



The eNewsletter

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

Looking Ahead...

- June 6**
Chicks n' Chocolate
- June 7**
Reynosa Mission Trip Begins
- June 8**
Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Diaconate Meets
- June 9**
WM Bible Study
- June 10**
WM Philippians Study
- June 11**
Mission: Chattanooga
- June 12**
Swim Day
- June 13**
Adams/O'Rourke Wedding
(Private/Off Site)
- June 14**
Men's Breakfast
Reynosa Mission Trip Ends
- June 15**
Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
- June 16**
MS *The Edge* Conference Begins
WM Night Owl Bible Study
- June 17**
General Assembly Begins
WM Philippians Bible Study
- June 18**
Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- June 19**
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry
Swim Day
- June 22**
Membership Sunday
Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
- June 23**
Music Camp Begins
WM Bible Study
Men's Genesis Bible Study

I Believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church...

Pentecost Sunday is an end and a beginning. It is the culmination of the season of Easter as well as the day when the church senses the all-pervasive power of Easter as the Holy Spirit is unleashed on Creation. It is also the dawn of a new day in the life of the church, for as the church is empowered by the Spirit, the message of the risen Lord is trumpeted around the world.

In the book of Acts, the physician Luke gives us an inspired history of the formation and empowerment of the Christian church and the spread of the gospel from Judea, to Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. In this history of the apostolic church the second chapter of Acts, which chronicles the coming of the Holy Spirit, serves as the pivotal chapter of the book as well as the turning point in all human history. The coming of the Spirit is the beginning of the application of our Lord's redemptive power to the whole world. That Pentecost serves as a transition point in redemptive history can be seen in Christ's own words to the apostles in Acts 1.8:

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Before Pentecost the disciples are held back and told to wait. But after the outpouring of the Spirit they are sent forth unto victory.

The early church father John Chrysostom (A.D. 407) comments on the significance of Pentecost:

Pentecost is the reverse of the destruction of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language which the Spirit

teaches the saints, and which expresses the new life in their hearts; and this life is the life in the fellowship of love, fellowship with God in Christ, mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, he robs none of us of the individuality which God has given to each; but he sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with one another, and unites us as one in God. . . . All peoples shall hear the word of life in their own tongue, and all languages shall be filled with everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracles of Pentecost day, when men of all nations heard the apostles speak to them in their own tongue. When the church shall have been made mature the saved of all different nations shall together be one blessed and holy family; and all tongues shall unite in one grand harmony in the celestial language of love, in which the church shall sing the son of God and the Lamb.

On Pentecost Sunday, Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, who gives power to the preaching of the Word, draws sinners to repentance and faith, and empowers the church in her mission to make disciples throughout the world. As we worship with the church universal across the globe, may we be empowered to go and share our Risen Lord to everyone.

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy;
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my works, too, may be holy;
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I love but what is holy;
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy;
Guard me then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.
Augustine of Hippo, 354-430*

~ Jeremy Gaines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule
June 8

Worship

Infants

Jeanie Ray & Reita Pierce

Creepers

Brian & Holly Lehmann

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Liam Lehmann

Sunday School

Infants

Russ & Bev Roop

Creepers

Kelly, Abigail
& Madeleine Jennings

Toddlers

Rachel Miller
& Donna Armes

June Coordinator:

Kay Gaither

CHICKS N' CHOCOLATE

The movie scheduled for this Friday for Chicks 'n Chocolate is no longer showing (bummer!). The back-up plan is to meet at the church on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. for a time of games and fellowship. Bring a favorite game and a drink or snack to share.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The CPC's Men's Ministry would like to invite men of all ages to the monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 14, at 8:30 a.m. Kevin Smith, the pastor of New City Presbyterian, is speaking on "Men in Spiritual Warfare."

WM BIBLE STUDIES SUMMER 2014

MONDAYS

• Study on *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller

Begins on June 9 and meets every other week at 6:30 p.m. in the Ladies Classroom with Ann Walker, Eva Herberich and Diane Lazor leading the study. Books are available to purchase in the lobby and in digital format.

• Study for Night Owls using *Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full* by Gloria Furman

Begins on June 16 and meets every other week from 8:30 p.m. in the Rossville, GA home of Emily Calloway. Books are available to purchase in the lobby and in digital format.

TUESDAY MORNINGS

• Bible Study on *Philippians*

Begins on June 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ladies Classroom with Marla Neal leading the study. A nursery will be provided.

MUSIC CAMP JUNE 23-27

Music Camp 2014 is right around the corner! Kids from kindergarten through entering 6th grade are invited to come and join us for a week of music, drama, crafts, Bible and all-out fun! You can register and pay on our church website. Cost for the week long camp is \$25. See Jeremy Gaines for more details.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Ministry is beginning a summer men's bible study on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. on *The Gospel According to Genesis*, lead by John Herberich and Mark Miller. The study starts on June 23 and lasts until August 18 and meets at Mark Miller's home (761 Lanoir St. Chattanooga). Please contact Mark Miller at 423.298.8842 with any questions.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the Mays' pool begins Thursday, June 12, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are personally responsible for the supervision of your children and for cleanup.

WE NEED YOU!

It's time to put those baptismal vows into action! There are immediate needs for the Covenant Corps program beginning Wednesday nights this fall. If you are willing to volunteer, please [email](mailto:holly@church.com) Holly Lehmann.

Specific needs for the Covenant Corps program on Wednesday nights include:

- ⇒ Helpers in 3 year old class
- ⇒ Teachers and helpers in 4 year old class
- ⇒ Teachers/helpers in Kindergarten class
- ⇒ Helpers in combined 1st -2nd grade class

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

This summer at CPC Mission: Chattanooga meets each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On Campus activities: Mission Kidz, Cooking with a Purpose (meets May 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 6 & 20), Missions Support (stamp ministry & letter writing), general grounds keeping, and prayer group.

Off Campus: Weekly Visitation (at local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, with our shut-ins), Amani Ya Juu Warehouse renovation and other construction/renovations projects as needed.

STAMPS SUPPORT MISSIONS

Did you know that stamps from letters can be used as revenue for missions? Please place your saved foreign and domestic stamps, in good condition, in the collection container outside Pastor Mullinax's office. The stamps are being sorted and prepared to mail to Florida during Mission: Chattanooga where they are sent to a Christian retirement community for processing. The money from the sale of these stamps is then used to fund new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America.