



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

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Sunday Evening Service-
Mission Report
Membership Sunday

August 18

Men's Genesis Bible Study
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WM Philippians Study
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Trip

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August 29

Chicks 'n Chocolate

August 31

Shepherding Groups Meet

September 1

Labor Day-Office Closed

September 2

WM Council

September 3

Wednesday Night Supper
Children's Choir Begins
Wednesday Night Activities

September 4

Ladies' Bible Study

There have been far too many times when, by my words or actions – or lack thereof – I have sinned against others. On many occasions – but sadly, not always – I've gone to the offended party, confessed my sin and asked forgiveness. Often, I've been forgiven, and a heavy burden has been lifted off my back.

To be forgiven is wonderful, but sometimes the shoe is on the other foot. You are the offended party. You have been sinned against. You are being asked for forgiveness.

To forgive is not always easy, particularly when the wound is grievous and painful. Even more challenging is the ability to forgive when the offending party does not admit their sin and ask for forgiveness.

The ability, willingness and eagerness to forgive when not asked for forgiveness is a supernatural grace. Grace is an unmerited favor. Favoring another with forgiveness when they've done nothing to earn or merit it is to respond as an image-bearer of Christ.

In 1 John 1 we're told that for our joy to be complete we are to live in fellowship with our Lord. To walk in fellowship with our Lord is to walk in the light of Who He is and of His Word.

As His Light illuminates our hearts and minds, we learn and acknowledge that our natural bent is to deny Him and to live as if we were autonomous beings, foolishly believing we can live by our own rules. That was the lie Satan sold to Adam and Eve, and it is still the lie that continues to devastate many an individual and culture.

Yet, as His Light blazes upon us, we tremble to realize we are rebellious sinners who stand before a holy, right-

eous and just God, Who will by no means clear the guilty.

As His Light blazes upon us, we hear Him speak to us the Good News that if we will confess our sins, He will be faithful and just to forgive us. He will be faithful to Himself, and yet, justly forgive us because God the Son suffered the penalty for our transgressions at Calvary.

Furthermore, He tells us in 1 John 1.9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us *from all unrighteousness.*"

All unrighteousness. Have any of us ever confessed to God all our sins? I don't think so. I'm not even sure it's possible. Yet, He promises to cleanse us *from all unrighteousness.*

Likewise, many who sin against us, including our brothers and sisters in the Lord, will fail to ask us to forgive particular offenses. I know there's many offense for which I have not asked forgiveness.

Even if we're not asked for forgiveness, we are to forgive, and we can. By God's grace we have been transformed from image bearers of Adam into image bearers of Jesus. By the supernatural strength supplied to us by God the Holy Spirit we can forgive as we have been forgiven.

When we are forgiven, a great burden is lifted off our backs. When we forgive others as the Lord forgives us, we experience anew the joy of our salvation. By God's grace, forgive as you have been forgiven.

~ Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule August 17

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Kelly Orthner

Creepers

Heidie, Charity
& Jenny Armao

Toddlers

Scott, Meg & Luke Orthner

Floater

Maddie Ferrel

Sunday School

Infants

Jessica Greer
& Sandra Nicely

Creepers

Heather & Grace Morrison
& Karen Fullam

Toddlers

Adam & Leanna Cathey

August Coordinator:

Marcy Wilson

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Volunteers in Medicine Golf Tournament is 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 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 attend that evening at 6:00 p.m. as we hear of His mighty acts. We will tell of His excellent greatness in Canada, Colombia, Ghana, Honduras and Mexico. Afterwards, there is a fruit cobbler and ice cream social in Schum Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. The third Thursday of each month, we provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you are able to contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes or fruit this week, please call or email the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Night Dinners return August 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meal is served until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4 and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children 4 and under eat for free, with a maximum family donation of \$15.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- August 27 Spaghetti
- September 3 Chicken Casserole
- September 10 Meatball Subs & Tater Tots
- September 17 Creamy Sausage Pasta (Heidie's Surprise)
- September 24 Breakfast
- October 1 Taco Salad
- October 8 Chicken Tetrastini
- October 15 Swedish Meatballs
- October 22 Chili
- October 29 Reformation Celebration
- November 5 Chicken & Rice
- November 26 No Meal-Thanksgiving Service
- November 12 Mission Conference
- November 19 BBQ
- December 3 Sweet & Sour Chicken
- December 10 Cowboy Casserole
- December 17 Christmas Caroling

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

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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: 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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

PREVIEW BREAKFAST

If you've ever been interested in joining the choir, you don't want to miss this event. The Christmas Choir Preview Breakfast is on Saturday, August 23, at 9:00 a.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. This is a great time of fellowship as the songs of the season are previewed while enjoying a Mary Caudle breakfast. Please RSVP by this Sunday, August 17, to jgaines@covenantchattanooga.org.

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.

MATTHEW SMITH

& INDELIBLE GRACE CONCERT

Matthew Smith is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter who writes brand new music to centuries-old hymn texts. He is in concert Sunday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) at Brainerd Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more details, visit www.bpepc.org.

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 Women's Ministry Fall Kick-Off on August 27.