



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

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Taters and Tubesteaks II

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Morning Worship Service
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WM Philippians Bible Study
WM Council

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Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Practice

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August 10

Morning Worship Service
Sunday School
Diaconate Meets

August 11

WM Evening Bible Study
Men's Genesis Bible Study

August 12

WM Philippians Study

August 13

Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Practice

There are moments in our lives when we realize that something very significant is about to take place. On the day of my wedding I remember thinking it will never be this day again, but the twenty third of every August will never be the same either. I knew that if ever I forget that particular date, from then on, it would make things difficult (and detrimental) for my personal well being.

Israel's history is full of commands to remember. In Exodus 12.14 God told the Israelites that they would remember the night of Passover before the night had even happened. "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever." Moses and Aaron were told to instruct the whole community of Israel to choose a lamb without defect and slaughter it at twilight. They were to then take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts of their houses. "The blood will be a sign," the LORD declared. "And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike the firstborns of Egypt."

From that day onward, celebrating the Passover was a nonnegotiable, and with good reason. God had spared His people by the blood of a lamb. From that day on, the command was passed down from generation to generation: "You shall remember this day as a statute forever." Thus, they remembered the Passover each year.

However, just as we recall more than the wedding itself on an anniversary, the Israelites were remembering far more than the act of Israel's exodus from Egypt; they were remembering the God of that Exodus-the faithful hand that moved and moves among them, the mighty acts which indeed shout of God's timely remembering of God's people.

They were remembering that God was still among them.

Centuries later, the disciples sat around the table celebrating the Passover meal with Jesus, an observance they had kept long before they met Jesus. Everything perhaps looked ceremoniously familiar. The smell of lamb filled the upper room; the unleavened bread was prepared and waiting to be broken. Remembering again the acts of God in Egypt: the blood on the doorposts, the lives spared and brought out of slavery, they looked at their Teacher as He lifted the bread from the table and gave thanks.

Then Jesus broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying something entirely new: "This is my body given for you; do this *in remembrance of me*" (Luke 22.19). I've always wished that Dr. Luke would have described a little more of the scene that followed. Did a hush immediately fall over the room? Were the disciples once again confused at His words? Or did their years of envisioning the blood-marked doorposts cry out at the new and faultless Lamb before them?

They had spent their entire lives remembering the power and mercy of God in the events of the Passover, and on this day, Jesus tells them that there was yet even more to see. He said in this Passover lamb and in this broken bread is the reflection of Me. As you remember God in history, so remember Me. For on this day, God is engraving across all of time the promise of Passover: "I still remember you!"

I imagine from that day forward the disciples knew it would be difficult to forget that day on the calendar. As for us, today there is something that still weights that day with hope. Forgetting what was witnessed in the upper room on that Passover carries the force of forgetting so much more.

~ Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule July 27

Worship

Infants

Beth Griggs
& Emily Elwood

Creepers

Heidie, Charity
& Jenny Armao

Toddlers

John & Becky Pearce

Floater

Isaiah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Alayne Griffin
& Peggy Bandy

Creepers

Rebekah Gernhard
& Susan Mobley

Toddlers

Luther & Shirley Allin

July Coordinator:

Crystal Middleton

TATERS AND TUBE STEAKS II

Join us for a night out with the family on Friday, July 25, at 5:45 p.m. The night begins with a gourmet hot dog dinner in Coolidge Park followed by the Lookouts game beginning at 7:15 p.m. at AT&T Park. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family - the best entertainment value in town! Please contact the church office if you are planning on attending.

YOU ARE INVITED!

A service project at CPC supported Amani Ya Juu Warehouse is Saturday, August 2, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Skilled and unskilled workers are needed. Lunch will be provided.

PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING

Interested in joining other CPC members in rewarding ministry work at Walker State Prison? The next training session takes place Saturday morning, August 9, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Dalton. For more details contact Tim Owens or Rich Denking.

SANCTUARY CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN

The Sanctuary Choir begins their new season of rehearsal on Wednesday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Now is the absolute best time to join as the choir is looking at new music for the fall as well as Christmas music just around the corner. If you have ever thought about joining choir, come to a rehearsal-no strings attached-to see if choir would be a good ministry for you. Contact Jeremy with any questions.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS

The monthly birthday and anniversary calendar for August is now available at the Welcome Center. Be sure to pick up your copy today!

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following newest members of CPC:

Heather Morrison

Daughter of John & Christine Morrison

Jonah, Elijah, Isaiah & Ezra Harris

Sons of Jon & Heather Harris

Luke Bowman

Son of Jason & Lyndsey Bowman

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Luke & Amy Finn

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Jon & Patty Arbuckle

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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: Mission Kidz, no Cooking with a Purpose (meets August 6 & 20), Missions Support (stamp ministry and 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.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Going Deeper - An in-depth Bible study is available in the CPC Youth Suite from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and is wrapping up this Wednesday. This Bible study is geared for students intent on growing spiritually.

Youth Summer Fellowship - This Sunday is the last Youth Summer Fellowship activity. From 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the youth are invited to participate in fun games and activities sponsored by CYAM. This is a great time to build and maintain relationships through activities!

Rent-A-Youth - This program helps our students raise the needed funds to attend youth activities. The youth need to raise money throughout the year, so many jobs are needed. To *Rent-a-Youth*, use the request forms at the Welcome Center. If you have questions or a request, contact Christine Morrison.

SWIM DAY

Swim days at the Mays' pool are Thursdays throughout the summer from 11:00 a.m. until 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.