



The eNewsletter

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Ladies' Spring Seminar

From the Pen of the Associate Pastor...

I've been asked to give a brief report on my last ministry trip. The trip was greatly blessed by God – in part, because you were faithful to pray for His blessing. Here is a quick summary of each week.

Nigeria: I taught a MINTS (Miami International Seminary) class on *Challenges for African Pastors* that provided a good amount of time for discussion. Each day, God directed the discussion into areas that were of tremendous benefit to the leaders gathered at the Servant Leadership Institute in Akure. At times, the Holy Spirit gave powerful insights and applications as the discussion progressed. It was simply awesome to see God's hand so clearly. We talked about the Biblical view of leadership (He must increase, I must decrease.), contextualizing the gospel and the deceptive lure of "relevance," as well as, the central role of preaching, suffering, and following Christ, the crying need for accountability among pastors, faithfulness vs. success in ministry, and a number of other topics. Gideon told me the men staying at SLI talked long into the night about the things they were learning.

Sunyani, Ghana: Stan Armes joined me for the two weeks in Ghana, both of us teaching MINTS classes. He taught *OT Historical Books*, and my topic was *The Holy Spirit*. In my class, God regularly opened opportunities to remind them about the Holy Spirit's goal - which is to bring glory to Jesus Christ (John 16.14). Holding this goal in mind, the entire ministry of the Spirit comes into proper focus. I was also privileged to gain some insight into the ministries God has given these men. I later wrote Susan about one day:

In class today, we talked about the differences between justification and sanctification and what happens when you confuse them. It produced a good introduction to the Spirit's work of progressive sanctification. It also resulted in

some heavy discussion on theology and methods of evangelism. I'm discovering these guys have taken us seriously and are putting into practice the things they're learning. Jake is an evangelist and now refuses to use an altar call. In spite of the criticism he gets for not using a popular method, God is using him to bring people to faith in Christ. Joseph is continuing his expository preaching/teaching on the radio, and is now having an influence on other pastors who are following his lead. God has done some remarkable things among these guys in the years we have been coming, and it's such an encouragement to see some of the fruit!

Kumasi, Ghana: This was a very busy week, but also very productive. From 9:00-12:00 every morning, I took more than 100 Bible school students through 1 Timothy, giving them a taste of expository teaching. This year, because so many of them had poor English skills, I taught through a translator. While I was teaching in the sanctuary, Stan was in a small classroom teaching the 25 MINTS students. The students really appreciated his practical teaching. After lunch, I began teaching the MINTS students on the Holy Spirit, from 1:00-4:00 in the afternoon.

Many of the MINTS students are Pentecostals with certain assumptions about the Person and work of the Holy Spirit. We had a great week of searching the Word, discussing what we found, answering questions, and making application. Occasionally, we had a spirited debate and, on at least one occasion, we agreed to disagree. However, it was all handled without rancor and in a spirit of brotherly love. As a result, we all grew in a Biblical understanding of the ministry of the Spirit.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support while I was away.

~Pastor Steere



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

March 8

Worship

Infants

Susan Helton
& Becky Pearce

Creepers

Lisa Hobbs
& Carla Stevenson

Toddlers

Mindy Horton
& Lucy Wykoff

Floater

John Mark Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Debby Gardner
& Rachel Miller

Creepers

Dusty & Rachel Kemp

Toddlers

Mike & Holly VanderGriend

March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

March 11	Taco Salad
March 18	Spaghetti
March 25	Sloppy Joes

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast this Saturday, at 8:30 a.m. The speaker is Hutch Garmany, pastor of Grace Community Church in Trenton, GA. His topic is *Following a God-Given Passion: One Man's Journey*.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour this Saturday night, as Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter, while honoring or remembering a friend or loved one, you may order an Easter lily for \$15. Order forms are available in the Lobby and need to be turned in to Carol by Monday, March 16. You may pick up your lily following the Easter service.

LADIES' SPRING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday mornings, beginning March 12, 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. If you are interested, please contact Bev Mealor or Babs Leach so they'll know how many books to order.

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.

YOUTH TALENT SHOW

All youth and parents are invited to attend our 2nd Annual Youth Talent Show on Sunday, March 15, at 6:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU

My family and I deeply appreciate all the ways we've been well-loved during my recent surgery and recovery.

~Pastor Mullinax

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

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LADIES' SPRING SEMINAR

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*. Karin Carpenter of Westminster PCA in Dayton, TN is the featured speaker. Cost is only \$6, and lunch and childcare are provided. Signup at the Women's Table in the lobby. For more information, please contact Teri Akovenko at 704.340.2753 or Susan Mobley at 423.285.0143.

EGG HUNT BREAKFAST

The CPC Youth Group is hosting their annual Resurrection Egg Hunt and Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, April 4, at 8:30 a.m. The youth are collecting bags of individually wrapped Easter candy to help defray the cost of hosting the event. A collection box is located outside Mark Wilson's office for your donations. All proceeds from the event go toward helping the youth participate in summer camp or a summer mission trip.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Extra nursery volunteers are needed for Easter Sunday, April 5, during Worship in both Infants and Creepers. If you are able to help out, please contact Heather Harris at 423.503.8651 or jeh1224@aol.com.

HELP US RECYCLE

We have placed blue recycle bins near the regular trash bins around the church facilities. The large bins in the Janitor Closets have separate recycle and trash cans, as well. Please take a moment to help our custodial staff, and dispose of the appropriate trash in the appropriate bins. Thank you.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER

For the month of March, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty: J. Coffey, J. Harris/D. Hobbs, T. Smith, and C. Wilkie. We will contact you weekly by email to see if you are available to help.