



The eNewsletter

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Looking Ahead...

- March 21**
Ladies' Spring Seminar
- March 22**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Mason/Makarova Bridal Shower
Beatty/Estes Bridal Shower
HS SNL
- March 24**
Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study
- March 25**
Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- March 26**
Ladies' Morning Bible Study
- March 28**
Church Work Day
- March 29**
Palm Sunday
Morning Worship
Sunday School
HS SNL
Shepherding Groups Meet
- April 1**
No Wednesday Activities
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- April 2**
No Ladies' Bible Study
Maundy Thursday Service
- April 3**
Good Friday - Church Office
Closed
- April 4**
Egg Hunt Breakfast
- April 5**
Easter Sunday
No HS SNL
- April 7**
Mothers' Encouragement
Group
WM Council
- April 8**
Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday Night Activities

From the Pen of Heather Harris and Jason Coffey...

Over eight years as Director of the Nursery at CPC, I have enjoyed the privilege of meeting many visitors. The opportunity to welcome them to our church as they drop off their children in the nursery is a highlight of my position.

Over the years, I have seen increasing apprehension as visitors drop off children in the nursery. Many feel overwhelmed by the chaos in one room with a dozen or more toddlers running around and the general uncertainty regarding protection of their children. Some even question how the nursery workers know which child belongs to which parent. While our members who know our workers and volunteers personally are comfortable with this system, new visitors are not.

In the last year, several visiting parents have expressed concern about the lack of protection when leaving their children in our nursery. One father visited for 3 weeks and left his 2 year-old in the nursery each time. On his fourth visit to our church, his wife came, too. She dropped off her son with great concern. After the service, she said to me, "I worried the whole worship service that someone else would pick up my son from the nursery." She wanted to know how we protect and prevent her son from being picked up by a stranger. My answer was not satisfactory, and they have not been back. As CPC grows, we want to welcome and give support, not add stress to our potential members.

I wonder how many other people have felt the same way without mentioning it to any of us. Our society expects protection. Our church is responsible to protect all children left in our care. This is why paid workers undergo background checks, and detailed interviews with references. We want to provide the best care for our children.

We have instituted certain levels of protection for pick-up in our current environment, such as gating the entrance to the nursery and handing the children to their parents, as opposed to picking them up themselves. However, we "old-timers" are still adjusting to these changes. I ask that we all work together to keep our children protected as we see how the Lord might use all of us to provide for this Nursery Expansion Fund.

~Heather Harris

The Session has asked me to help push our funding goal over the finish line so we can begin construction on the nursery expansion ASAP. Our official campaign restart will be April 12, but we recognize that many of us might be receiving Tax Refund checks right now. If you fall into that camp, please prayerfully consider giving a gift to the Nursery fund now, using part of your tax refund. We need approximately \$165,000 in gifts or pledges (up to five years long) in order to begin the work.

Please note: We do not need all of the pledges to be paid to start. Rather with pledges in the bookkeeping office totaling our overall need, we may begin construction.

If you would like to give a gift, please write "Nursery Expansion" in the memo section of your check or put your check in an envelope with that same label. If you would like to make a pledge payable over 5 years (or less), please use a pledge card form found in the Welcome Center, or email Carol Beatty at cpcbookkeeping@covenantchattanooga.org with all of your pledge details.

~Jason Coffey



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule March 22

Worship

Infants

Emily Calloway
& Tammy Bacon

Creepers

Lexi & Mandy Bacon
& Allison Colberg

Toddlers

Eric & Lucy Mantel

Floater

Colleen Murphy

Sunday School

Infants

Tara Rimondi
& Amy Wright

Creepers

Sarah & Maggie Wade

Toddlers

William Higgins
& Anna Yonkofski

March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

BRIDAL SHOWERS

A bridal shower in honor of Kristina Makarova, bride-elect of Matt Mason, is this Sunday, March 22, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Kristina is registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

A bridal shower in honor of Elizabeth Beatty, bride-elect of Jesse Estes, is this Sunday, March 22, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Elizabeth is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

Beginning this Sunday, March 22, the Calvin and Hobbs class is beginning a study on prayer, using the new book by Tim Keller, *Prayer*, as a guide. If you are not currently participating in a Sunday School class, this is a great way to get back into the swing. Come and join us!

CHURCH WORK DAY

There is a church work day on March 28. Please join us from 8:30 a.m. until noon to help spruce up our facilities and grounds for Easter. There is a continental breakfast available at 8:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday evening, April 2, we will observe Maundy Thursday. *Maundy* originates from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning a command or mandate, referring to Christ's command given the night before His crucifixion that His disciples should love one another (John 13.34). That night, as they celebrated Passover, the disciples were told by Jesus bread of Passover would now represent His body and the cup His blood. Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate our Lord's Supper and participate in a tenebrae service denoting the growing *darkness* that would encompass the next two days before His glorious resurrection.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Extra nursery volunteers are needed for Easter Sunday, April 5, during Worship in both Infants and Creepers. A volunteer is also needed for April 12, during Worship in Infants. In addition, monthly coordinators are needed for May through October. If you are able to help out, please contact Heather Harris at 423.503.8651 or jeh1224@aol.com.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

[Andrew & Lori Rogers](#)

Email.....drewcomm@epbf.com

THANK YOU

The Allin family would like to express our gratitude and thanks to everyone for showing God's love through the outpouring of support during this time. The light of God's love shines brightly through you and your every kindness.

~Shirley Allin

EGG HUNT BREAKFAST

Our annual egg hunt breakfast is Saturday, April 4. This fun event is a fundraiser for the youth group. The proceeds help defray the cost for students going to summer camp and mission trips. A full breakfast is served from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. A story explaining the reason we celebrate Easter begins at 10:00 a.m. followed by the egg hunt at 10:15 a.m. for children ages 2 through the fifth grade. Allergy-free candy is available for those who need it. Bring a basket only, as the eggs are provided. A collection box is located outside Mark Wilson's office for your donations of individually wrapped candy. For more information, please contact Emily Calloway or Chris Gregory.

BAND-AID BANQUET

Volunteers in Medicine's annual Band-Aid Banquet is scheduled for Monday, April 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Abba's House in Hixson. VIM is a faith-based clinic in Eastgate for the under-insured and working poor. CPC's Ministry Expansion Fund gave seed money to help in launching this work, and is a regular supporter of VIM. Several of our members have served in leadership capacities with VIM, particularly Ron Fullam and Polly Henry, while others have volunteered at the clinic. The Voices of Lee are participating in the evening program. For reservations, contact Ashley Evans at aevans@vim-chatt.org or see Pastor Mullinax for more information.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

March 25	Sloppy Joes
April 1	Holy Week - No Meal
April 8	Pizza
April 15	Chicken & Rice