



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

February 22

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet

February 24

Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study

February 25

Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Night Activities

February 26

Ladies' Morning Bible Study

February 27

Chicks 'n Chocolate

March 1

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
HS SNL

March 3

Mothers' Encouragement
Group
WM Council

March 4

Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Night Activities

March 5

Ladies' Bible Study

March 7

Men's Breakfast
Turn Clocks Forward

March 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
HS SNL

March 9

Pictorial Directory
Ladies' Evening Bible Study

March 10

Pictorial Directory

March 11

Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Night Activities

Some argue that the Gospel record reflects the teachings of the early church and not historical events. In other words, what we celebrate during the weeks of Easter - the resurrection of Jesus from the dead - was what the early church taught happened on the third day following the crucifixion, but is not necessarily an accurate record of what actually took place.

There are also those who would argue that it doesn't matter whether Jesus rose again from the dead. All that matters is what the disciples believed in their heart had taken place. The Christ of their faith and the Jesus of history may not have a lot in common, but that's not important. It's true they attempted to give credence to what they were sharing with others by insisting that the Jesus in Whose Name they were preaching had risen again from the dead. But, we must grant them poetic license, overlooking their simplistic foolishness, and be grateful the great moral teachings of Jesus have been preserved. Clearly, such reasoning is absolute foolishness.

Paul tells us, in I Corinthians 1, that sharing with others the news of Jesus' crucifixion was a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles. So why did Paul preach Christ crucified? Because Jesus was crucified. Why do the four Gospels record for us in agonizing detail the betrayal, trial, torture, and crucifixion of Christ? Because He was betrayed, tried, tortured, and crucified.

If the Gospel record is a reflection of what the early church taught and not of historical facts, then the writers of the Gospel were silly to include, as a central motif, the crucifixion of the

One Whom they were claiming to be the King of kings and Lord of lords, for such an idea was a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. Clearly they should have told a different story. So why didn't they? Because the story they were telling was an accurate reflection of events that had taken place in time and space.

Likewise, there's only one reason why the Gospel writers would share with us the story of Jesus' resurrection, and that's because on the third day Jesus rose from the dead. Just as it was hard for Jews to believe in a Messiah who was crucified and difficult for Gentiles to accept that the King of kings and Lord of lords allowed Himself to be tortured and put to death by the Roman authorities, so it is almost impossible for the Athenian philosophers on Mars' Hill (Acts 17) to accept the idea that a man could rise again from the dead. However, that's the story the Gospel writers tell. Why? Because that's what happened.

Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again, but that's not the end of the story. He ascended back to the Father, where He now reigns and from where He will come again to judge the living and the dead. Why would the writers of Scripture make such claims? Not because they were popular ideas willingly accepted by one and all. No. The reason the writers of Scripture make such claims is because they are an accurate reflection of events that took place in time and space.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule February 22

Worship

Infants

Sally Forrester
& Joyce Trask

Creepers

Brian & Holly Lehmann

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Liam Lehmann

Sunday School

Infants

Tim, Susan,
& Elyssa Gunter

Creepers

Heather & Grace Morrison

Toddlers

Sarah Moore & Daughter

February Coordinator:

Amy Creamer

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

February 25	Chili
March 4	Chicken & Rice
March 11	Taco Salad
March 18	Spaghetti

LADIES: SAVE THE DATE

The Ladies' Spring Seminar is coming up on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The focus of the seminar is *Intentional Servanthood: Cultivating the Best of Mary and Martha*. Lunch and childcare are provided. Sign-ups begin Sunday, March 1, at the Women's Ministry table in the lobby. For more information, please contact Teri Akovenko at 704.340.2753 or Susan Mobley at 423.285.0143.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO APPOINTMENTS

CPC is putting together a new pictorial directory, and we want everyone to be in the directory! Photos will be taken March 9 - 14 (except Wednesday). Please register for an appointment at: <http://www.covenantchattanooga.org/church-directory/>. Volunteers will also be available in the lobby before and after worship the next couple of Sundays to help you sign up. For more information, or if you need help to sign up, please call Emily Calloway at 423.432.1743.

CHILDREN'S FLOOR OPEN HOUSE

The Children's Ministry cordially invites everyone to an Open House on Sunday, March 15, during the Sunday School hour. Come see the newly renovated classrooms, along with the beautiful, new Covenantal art gallery, and enjoy some refreshments while you're there. We look forward to seeing all of you.

LADIES' SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings, beginning March 5, Bev Mealor is leading a Precept study on Abraham. The study meets in the Library at 10:00 a.m. This is a wonderful study that teaches believers the trustworthiness of God and how He is truly faithful to His word. There is no homework, and all the lessons are done together during class time. Books are \$14.00. If you are interested, please contact Bev Mealor or Babs Leach so they'll know how many books to order.

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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who recently joined Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Olivia Bowers

Phone.....423.954.1247
Olivia is a senior in high school, and plans to attend Tennessee Tech next year. She is the daughter of Nathan and Diana Bowers.

Mark & Karen Crago

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Mark and Karen moved here a few months ago from North Carolina. Their oldest daughter is attending Covenant College.

Jim & Amy Lackey

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The Lackeys have been attending CPC regularly for 2 years.

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Robert is a Covenant College graduate, and works in the IT department at Cigna Healthcare.