



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

January 10

TVP Winter Meeting
WM Council

January 11

Morning Worship/Installation
Service
Sunday School
Daconate Meeting

January 12

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

January 14

Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Night Activities

January 15

Ladies Morning Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch

January 17

Men's Breakfast

January 18

Morning Worship/Sanctity of
Life Sunday
Sunday School
HS SNL

January 20

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

January 21

Wednesday Night Supper
Parent Meeting
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

January 22

Ladies Morning Bible Study

January 23

Chicks 'n Chocolate

January 24

Youth Bowling

January 25

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet
HS SNL

January 28

Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Night Activities

Once more, as it's been true for each of CPC's twenty-seven years, the Lord, through you, has encouraged all of us by allowing us to meet budget. In fact, giving exceeded the budget by \$20,000.

Mapping out a budget for the coming year is a daunting task. The staff, finance committee, deacons, and elders try hard to properly identify the genuine needs of the church, and identify those areas of ministry that would profit from an increase in their budget. They have also tried to steadily increase the percentage of the budget designated for missions.

Total giving this year, excluding the nursery project, was \$1,612,475. The total giving towards Missions, Benevolence, and the Diaconate was 21% of that amount.

Each new year's budget usually increases by a small percentage over the previous year's. So far, the Lord has blessed the efforts of all involved in this prolonged process by providing, through you, the necessary funds. To Him be all glory, honor, and praise.

Meanwhile, we continue to wait upon Him to make evident whether we should be expanding and approving our nursery facilities. If you have not yet submitted a gift or a five-year pledge, I encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so. The need is obvious to most, but we will not proceed with this project until all the money needed (\$500,000) has either been given or pledged.

I also want to take this opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for the privilege that is mine to serve as the Senior Pastor of CPC and be supported by an amazing staff.

Chris's sermon this past Sunday honored the Lord and was a great encouragement to me and others. We are blessed to have such a gifted communicator ministering both to our youth and entire congregation.

Jeremy's gifts in leading the music ministry of CPC and of preparing for us each week a meaningful service of worship is superlative.

Mark's efforts as Administrator and Sunday Superintendent often go unnoticed, but he works diligently to keep things running smoothly and productively. He is supported, and we are blessed, by the diligence of Susan and Tasya. Carol handles our "books" in a winsome and professional manner.

Huston and Len, along with those who assist them, keep our buildings and grounds in good shape.

Not many churches can speak of having a Senior Associate Pastor such as Eric, who so consistently and tenderly ministers to the sheep of this pasture, and preaches so effectively the truths of God's Word.

Dan's gifts as our Associate Pastor are evident to you, and through him, we have the privilege of ministering to hundreds of others in the lands of Nigeria and Ghana.

In addition, we have elders and deacons who serve their Lord faithfully, as they oversee the work of our church, minister to our families, and care for the financial and physical needs of our members.

The Women's Ministry profoundly enhances the life of our church, and care for our people in more ways than I would dare attempt to number.

Please join me in taking just a moment as you finish this week's newsletter to thank the Lord for the countless ways He has graciously blessed CPC.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule January 11

Worship

Infants

Gretchen & Mollee Brown

Creepers

Joey & Michelle Logterman

Toddlers

Josh & Renee Ray

Floater

Grace Logterman

Sunday School

Infants

Peggy Bandy
& Anna Harnsberger

Creepers

Amy Creamer

Toddlers

Daegan Brown
& Isaiah Harris

January Coordinator:

Judy Foster

INSTALLATION SERVICES

Deacons and elders are being installed during the morning service this Sunday.

Women's Ministry officers are being installed during the morning service on Sunday, January 25.

KINGDOM SEEKERS' CLASS

Beginning this Sunday, the Kingdom Seekers' Sunday School class is talking about spiritual warfare. We intend to have plenty of dialogue as John Spalding leads us in a study of God's Word regarding this subject. The class meets on the 2nd Floor of the Education Wing. Please contact Phil Wade (423.463.8101) for more information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast Saturday, January 17, at 8:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for you to bring a neighbor or someone who needs discipling. Dee Hobbs is the speaker this month.

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.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

On Friday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. the CPC women are invited to the church for a night of hot cocoa and fellowship. Please contact Emily Calloway at emilycalloway@epbfi.com for more information.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

~Parents, there is an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Suite. Please feel free to bring your supper with you to the meeting.

~All youth are invited to Pin Strikes Bowling on Saturday, January 24, at 12:00 p.m. Please see Chris or Tracy for more information.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

This year's Marriage Retreat is Friday evening, April 17, through Sunday afternoon, April 19, at Oak Haven Resort in Sevierville, TN. Scotty and Darlene Smith are the guest speakers. The cost is \$190, and a deposit of \$50 is required to secure a registration. Registration begins this Sunday, and ends on February 15. Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon!

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please contact the church office by phone or email to set up an appointment.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

~Wednesday evenings, Sarah Wade is leading a book study, *Hind's Feet on High Places*. The study focuses on themes of surrender, forgiveness and acceptance. It meets in the corner of Schum Fellowship Hall nearest the lobby at 7:00 p.m.

~Wednesday evenings, Marla Neal is leading a Precept study on Hebrews. The study meets in the Ladies' Classroom at 7:00 p.m. Another opportunity for the study is provided every other Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

~Thursday mornings, Bev Mealor is teaching a Precepts Ministry study on the book of Acts in the library at 10:00 a.m. This class starts on January 8. Please contact Bev Mealor for more information.

~Beginning January 12, the Bible study of Nehemiah meets the second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in women's homes. Books, along with a sign-up sheet, are available at the Women's Ministry table. Please see Diane Lazor and Susan Gunter (who are leading this study) to see where the group is meeting.

~Mothers' Encouragement Group starts on January 20 and meets the first and third Tuesday of each month throughout the school year. Mark your calendar now to be a part of this wonderful group. For more information, please contact Linda Caines.

3RD ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER

Friday evening, February 6, the choir is holding their 3rd Annual Valentine Dinner at the church. The night features a four-course dinner, entertainment and a cake auction. There's no charge, but reservations are required. Space is limited, so be sure to sign-up at the table in the lobby today.

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 January, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: E. Brown, K. Henry, J. Hildebrand, A. Sanders and J. Wykoff. We will contact you weekly by email to see if you are available to help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

January 14	Chicken Tetrazzini
January 21	Soup & Salad
January 28	BBQ
February 4	Chicken Casserole
February 11	Lasagna
February 18	Stromboli/Pizza
February 25	Chili