



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

May 17

Prison Training Meeting
O'Rourke/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

May 21

Last Wednesday Night Supper
Mission: Chattanooga
Presentation
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Session Meets

May 23

Ironmen Golf Outing

May 24

Martof/Jones Wedding
(Private/Off Site)

May 25

Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Graduate Recognition
and Reception
Youth Family Picnic

May 26

Memorial Day-Office Closed

May 28

Mission: Chattanooga

May 31

Fishburn/Schreiner Wedding

June 1

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Promotion Sunday

June 3

WM Council

June 4

Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Summer is not too far away. Yet, when does it begin? Does summer begin at the conclusion of school? Does it start Memorial Day weekend? Do we even think of its beginning as June 21 anymore? Or is summer really an endless state of mind conjuring up thoughts of bare feet, beach days, churned ice cream and refreshing shade? It's all a little confusing to me.

But, one steady thing about summer is *Mission: Chattanooga*. Our pattern here at CPC over the past fourteen years has been for most of our Wednesday church activities to take a break. It's a time to remember the Sabbath principle: that we rest from one thing in order to give of ourselves more fully to another.

With the suspension of Wednesday evening suppers and organized classes, our church has increased opportunities during the "summer" months for ministering in our community. *Mission: Chattanooga* is our effort to facilitate some service and outreach opportunities for anyone and everyone (young, not-so-young, singles, individuals, couples, families), especially during the summer, in and around Chattanooga...home missions, if you will.

These scheduled opportunities are by no means exhaustive. There are other service and outreach ministries by our church and people that have been taking place and continue to take place. This is just a means for organizing our efforts a little more. Hopefully, our participation in some of these areas will not just be seasonal. Familiarity with some of these ministries that we partner with may lead to greater involvement in all seasons.

There are opportunities this summer *off-campus* with local ministries and agencies. Some of these include Widow's Harvest, Hope for the Inner City and The Health Center @ Standifer Place where ministries such as general repair and

maintenance, grounds keeping and home/hospital/nursing facility visits are scheduled. Another project planned is a home renovation in St. Elmo.

We'll continue the warehouse renovation work at Amani Ya Juu (located at 400 South Willow in the Highland Park area of Chattanooga). Hopefully, we'll engage in sports outreach at a nearby park during those Wednesday evenings.

There are *on-campus* service opportunities as well. Some CPC grounds work is available. We'll cook meals for distribution for those in need. There is a *Missions Kidz* class at church for learning about world missions and for making encouraging gifts for the children of CPC supported missionaries. A support group for letter writing and working with our stamp ministry is available, and the indispensable prayer group will meet. These *Mission: Chattanooga* opportunities are scheduled mostly on **Wednesday evenings (beginning May 28)** from approximately **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

We'll also have some Saturday opportunities. Some people may only be able to participate in shorter time increments and some not every week and that's okay. Come when you can, for as long as you can and as often as you can. Child care for small children is available at the church. However, children are encouraged to engage in these services with parents. Participation by all is heartily welcomed. Please, help us to fill and satisfy the ministry activities where we as a church are committed.

Choose areas of service that you and your family would like to be a part of this summer and join us as we minister here and beyond our church campus in the Lord's name.

~ Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

May 18

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Lynne Swann

Creepers

Kenyon & Marcy Wilson

Toddlers

Karen Saxton
& Katherine Fisher

Floater

Matthew Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Jared & Sarah McCurry

Creepers

Heather & Grace Morrison
& Amy Creamer

Toddlers

Selah, Brandon
& Sophia Cross

May Coordinator:

Becky Pearce

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

May 21 Hot Dogs

SEARCH COMMITTEE RESULTS

The Session would like to announce the following search committee members from this past Sunday's vote:

Elder - Dee Hobbs
Deacon - Doug McEachern
At-Large Members - B.B. Bell, Lynda Brown,
Tracy Horton, Tommy May and Danielle Wilkie

These 7 members along with Elder Adam Sanders and Deacon Brian Lehmann make up the 9 member team. A special thanks to all of you who were willing to serve and to those who have diligently prayed. We trust that God will continue to guide us through this process and be faithful to provide for us in the future as He has in the past.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Caroline O'Rourke, bride-elect of Josh Adams, is this Saturday, May 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the home of Christine Morrison. Caroline is registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Crate & Barrel and online at Williams-Sonoma.

PRISON MENTOR MINISTRY TRAINING FOR MEN

The next training for men to participate in the Prison Mentor Ministry at Walker State prison is this Saturday morning, May 17, at CPC.

For details contact Alan Bonderud at 423.903.3700 or arbonderud@gmail.com.

PRISON MENTOR MINISTRY TRAINING FOR WOMEN

The next training for women to participate in the Prison Mentor Ministry at The Next Door is next Saturday morning, May 24, at First Presbyterian Church.

For details contact Alan Bonderud at 423.903.3700 or arbonderud@gmail.com.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

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. Please let us know the name of the graduate, the degree earned, name of the school, date of graduation and email address by **May 21**.

DIACONATE FUND

CPC has a very successful and extensive Mercy and Diacanal ministry. This is possible because so many of you have faithfully given to the Diaconate Fund each month. Your support has helped many in need this year, both inside and outside of our church body. Currently the balance of the Diaconate Fund is at \$18,565.64, which is significantly under the average balance. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this fund so we can faithfully continue to help those in need. We also ask that you keep us in your prayers as we strive to be good stewards of this fund and to help those in need in the best possible way.

WE NEED YOU!

It's time to put those baptismal vows into action! If you are interested in working in the children's ministry on Wednesday nights in Covenant Corps or on Sunday mornings during Sunday School, please contact Holly Lehmann at hlehmann@covenantchattanooga.org.

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! You can register on our church website. There you can fill out, submit and pay for your child's registration. Cost for the week long camp is \$25. See Jeremy Gaines for more details.

YOUTH

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER:

Youth attending *The Edge* and *Reynosa Mission Trip* are hosting a car wash Saturday, May 17, starting at 12:30 p.m. at CPC. The car wash itself is free so please plan to help our youth by getting your car washed!

RENT-A-YOUTH:

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.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

All ladies are invited to save the date of June 6th for the next Chicks 'n Chocolate. More details to come...

IRONMEN GOLF OUTING

Join us Friday afternoon, May 23, at Nob North Golf Club in beautiful Cohutta, Georgia. Tackle this challenging course and enjoy a post-play barbeque. Cost is \$35. Space is limited, so register soon with Eric Mullinax at emullinax@covenantchattanooga.org or 423.899.5377.

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