



# The eNewsletter

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

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

- April 2**  
Maundy Thursday Service
- April 3**  
Good Friday - Church Office Closed
- April 4**  
Egg Hunt Breakfast
- April 5**  
Easter Sunday  
No Sunday School  
No HS SNL
- April 7**  
Mothers' Encouragement Group  
WM Council
- April 8**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 9**  
Ladies' Bible Study
- April 11**  
Men's Breakfast
- April 12**  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting  
Cross Bridal Shower  
Diaconate Meeting  
HS SNL
- April 13**  
Ladies' Evening Bible Study
- April 14**  
Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study
- April 15**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Youth Parent Meeting  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting
- April 16**  
Ladies' Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch  
Ministry
- April 17**  
Marriage Retreat
- April 18**  
Marriage Retreat  
TVP Spring Meeting

“Good eye!” That’s a vocal commendation from coaches to batters for not chasing pitches outside of the strike zone. (I rarely heard that from my coaches because I was a sucker for those curve balls in the dirt!) It’s also an expression meaning keen observation...used to commend someone after they notice or discern a particularly subtle thing or detail. (2 Corinthians 4.18 - *as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*)

I especially appreciate stories that remind me to have a good eye, to carefully watch for all that can be seen, but can just as easily be missed. How we learn to see the world is profoundly important. Despite the perseverance of goodness, beauty, and truth around us, the collective wisdom of sociologists, philosophers, historians, and artists, alike, all indicate that contemporary culture is not tied to the transcendent (*what is unseen*). Learning to see with a good eye may well be a difficult feat without effort and practice. However, could it not be a transformative exercise for both the seer and the world being seen?

Without such effort, consider what may be lost. I recently read a newspaper column giving a glaring example of our propensity for this disengagement - seeing with eyes that are not really seeing, hearing but not hearing. The writer describes an experiment where one of the world’s greatest musicians, violin virtuoso Joshua Bell, performed several classical masterpieces on a dingy subway platform in Washington, D.C. during

the morning rush hour. Only three days prior to his “gig” in the subway, Bell had filled Boston’s prestigious Symphony Hall, where the cheap seats sold for more than \$100 each. However, as he played that morning with the same fervor on his handcrafted Stradivari for nearly an hour, he took in a total of \$32 and change from the handful of people who noticed. The other thousands hurried by, unaware that musical mastery was only three feet away. It was noted there was never a crowd, not even for a second.

The Bible seems to be replete with stories reminding us that it is always possible to pass over the gifts in front of us, whether a sign of grace, a moment of transcendence, a glimpse of beauty, or a lifetime of knowing the glory and presence of God.

There are times when God woos us slowly with beauty, truth, grace, and grandeur, moving among us in a manner that busy lives readily miss. Do we, in the rustling grass, hear Him pass, as the hymn writer suggests? Other times, we find ourselves moved nearly to blindness as we attempt to take in the glory of God in a startling moment like Moses or Isaiah. Sometimes, like commuters in a subway station oblivious of the work of art before us, we miss the signs of a many-splendored God entirely. Still other times, we labor intentionally to see, here and now, with a good eye, and find in the “ordinary” the One Who first called the world good.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 5

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Half Worship (9:15-10:30)

##### Infants

Sally Forrester  
& Heather Morrison

##### Creepers

Josh & Diana Perrel

##### Toddlers

Josh & Renee Ray

##### Floater

Carla Stevenson

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Worship (10:25-11:50)

##### Infants

Mollie Brown  
& Judy Foster

##### Creepers

Brit Collier & Bev Roop

##### Toddlers

Luther & Shirley Allin

##### Floater

Elijah Harris

**April Coordinator:**  
Gretchen Brown

### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Elena Cross, bride-elect of Chad Grosskreutz, is on Sunday, April 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Elena is registered at Target, Kohl's, and Sears.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Tonight, 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 that the bread of Passover would now represent His body and the cup His blood. 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.

### EGG HUNT BREAKFAST

Our annual egg hunt breakfast is this 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.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast this Saturday, April 11, at 8:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for you to bring a neighbor or someone who needs discipling. Jon Arbuckle is speaking on *Friends, Family, and Phrases*.

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The April birthday and anniversary calendar is available for you at the Welcome Center.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to CPC friends for your prayers, cards, and words of encouragement during my recent surgery and rehab.

~Ruth Daley

### 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](mailto:aevans@vim-chatt.org) or see Pastor Mullinax for more information.

### FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

Several in our church family have been impacted by cancer. Relay For Life is a fundraising event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to bring communities together to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that takes too much. To join this fight, we have created a team to participate in the Relay For Life on Saturday, May 30. Volunteers will walk around Coolidge Park, in 30 minute segments, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more information or if you are interested in joining our CPC team, please contact Mark Wilson at [mwilson@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:mwilson@covenantchattanooga.org) or 423.899.5377.

### WEDNESDAY SUPPER

For the month of April, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty: K. Brown, D. Grant, M. Lander, and M. Walker. We will contact you weekly by email to see if you are available to help.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

April 8	Pizza
April 15	Chicken & Rice