



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

- August 2**  
Men's Breakfast
- August 3**  
Morning Worship Service  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School
- August 4**  
Men's Genesis Bible Study  
WM Night Owl Bible Study
- August 5**  
WM Philippians Bible Study  
WM Council
- August 6**  
Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Practice
- August 7**  
Swim Day
- August 10**  
Morning Worship Service  
Sunday School  
Diaconate Meeting
- August 11**  
WM Evening Bible Study  
Men's Genesis Bible Study
- August 12**  
WM Philippians Study  
Session Meeting
- August 13**  
Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Practice
- August 14**  
Last Swim Day
- August 17**  
Mission Reports PM Service  
Membership Sunday
- August 18**  
WM Night Owl Bible Study  
Men's Genesis Bible Study
- August 19**  
WM Philippians Study  
Session Meeting
- August 20**  
Last Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Practice
- August 21**  
Memorial Hospital Ministry

While all I'm wrestling with is a nasty cold, I still find myself asking, "Why? Why now? Don't You know I need to get back in the saddle? So why sap my energy at this particular moment? Lord, I'm not complaining...but your timing seems a little off."

After such thoughts have raced through my brain, I remember that what some of you are battling makes my cold terribly insignificant. Then, I start wondering about those who are followers of Christ in the eastern Ukraine and in the Middle East. What about my many brothers and sisters who face daily battles in various places throughout this world that I can't even imagine?

So, like the Psalmist, I find myself asking, "Lord, when are You going to make all these things right?"

I'm not worried about whether or not He'll make things right. I'm confident He will. My concern is a matter of timing.

Timing was the issue in Jeremiah's day. Many of the people had been carried into exile by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. However, the city of Jerusalem and the Temple were still standing, and a significant portion of the population still remained in the city and countryside.

In response to their circumstances, certain preachers in Jerusalem assured the people that within two years the Lord would restore both the exiles and the

furnishings of the Temple that had been carted off to Babylon. That message was well received. Although there was a problem. It was a lie.

The Word of the Lord came through Jeremiah. Jeremiah's message was true, but it wasn't what the people wanted to hear. The message of the Lord proclaimed by Jeremiah was that Nebuchadnezzar would return to utterly destroy the city and the Temple, to carry most of those presently living in Judah and Jerusalem into exile, and that the exile would last 70 years. Seventy years is a lifetime. Who wants to wait a lifetime for the Lord to do what obviously needs doing now?

Timing is usually our biggest challenge. We believe the Lord has everything under control. We believe He will turn all things right-side up. We're confident of His love and concern for us and our world.

As is demonstrated repeatedly in Scripture, our timing and God's timing don't always agree.

Sometimes things don't get better for a few days, or few months, or a few years. Sometimes things don't get better until we've crossed to the other side. Although, we know that God's promises are yea and amen, we also know that God will do what He has promised. What we ask for is the faith to await His timing.

~ Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule August 3

#### Worship

##### Infants

Lynne Swan  
& Sandi Schreiner

##### Creepers

Dawn & Emilia Reynolds

##### Toddlers

Karen Saxton  
& Kate Lambeth

##### Floater

Andrew Schreiner

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Lynda Brown  
& Heather Harris

##### Creepers

Amy Maclellan  
& Cayce Weekley

##### Toddlers

Ernie Brown  
& Amy Wright

### August Coordinator:

Marcy Wilson

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, August 2, at 8:30 a.m. Dan Gilchrist is speaking on *Successes and Failures in a Man's Gospel Cycle*.

### 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 is provided.

### PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING

Are you interested in joining other CPC men 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 for details.

### IMMEDIATE NEED

The college prayer ministry consists of adult volunteers, each of whom agrees to pray for a CPC college student for a year. Monthly contact by email, Facebook, snail mail, etc. is also encouraged. Addresses are provided and you will receive a monthly email reminder about contact and prayer. We have many students in need of an adult prayer partner this school year. Both men and women are needed. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the church office by August 7.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT LEADER WORKSHOP

The Chattanooga Area Team of Operation Christmas Child cordially invites you to a "Project Leader Workshop!" The workshop is on Saturday, August 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Christ United Methodist. To register, please contact Kate McKinnie at 615.678.6200.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

#### Kelly Delk

Phone.....727.365.8184

#### Marcy Wilson

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#### Dick & Theo Fisher

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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.

### WALKER STATE PRISON MINISTRY NEED

The Walker State Prison Mentoring Program is in need of three portable electric generators to use for their "Family Day" on September 19. The generators need to be able to handle 5,000 watts or more. If you have one to loan for this event, please contact Tim Owens or Pastor Mullinax.

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Summer Bible study, *A Praying Life*, is continuing through the fall. It's not too late to join! The study meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Contact Ann Walker for details.

More information about fall Bible study opportunities will be announced at the WM Fall Kick-Off on August 27.