



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

June 21

The Edge Ends

June 22

Membership Sunday
Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet

June 23

Music Camp Begins
WM Bible Study
Men's Genesis Bible Study

June 24

WM Philippians Bible Study
Session Meets

June 25

Mission: Chattanooga

June 26

Swim Day

June 27

Music Camp Ends

June 29

Morning Worship Service
Music Camp Program
Ice Cream Social

June 30

WM Night Owl Bible Study
Men's Genesis Bible Study

July 1

WM Council
WM Philippians Study

July 2

Youth Bible Study
Youth Praise Team Practice
Mission: Chattanooga

July 3

Swim Day
Youth Pool Plus

July 4

Independence Day
Office Closed

July 6

Morning Worship Service
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Stephens/Gaither
Bridal Shower
Youth Summer Fellowship

July 7

WM Bible Study

Thirty five volunteers descended upon Isaiah 55 Ministries' compound in Reynosa, Mexico, on Saturday, June 7, for partnering work (...and I mean work) with our friends there. The compound serves as the headquarters for I-55. Ministry offices, storage depots, team dorms, staff lodging, dining room/kitchen and corporate meeting areas are all located there. It is from these accommodating buildings that volunteer work teams were dispatched daily to various places to do various work in conjunction with I-55's mission. NoNo and Kate Beale (CPC-supported missionaries) serve as the field directors for I-55.

Of the 35 volunteers, 21 came from our church here in Chattanooga. The rest of the week-long work/ministry force came from Trinity Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama. CPC's team was awesome...and so were the others! I'm reluctant to use that term...awesome. It tends to be overused and depleted of its real meaning. However, I can't think of a better way to describe the tireless, selfless, joyful labor (under some pretty difficult conditions) of all 35.

I-55's principle work has been the education, evangelization and discipleship of deaf children and their families. However, the ministry has also been about reaching the "deaf of heart" in Reynosa. The mission's compound and the vocational training center where I-55 operates sewing, welding and carpentry classes are located in the heart of the Aquiles Serdan colonia. This area is notorious for its defining feature, Boystown, the walled area of legalized prostitution.

Locals jokingly call Aquiles Serdan "de aqui no saldran" (*they will never leave from here*) pointing to its generational cycles of drug addiction, prostitution, cartel involvement, alcoholism and the worship of death (Santa Muerte) that have broken and bound people for years. The staff of I-55 has long coordinated different community outreach efforts (medical clinics, urban gardening, sports camps, construction and the like) throughout Reynosa and the country of Mexico, but especially now, feels it can no longer ignore the huge need right outside its own gates.

So, the request of I-55 is that friends and supporters would join them as they lay out the plans for their next phrase of ministry in Reynosa. Those plans include expanding their vocational training programs to include hearing children (and eventually adults) as well as initiating an after school program designed to feed (literally, spiritually, emotionally, recreationally and academically) and disciple a group of kids who can be trained as servant leaders who could eventually take over the outreach. Within a year, the mission staff anticipates that it will nearly double in size.

All that having been said, the ministry has adjusted the name slightly from "Isaiah 55 Deaf Ministries" to "Isaiah 55 Ministries." This will encompass not only the ongoing support for the Deaf school, which is now run by Mexican nationals, but also capture the vision of holistically embodying the Gospel in a neighborhood desperately in need of the Good News.

Please continue to pray for our missionary friends "south of the border" and those changing lives in Reynosa.

~ Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule
June 22

Worship

Infants

Kristin Sotelo
& Sally Forrester

Creepers

Josh & Diana Perrel

Toddlers

Dusty & Rachel Kemp

Floater

Will Horton

Sunday School

Infants

Tim, Susan
& Elyssa Gunter

Creepers

Frank & Nicole May

Toddlers

Larken & Alayna Baker,
Sarah Moore

June Coordinator:

Kay Gaither

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Ministry Summer Bible study on *The Gospel According to Genesis*, lead by John Herberich and Mark Miller begins Monday, June 23, at 7:00 p.m. The study lasts through August 18 and meets at Mark Miller's home (761 Lanoir St. Chattanooga). Please contact Mark Miller at 423.298.8842 with any questions.

MUSIC CAMP JUNE 23-27

Music Camp 2014 begins Monday! 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 through midnight on Friday. After Friday night, you can still register at the Welcome Center. Cost for the week long camp is \$25. See Jeremy Gaines for more details.

WM BIBLE STUDIES SUMMER 2014

MONDAYS

• Study on *A Praying Life* by Paul Miller
Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom with Ann Walker, Eva Herberich and Diane Lazor leading the study.

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

Meets every other week from 8:30 p.m. in the Rossville, GA home of Emily Calloway. Books can be purchased in the lobby or in digital format.

TUESDAY MORNINGS

• Bible Study on *Philippians*
Meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Ladies Classroom with Marla Neal leading the study. A nursery is provided.

RENT-A-YOUTH

This program helps our students raise needed funds to attend youth activities. The youth need to raise money throughout the year, so more jobs are needed. To *Rent-a-Youth*, use the request forms outside of Chris' office or at the welcome center. Have questions or a request? Please email Christine Morrison at rpgchatt@comcast.net.

SWIM DAY

Swim days at the Mays' pool are Thursdays throughout the summer, 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@lsh.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. A nursery is provided for children 3 and under for those participating in Mission: Chattanooga.

On Campus activities: Mission Kidz, Cooking with a Purpose (meets June 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.

CHANGES TO DIRECTORY

Please be sure to make the following changes in your CPC Church Directory:
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Covenant Towers W-214
5001 Little River Road