-A-Youth* Fundraiser. This event helps our students raise money for upcoming summer mission trips or camps/retreats. If you would like to *Rent-a-Youth*, request forms are outside of Chris' office or at the welcome center. Have questions or a request? Email Christine Morrison at rpgchatt@comcast.net.

### MUSIC CAMP JUNE 23-27

Music Camp 2014 is right around the corner! Kids from kindergarten through rising 6th graders are invited to come and join us for a week of music, drama, crafts, Bible and all-out fun! Registration begins this week on our church website (something new). There you can fill out, submit and pay for your child's registration. Cost for the weeklong camp is \$25. See Jeremy Gaines for more details.

### 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.

### CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE DIRECTORY

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

Joy Rogers..... 423.544.5631  
Steve Rogers ..... 423.362.3181

### 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 let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family, so we can recognize everyone graduating since last spring. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters or doctorate programs. Let us know in the next few days the name of the graduate, the degree earned, name of the school, date of graduation and email address. 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 May: J. Gaines, M. Griggs, T. Lowe, E. Mullinax and T. Wright. Please contact Steve Leach (deacon in charge) to let him know you can help.

*You are cordially invited  
to the wedding of  
Chris Schreiner  
and  
Brittany Fishburn  
on May 31, 2014  
at 2:00 pm  
Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*Dessert reception will follow  
the ceremony  
Schum Fellowship Hall*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

May 7 Grilled Chicken  
Fettuccini  
May 14 Cowboy Casserole  
May 21 Hot Dogs