



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

#### **November 9**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal  
HS Bonfire

#### **November 10**

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

#### **November 11**

WM Council

#### **November 12**

Missions Conference Activities

#### **November 13**

Ladies' Bible Study

#### **November 15**

Missions Conference

#### **November 16**

Missions Conference  
Martof Bridal Shower

#### **November 17**

Ladies' Night Owl Bible Study

#### **November 18**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

#### **November 19**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Children's Choir  
Sanctuary Choir Practice  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

#### **November 20**

Ladies' Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch

#### **November 21**

Chicks 'n Chocolate

#### **November 22**

Operation Christmas Child  
Box Packing Party

#### **November 23**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
HS SNL

#### **November 24**

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

#### **November 26**

Thanksgiving Praise Service

#### **November 27**

Thanksgiving-Office Closed

By the time you read this newsletter, the mid-term elections will be over and the post-election dissection well underway. Many who went to the polls were voting for change – a change in representation, in the state constitution, in the policies that direct the various levels of our government. This is our privilege as Americans. We vote for change because we believe it is sorely needed.

Change: some fear it, many seek to avoid it and few embrace it readily. However, most of us would agree the world desperately needs change because it's such a mess! We regularly hear about violence, terrorism, persecution, disease, injustice, poverty and corruption – both abroad and here at home. All of these cry out for change.

Change is the foundation of our faith and of our hope for the future. Not political change – although there is often a need for that – but a change of heart and a change of destiny. We have believed in Christ because God the Holy Spirit has changed us. He has taken away our stony heart and replaced it with a heart of flesh, a heart that is alive to God and walks in His ways. (Ezekiel 36.26-27) Because of this, there will come a day when “we shall all be changed” and bear Christ's likeness. (1 Corinthians 15.51)

In a sense, God's redemptive work in the world is all about change. We have been commissioned to take the good news of salvation by grace through faith to our messed-up world. Our task is to change the world by making disciples of all the nations, bringing them into the covenant community and teaching them all that Christ has commanded us. (Matthew 28.19,20)

The only real solution to the ills of the world is the kind of change God has worked in our hearts – the change that comes through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

That is why the theme of this year's Missions Conference is, “A Heart to Change the World.” Wednesday, November 12, through Sunday, November 16, the conference highlights the variety of ways God's people are working to bring about this change.

On Wednesday night, we will gather for a covered dish dinner and have an opportunity to interact with a number of local ministries that are working to bring change to Chattanooga. Friday through Sunday, Shepherding Groups and Sunday School classes will hear from missionaries ministering in Africa, Canada, Europe and around the world. These missionaries will also join us for a brunch on Saturday morning. The brunch is designed to provide a time to learn about their ministries and to talk with them about how you can be involved in their work through prayer and other means of support.

Our main conference speaker is Dr. Richard Pratt, the founder of Third Millennium Ministries. Dr. Pratt travels the world teaching church leaders and, as he teaches God's Word, he will also share with us how God is bringing change to this needy world.

Plan to take advantage of these opportunities as we learn more about missions and celebrate God's work in the world. As you look forward to this conference, pray that God will give us all “a heart to change the world.”

~Pastor Steere



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule November 9

#### Worship

##### Infants

Diana Bowers  
& Sandy Coffey

##### Creepers

Julia & Olivia Bowers

##### Toddlers

Nathan & Alayna Bowers

##### Floater

Tavis Brown

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Amy Creamer  
& Sandra Nicely

##### Creepers

Tammy Higgins  
& Eunice Martin

##### Toddlers

Brandon & Sophia Cross  
& William Higgins

#### November Coordinator:

Martha Krabbendam

#### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Cara Martof, bride-elect of Luke Chandler, is Sunday, November 16, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Cara is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

#### YOUTH TALENT SHOW POSTPONED

The Youth Talent Show is postponed until after Christmas. In its place, there is a bonfire for our High School Youth at Chris & Reba Gregory's house (137 Angela Circle, Rossville, GA) this Sunday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. A shuttle bus leaves CPC at 5:40 p.m. and returns at 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Chris Gregory.

#### MISSIONS CONFERENCE

CPC's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Missions Conference is November 12-16. This year's theme is *A Heart to Change the World*. Throughout the week, we'll hear of God's work in distant lands, from massive international cities to the remotest hamlets and how we can partner in the extension of His kingdom. We'll also hear of the Lord's work here in our land and among us. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Richard Pratt, founder of Third Millennium Ministries. Make plans to join us Wednesday, November 12, through Sunday, November 16, for many planned events.

#### INTERNATIONAL ITEMS NEEDED

If you have any international items that could be used for decorations during the Missions Conference, please put your name on them and drop them off in Pastor Mullinax's office by Tuesday, November 11.

#### 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 can contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes or fruit this week, please call or email the church office.

#### THANKSGIVING POUNDING

It's time again for our annual collection of nonperishable food items to share with those in need. Please bring your donations of canned goods and staples and place them in the box outside Mark Wilson's office by November 19. Monetary donations are always welcome, and are needed to purchase perishable items (turkey, ham, etc.) on the day of delivery, November 22. If you know someone in need or if you, yourself, could use a hand this year, please contact the church office or an elder.

#### SPECIFYING PLEDGE MONEY

We appreciate the participation we've seen in pledge cards for the nursery expansion project. Please remember, when writing out your checks, to specify Nursery Fund. Thank you for giving so generously.

#### MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please call the church office to set up an appointment.

#### 30 DAYS OF PRAYER

Mission to the World (MTW), the PCA's foreign mission arm, has produced a *30 Days of Prayer for World Missions* calendar. This helpful prayer tool is available at the church's welcome center. Please commit to pray for our missionaries and ministries throughout the month of November. (This coincides with CPC's Annual Missions Conference, November 12-16.) Particularly, pray for those in restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts to deliver to needy children around the world at Christmas time. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. Stickers are available to place on the boxes marking age and gender of the child. You can participate several ways:

- \* **Fill a shoe box** for a specific gender/age child (2 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 14). OCC requests the use of Walmart or Dollar store's plastic boxes which are shoe box sized as they are more durable. If you are able to write a note to include in your box, it would be a great blessing to that child as they have been known to prize things like letters and pictures well into adulthood. Collection point is the Ladies Sunday School classroom across from the coke machine.
- \* **Donate** - empty shoe boxes or items for shoe boxes. Sample items: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, small toys, combs, socks, school supplies, hard candy (no chocolate since it melts), etc.
- \* **Donate money** - OCC requests \$7 for shipping per box. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, and put OCC on the memo line. Drop it in the offering plate no later than November 17.
- \* **Wrap and stuff boxes** on Saturday, November 22, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School classroom.

*November 22 is the deadline for boxes and items.*

#### WEDNESDAY SUPPER

Wednesday Night Suppers are served from 5:30 p.m. 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, and the maximum family donation is \$15.

For the month of November, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: J. Harris, D. Hobbs, T. Smith and C. Wilkie. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you are able to help.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

November 12	Missions Conf. - Pot-Providence
November 19	BBQ
November 26	Thanksgiving Service - No Meal
December 3	Sweet & Sour Chicken
December 10	Cowboy Casserole
December 17	Christmas Caroling - No Meal