



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of Marla Neal...*

### *Looking Ahead...*

- 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**  
Sunday Evening-Mission  
Report  
Membership Sunday
- August 18**  
Men's Genesis Bible Study  
WM Night Owl Bible Study
- August 19**  
WM Philippians Study  
Session Meeting
- August 20**  
Last Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Practice
- August 21**  
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- August 23**  
Sanctuary Choir Christmas  
Preview Breakfast  
Sacred Harp Singing
- August 24**  
Youth Back-2-School Bash
- August 25**  
WM Evening Bible Study
- August 26**  
WM Philippians Study
- August 27**  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Resume  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Resumes  
Sanctuary Choir Practice
- August 29**  
Chicks n' Chocolate

This past Thursday (July 31, 2014), I went for a follow-up appointment with my oncologist to discuss the results of my recent PET scan. Nothing "lit up!" No cancer at all showed up on the scan! The earlier scan done in March revealed 20 or so places with cancer—in the bones in my lower back, in my spine, on several ribs and in a number of lymph nodes. The doctor's office had already called to tell me the new scan looked great and the hormone blocker was working, but I had no idea the scan indicated NO cancer anywhere! My oncologist warned there could still be some cancer cells the machine did not see, but that did not diminish the joy and elation I felt as I looked at the before and after pictures.

After my initial exclamation of "Praise the Lord!" I realized that this good news isn't just about me, but also very much about you! Our Lord has graciously granted the requests made by so many of His children, who had offered up prayers on my behalf, not once or twice, but all through the past months—really throughout the past four years!—and my heart welled up with gratitude. I thought back to the innumerable times many of you have sent cards, stopped me at church, came up to me at the grocery store, emailed or called to let me know you faithfully pray for me daily.

Sometimes we cry out to God when in desperate need; then we remark about how well the meds, radiation or chemotherapy are working. I'm thankful for the time and research that have provided us with so many options, but ultimately, we cried out and our God graciously answered. How fitting that Render's sermon Sunday was all about our gracious God!

I shared with many of the women at a meeting in May how the Lord had told me to be so full of faith that there was no room for fear. I told them He had so filled me with joy during a time of prayer, I was fully persuaded that whatever He chose to do was going to be fine with me. I'm standing on the mountain top rejoicing, but I'm fully aware there will be other battles before I go home -- even the possible return of cancer -- I know even more that I want to continue to stay in the palm of His hand, and I want to remain thankful to so many precious, faithful loved ones who prayed me through! Thank God and thank you! My husband also wants you to know how much he appreciates your prayers. The Lord has overwhelmed him with His goodness and grace.

~ Marla Neal



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule August 10

#### Worship

##### Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

##### Creepers

Adam & Millie Sanders

##### Toddlers

Mindy Horton  
& Katherine Fisher

##### Floater

Tavis Brown

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Jared & Sarah McCurry

##### Creepers

Amy Creamer  
& Eunice Martin

##### Toddlers

John & Eva Herberich

##### August Coordinator:

Marcy Wilson

### 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 Denkinger.

### 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.

### MEN'S SMALL GROUP

The Dead Theologians Society is starting a new book, *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*, on August 14. This autobiography of John Bunyan chronicles his pilgrimage to faith in Christ, and sheds much light on what is found in *Pilgrim's Progress*. For more information, please contact Nathan Bowers.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Annual Volunteers in Medicine Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Friday, August 15, at Brown Acres. This is a major fundraiser for the clinic. Mark your calendars, and get your teams together. Visit [www.vim-chatt.org](http://www.vim-chatt.org) for more details.

### MISSION REPORT

Sunday evening, August 17, is a service that is meant to give God the glory for the great things He has done through our CPC family this summer. Please make it a priority for you and your family to be here that evening at 6:00 p.m. as we hear of His mighty acts. We will tell of His excellent greatness in Canada, Columbia, Ghana, Honduras and Mexico. Afterwards, there is a fruit cobbler and ice cream social in Schum Fellowship Hall.

### YOUTH BACK-2-SCHOOL BASH

There are some big changes coming to our youth program this year. Sunday, August 24, at 6:00 p.m. your family is invited to find out more at our 7th Annual Back-2-School Bash. The evening starts with food, fun, inflatables and fellowship, followed by an informational meeting outlining this year's youth events. Parents and youth are invited. Nursery provided for 3 and under.

### MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please call or email the church office for an appointment.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Anna Steere

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### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who recently joined us.

Breezy Atkinson

Breezy is a friend of the Reynolds and Hobbs.

McKellan Creamer

McKellan is the son of James and Amy, and is in fifth grade.

Tom & Becky Erndt

Tom and Becky are retired, and recently moved here from Michigan.

Seth Waldecker

Seth is the son of Gary and Phyllis and brother of Andrea and Audrey.

Bryonie Wykoff

Bryonie is the daughter of John and Vangie, and the granddaughter of Dale and Lucy Wykoff.

### 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: Sanctuary Choir Practice, Mission Kidz, Cooking with a Purpose (meets August 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.

### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar with the following events if you are interested in participating!

September 1.....26th Annual FCA 5K/10K

September 26-27.....Marriage Seminar with

Kelly & Tabitha Kopic

October 26-28.....Youth Fall Retreat