



# The eNewsletter

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## Looking Ahead...

### April 26

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Morris/Hobbs Bridal Shower  
Reynolds/Marrs Bridal Shower  
Shepherding Groups Meet  
HS SNL

### April 28

Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study

### April 29

Wednesday Night Supper  
Combined Choir Rehearsal  
Wednesday Night Activities

### April 30

Ladies' Bible Study

### May 1

Taters & Tubesteaks

### May 2

Ladies' Tea

### May 3

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School  
Donaldson Bridal Shower  
General Assembly Prayer  
Service  
No 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

### May 10

Mother's Day  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
No HS SNL

### May 11

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

### May 12

Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study

### May 13

Wednesday Night Supper  
Youth Parent Meeting  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Last Wednesday Night  
Activities

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

Several things are quickly approaching for your prayerful consideration and welcomed participation.

**Steps2Hope** is gearing up to build another house for a wounded veteran in our community. Many CPC members (along with hundreds more) were instrumental in the construction of Andrew and Tori Smith's home. The "quick-build" dates are April 30-May 8. Volunteers at every skill level are needed. If you would like to be a part of 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).

Sunday, May 10, is Mother's Day...don't forget Mom! Sunday, May 10, will also be **Compassion Sunday** here at CPC...when the work of Compassion International (CI) and child sponsorship is particularly emphasized. CI is an evangelical Christian child development ministry dedicated to helping needy children around the world. The ministry partners with local churches and church-related organizations in implementing programs for sponsored children in their communities. These programs promote holistic development of children by providing for their core needs - spiritual, physical, economic, and social. This Mother's Day (what better day to promote child sponsorship), anticipate bulletin inserts, an informational table in our main lobby, and brief personal testimonies in Sunday School classes to hear and investigate how you and your family might get involved in this Christ-honoring ministry.

With the suspension of Wednesday evening and organized classes, our church has increased opportunities during the summer months for ministering in our community. **Mission: Chattanooga** is our effort to facilitate some service and outreach opportunities for anyone and everyone (young, not-so-young, singles, individuals, couples, families), especially during the summer in and around Chattanooga...home missions, if you will.

These scheduled opportunities are by no means exhaustive. There are other service and outreach ministries available through our

church and people that have been taking place and continue to take place. This is just a means for organizing our efforts a little more. Hopefully, peoples' participation in some of these areas will not just be seasonal. Familiarity with some of these ministries that we partner with may lead to greater involvement in all seasons.

There are opportunities this summer off-campus with local ministries and agencies (Widow's Harvest, Hope for the Inner City, The Health Center @ Standifer Place, etc.) doing such ministry as general repair and maintenance, grounds keeping, home/hospital/nursing facility visits, music teams, short term mission team support, and other things as we discover needs and opportunities. A St. Elmo home renovation is also being planned. We'll continue the warehouse renovation work at Amani Ya Juu. (The warehouse is located at 400 South Willow in the Highland Park area of Chattanooga.)

There are on-campus service opportunities as well. Some CPC grounds work will be offered. We'll cook meals for distribution. We'll have a *Missions Kidz* class at church for learning about world missions and for making encouraging gifts for the children of CPC supported missionaries. We'll have a support group for letter writing and working with our stamp ministry. The indispensable prayer group continues to meet as well.

These **Mission: Chattanooga** opportunities are scheduled mostly on **Wednesday evenings, beginning May 27**, from approximately **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** We'll also have some Saturday opportunities. Some may only be able to participate in shorter time increments and some not every week, which is okay. Come when you can, for as long as you can and as often as you can. Childcare for small children will be available at the church, but children are encouraged to engage in these services with parents. Participation by all is heartily welcomed.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 26

#### Worship

##### Infants

Diana Bowers  
& Joyce Trask

##### Creepers

Olivia Bowers  
& Andrea Waldecker

##### Toddlers

Nathan & Julia Bowers

##### Floater

Alayna Bowers

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Selah Cross & Lynda Brown

##### Creepers

Heather & Grace Morrison

##### Toddlers

Brandon & Sophia Cross

### April Coordinator:

Shirley Allin

#### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Stephanie Morris, bride-elect of Brient Hobbs, is this 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 this 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.

A bridal shower in honor of Jessica Donaldson, bride-elect of John Winter, is on Sunday, May 3, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Jessica is registered at Belk, Target, and Kohl's.

#### DIRECTORY PHOTOS AVAILABLE

If you participated in the first round of directory photo sessions, please stop by the table in the lobby this Sunday, April 26, to pick up your photos.

#### 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"!

#### TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family on Friday, May 1. The hot dog dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. in Coolidge Park. Stay for the Lookouts game at AT&T Park at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family - the best entertainment value in town! Please sign up at the Welcome Center bulletin or contact the church office.

#### 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.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRAYER

Join us for a time of preparation and prayer for the upcoming General Assembly in Chattanooga. This special service is on Sunday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Choirs from both CPC and First Presbyterian are participating. Nursery is provided for birth to 3 years of age.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

April 29 Meatball Subs  
May 6 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham

#### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Gary and Ruth Fox

Email.....[ruthilean@gmail.com](mailto:ruthilean@gmail.com)

#### THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, cards, food, and expressions of sympathy and support over the past couple of months with the illness and passing of Jay's father, Benny.

~Helton Family

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.acevents.org](http://www.relay.acevents.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.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEED

Do you enjoy working with children? If so, we need you! Prior teaching experience is not necessary. Beginning May 31, teachers and helpers are needed in the 2 year old and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School classes. Wednesday nights, Covenant Corps teachers and helpers are needed in the 3 and 4 year old classes. If you are interested in helping in any of these classes, please contact Holly Lehmann at [hlehmann@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:hlehmann@covenantchattanooga.org).