



# The eNewsletter

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## Looking Ahead...

- April 17**  
Marriage Retreat
- April 18**  
Marriage Retreat  
TVP Spring Meeting
- April 19**  
Marriage Retreat  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
No HS SNL
- April 21**  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group
- April 22**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 23**  
Ladies' Bible Study
- April 26**  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Shepherding Groups Meet  
HS SNL
- April 28**  
Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study
- April 29**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 30**  
Ladies' Bible Study
- May 2**  
Ladies' Tea
- May 3**  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School  
Donaldson Bridal Shower  
HS SNL
- May 5**  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council
- May 6**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 7**  
Ladies' Bible Study

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

In 1980, after seven years as pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Sparta, Illinois, we accepted the call to help plant a new church in Simpsonville, South Carolina.

As we prepared to make the transition, I wondered and worried about who the next pastor would be. We would be leaving behind many dear friends, and I was concerned about who would now shepherd them.

The man they called was younger than I, and someone I didn't know all that well. His name was Bryan Chapell. As many of you remember, Dr. Chapel preached the Sunday we celebrated our tenth anniversary and again at the dedication of our new sanctuary.

After serving for several years in Sparta, Dr. Chapel became professor of homiletics at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, and served for many years as its president. Dr. Chapel is also the author of one of the most widely used texts on the science of homiletics.

Sunday was my last time to preach at CPC for several months. I will be on sabbatical from now until the end of August. By that time, the Lord willing, we hope to have identified and called the man the Lord has chosen to serve as CPC's next senior pastor.

During this time span, Pastor Mullinax will serve as interim senior pastor. At the end of August, the Session will call for a congregation meeting at which, the Lord willing, the congregation will call our next senior pastor, accept my resignation as senior pastor, and designate me as pastor emeritus.

All of this, I am confident, is the Lord's leading. The time has come for these changes. For the last couple of years, I have lacked the physical energy required to fulfill my responsibilities as senior pastor. By God's grace, Pastors Mullinax and Steere, Elders Mark Wilson and Jeremy Gaines, and Chris Gregory – wonderfully assisted by our secretarial staff – have “carried the ball.”

Over the past several months the Search Committee has been working hard. They are somewhat confident they will be able, in the next few months, to place before you a candidate for the office of senior pastor.

Linda and I hope to use these next few months to find some better solutions to my physical complications. My name is on a waiting list at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. There, we hope to find some helpful suggestions on how to better deal with my health challenges.

We also know that the Lord still has things for us to do in service to His church. We're eager to discover what He has in mind.

We love you. We're confident of your love. We're not leaving CPC, but it is time for some good and necessary changes. Therefore, with confidence and peace in knowing how our sovereign Lord has led us in the past, we look forward to discovering how He will lead us in the months and years to come.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 19

#### Worship

##### Infants

Esther McEachern  
& Beth Griggs

##### Creepers

Dawn & Emilia Reynolds

##### Toddlers

Karen Saxton  
& Rachel Baiert

##### Floater

Wil Foster

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Donna Armes  
& Jessica Greer

##### Creepers

Sue Spalding  
& Anna Harnsberger

##### Toddlers

Babs Leach & Anna Steere

### April Coordinator:

Shirley Allin

### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Stephanie Morris, bride-elect of Brient Hobbs, is on Sunday, April 26, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Stephanie is registered at Target, Home Depot, and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

A bridal shower in honor of Emilia Reynolds, bride-elect of Jason Marrs, is on Sunday, April 26, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Emilia is registered at Sears and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

### 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.

### PHOTO DIRECTORY MAKE-UP DAY

For those who were unable to get their directory photos made, we've opened up another day for you on Thursday, April 23, in the Perseverers Classroom. Appointments are available from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Visit [www.covenantchattanooga.org/church-directory](http://www.covenantchattanooga.org/church-directory) to make your appointment.

### STEPS2HOPE

Steps2Hope, a local non-profit that built a house for Andrew and Tori Smith, is making plans to build another house for a wounded veteran from April 30-May 8. They are recruiting volunteers to help with construction, registration, and feeding the "troops". If you would like to join them in providing a fully accessible home for Sgt. Jason Smith and his family, please sign up on their website at [www.steps2hope.com](http://www.steps2hope.com). For more information, please contact Mark and Beth Griggs at [bwgriggs@comcast.net](mailto:bwgriggs@comcast.net). Hope you can join us on "Jason's New Journey"!

### WYCLIFFE BANQUET

The Wycliffe Associates Banquet is on Friday, May 1, at the Brainerd Crossroads BX, at 7:00 p.m. Don Richardson, missionary and author of *Peace Child*, is this year's speaker. Come and hear of the new developments in Bible translation. Donations are welcome, but not required to attend. Tickets, however, are required. For complimentary tickets or more information, please contact Lynne Swan at 423.584.5887.

### THANK YOU

The Fowler family would like to thank the CPC family for their many expressions of sympathy over these last several weeks after Jay's mother, Judy, passed away suddenly.  
~Fowler Family

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

#### Gretchen Brown

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#### Matt & Kristy Arbuckle

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### LADIES TEA

You are invited to CPC's Annual Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for an adult is \$8 and children under 12 are \$4. A nursery is available for those who sign up. Registration forms are available at the Women's Ministry table in the lobby. Please register by Sunday, April 26. If you have questions, please contact Teri Akovenko or Susan Mobley.

### MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is coming up June 22-26. This year, we are learning about the story of David and Goliath through the musical, *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit*. Registration is \$25 per child, and is available for rising Kindergartners-6<sup>th</sup> Graders. Online registration forms are available at [www.covenantchattanooga.org](http://www.covenantchattanooga.org). Forms are also available at the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Jeremy Gaines.

### IRONMEN GOLF OUTING

Join us Friday, May 8, at Canyon Ridge Golf Club, located on top of Lookout Mountain. Consecutive tee times begin at 1:00 p.m. The course is routed through a dramatic setting of mountain meadows, streams, and natural rock landscapes that sets CRGC apart as both a scenic and challenging course. Cost is \$35. Space is limited, so register soon with Eric Mullinax at [emullinax@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:emullinax@covenantchattanooga.org) or 423.899.5377.

### 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 raise awareness, to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, to remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against a disease that takes too much. So, 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. If you are interested in joining our team, please visit [www.relay.acsevents.org](http://www.relay.acsevents.org). From there, you may search for our team, Covenant Pres Church, and follow the instructions to join or simply make a donation. For more information, you may contact Mark Wilson at [mwilson@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:mwilson@covenantchattanooga.org) or 423.899.5377.

### MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please contact the church office by phone or email to set up an appointment.