



# The eNewsletter

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

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### **February 1**

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School  
Meneghini Baby Shower  
HS SNL

#### **February 3**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council

#### **February 4**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **February 5**

Ladies' Bible Study

#### **February 6**

Valentine's Dinner

#### **February 8**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting  
Daconate Meeting  
HS SNL

#### **February 9**

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

#### **February 10**

Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study

#### **February 11**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **February 12**

Ladies' Bible Study

#### **February 13**

Youth Free Babysitting

#### **February 15**

Morning Worship  
Membership Sunday  
Sunday School  
Miller Baby Shower  
Firth Baby Shower  
HS SNL

#### **February 17**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

#### **February 18**

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

Attempting to trace God's invisible hand in the events and actions of this world is a challenging, but rewarding exercise. Too often, we don't sense God's active presence in the course of all human affairs. The "incidental information" given in Acts 18 helps us to recognize God sovereignly at work in everything.

Luke (Acts 18.2) records that Claudius, the Roman Emperor, expelled Jews living in Rome. This probably occurred sometime around 49 - 50 AD. The Roman historian Suetonius stated this edict to evict was because of rioting in the Jewish community as a result of the preaching of Christ.

Two of those expelled from Rome were the Jewish couple named Aquila and Priscilla, who had likely become Christians while they were in Rome. They fled to Corinth, where they set up shop in their trade as tentmakers (Acts 18.1-3).

A short time after Aquila and Priscilla arrived in Corinth, the Apostle Paul arrived. Paul soon met them, and since they shared the same trade, he lived and worked with them (Acts 18.3). Paul spent almost two years with Aquila and Priscilla, making them among the most well taught of any of Paul's disciples.

When Paul left Corinth for Syria, Aquila and Priscilla accompanied him as far as Ephesus (Acts 18.18-19). There they resumed their tent making business, and at the same time, became leaders in the Ephesian church (1 Corinthians 16.19). Later, Paul departed for Caesarea (Acts 18.21-22).

While Aquila and Priscilla continued to minister in Ephesus, a Jewish man named Apollos, an eloquent speaker who knew the Scriptures well, arrived from Alexandria, Egypt. He had learned about Jesus and talked to others with great enthusiasm about him. However, he knew only about the baptism of John the Baptist. He had not yet heard about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and Christian baptism. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him preach boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God to him more accurately (Acts 18.24-26).

As a result of their instruction, Apollos became a mighty preacher of the gospel and defender of the faith. He went from Ephesus to Corinth, and there he proved to be a great benefit to the believers. He debated publicly, refuting the Jews with powerful arguments. Using Old Testament Scripture, he convincingly explained to them that Jesus was the promised Christ (Acts 18.28).

All of this began with the wicked intentions of a Roman leader. Claudius's persecution of the Jews and the Christians in Rome started a divinely superintended string of events that prepared Apollos, a Jewish convert from Egypt, to become one of the great preachers in the New Testament church. Even when we aren't privileged to see or understand the results, God is the One Who causes everything to work for the good of those who love him (Romans 8.28).

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule February 1

#### Worship

##### Infants

Diana Bowers & Beth Griggs

##### Creepers

Olivia Bowers  
& Andrea Waldecker

##### Toddlers

Nathan & Julia Bowers

##### Floater

Alayna Bowers

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Selah Cross & Alayne Griffin

##### Creepers

Tammy Knotts  
& Anna Steere

##### Toddlers

Brandon & Sophia Cross

#### February Coordinator:

Amy Creamer

### BABY SHOWER

A baby shower in honor of Emily Morris Meneghini is this Sunday, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Emily is registered at Target and buybuybaby.com. She lives out of town, so gift cards and small, soft items will be helpful.

### SPECIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKER

Welcome, James and Karen Ashley, veteran missionaries with Wycliffe in the Solomon Islands and long-time supported friends of CPC. The Ashleys are speaking this morning in the Perseverers Sunday School Class this Sunday. All are welcome to join.

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER

Friday, February 6, the choir is holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Valentine Dinner at the church at 6:30 p.m. The night features a four-course dinner, entertainment and a cake auction. There is currently a waiting list, as spots are full, but cancellations do occur. Please contact the church office to be put on the waiting list.

### YOUTH HAPPENINGS

February's Youth Service Project is coming up soon. They are offering free babysitting at the church on Friday, February 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more details, please contact Chris or Tracy.

### HELPFUL MATERIALS

Pastor Mullinax and Pastor Caines have created a wonderful tool to help parents teach their children to worship. This booklet, *Teaching Your Children to Worship*, is available at [www.covenantchattanooga.org](http://www.covenantchattanooga.org) and in the Narthex. There are children's bulletins available at the back of the sanctuary for your children to use during the service.

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Please keep us informed of any address, phone, or email changes. You may email us at [cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org).

### LOST AND FOUND

The bookcase and stairwell next to the coke machine have filled up with precious items left behind at church. Please be sure to check these two locations for items you may have misplaced!

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The February birthday and anniversary calendar is now available at the Welcome Center.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

#### Jon & Alayne Griffin

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### 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 per couple, and a deposit of \$50 is required to secure a registration. Registration ends on February 15. Registration forms are located in the lobby. Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon!

### BUDGET REPORT

A copy of the approved budget for 2015 is available at the Welcome Center.

### 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 February, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: D. Elwood, T. Horton, T. Schreiner, and M. Wilson. We will contact you weekly by email to see if you are available to help.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A nurse is available to check blood pressure between Morning Worship and Sunday School each Sunday in the receptionist's office.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

February 4	Chicken Casserole
February 11	Lasagna
February 18	Stromboli/Pizza
February 25	Chili