



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Director of Youth and Their Families...

Looking Ahead...

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

May 14

Ladies' Bible Study

May 16

Men's Breakfast

May 17

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Stevenson Bridal Showers
HS SNL

May 19

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

May 20

Last Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Session Meets

May 21

Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry

May 22

No Chicks 'n Chocolate

May 23

Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

May 24

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Graduate Recognition
Reception
Youth Family Picnic at
Heritage Park

May 25

Memorial Day - Church Office
Closed

We live in a loud world and I am a sinful man.

Recently I was able to purchase my first "smart" phone. I'm grateful for it - I really am, but the thing *never stops going off*. I'm still getting used to the constant barrage of emails, texts, Candy Crush alerts, and even the occasional phone call. Honestly, I'm not sure I'm managing it all that well.

Jesus knew what it was like to live in this kind world. We read that "great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities." (Luke 5:15) He was *constantly* surrounded by thousands of followers.

Many of you can likely relate. Multitudes of people and events, all of which are important, constantly vie for our time and attention.

What do you do? What did Jesus do?

Luke tells us that Jesus "would withdraw to desolate places and pray." (Luke 5:16) Jesus intentionally made time to *get away* from the loudness of this world in order to be alone with His Father.

To use modern terms, Jesus was in the habit of going on retreats.

I am a sinful man. If you've spent any time around me you know this. Think about the fact that Jesus, *the sinless one*, needed to "retreat" regularly, how much more does a desperately sinful person like me need to? How much more do *we* who are sinners need to? Have you turned off your cell phone, closed your computer, and powered down the TV just to spend time with your heavenly Father lately? It's a loud world we live in and getting away from the noise in order to connect with our Father takes effort,

but it is as essential to our spiritual life as it was Jesus'.

If you've looked at our youth calendar you may have noticed that retreats are a big part of our ministry. Our students are constantly pulled in all directions and to be able to briefly get away from the *cares of the world* is as important to their spiritual lives as it is for their parents. These retreats offer a chance for them to intentionally spend time delving into the things of God.

To that end: Would you pray for our summer retreats? Our middle school will be heading up to The Edge Conference, June, 15-19, and our high school will be at the Reformed Youth Ministry (RYM) Conference June 29-July 3. Would you pray for revitalization, rest, reconnection, and perhaps even the redemption of the lost? Would you pray for our leaders? In July our students will begin working with the Chattanooga Sports Ministry in order to reach our own city for the Gospel. Would you pray for the Gospel to go out in power and for souls to be won for the kingdom?

It is a privilege to labor alongside you for the Gospel!

His,

Chris Gregory



Our very first fall retreat, way back in 2008



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

May 10

Worship

Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

Creepers

Holly & Ava Lehmann

Toddlers

Brian & Liam Lehmann

Floater

John Mark Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Russ & Bev Roop

Creepers

Emily & Cami Calloway

Toddlers

Susan Mobley
& Craig Miller

May Coordinator:

Rebekah Gernhard

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

MENU

May 13	Grilled Chicken & Fettuccine Alfredo
May 20	Hot Dogs

COMBINED BRIDAL SHOWER

A combined bridal shower in honor of Ruth Stevenson, bride-elect of James Bailey, and Raelley Stevens, bride-elect of Daniel Stevenson, is on Sunday, May 17, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Ruth is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond. Raelley is registered at Belk, Crate & Barrel, Macy's, Target, and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Ruth and Daniel are the daughter and son of Mark and Carla Stevenson.

COMPASSION SUNDAY

Our church is participating in Compassion Sunday on May 10 before, during, and after Morning Worship. This is part of a national event that helps us grow in our understanding of God's very special love for the poor. It is also an opportunity for each of us to intervene in the life of at least one child in poverty. Please begin praying now about sponsoring one or more of these children in need. Sponsorship packets will be available for you on this special Sunday. For more information, please contact Bev Fowler at bbfowler@joimail.com or stop by the table in the lobby.

YOUTH CAR WASH

The youth are hosting a car wash Saturday, May 23, at Auto Zone on East Brainerd Road. The car wash begins at noon. The car wash itself is free. Please plan to help our youth by getting your car washed!

RENT-A-YOUTH

If you would like to Rent-A-Youth, request forms are outside of Chris' office or at the Welcome Center. Have questions or a request? Email Christine Morrison at rpgchatt@comcast.net.

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 5th 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 by email at hlehmann@covenantchattanooga.org.

STUDY OF WORSHIP

The Kingdom Seeker's class invites you to join them for an inspiring study of worship with John Wykoff during the Sunday School hour. What do we mean when we say or sing certain things on Sunday morning? Has the church always worshiped the way we do? What do other traditions do differently? What does the Bible require? Class will meet on the second floor of the Education wing.

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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Karen Fullam

1050 Reunion Drive, Chattanooga TN 37421

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 16, at 8:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for you to bring a neighbor or someone who needs discipling. The speaker will be Richard Henderson, a coach at McCallie. Nursery will be provided.

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-6th Graders. Online registration forms are available at www.covenantchattanooga.org. Forms are also available at the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Jeremy Gaines.

FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

We hope you might be able to help us raise funds for the American Cancer Society to raise awareness and fight back against this disease. You can make a donation to our team or join our team by going to the ACS event website, www.relay.acsevents.org, select *Find a Team* and type our team's name, Covenant Pres Church. You can make a tax deductible donation on behalf of our team and/or sign-up to walk with us for a while at Coolidge Park on May 30. Please contact Mark Wilson at mwilson@covenantchattanooga.org or 423.899.5377, for more information.

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Elizabeth Beatty
&
Jesse Ester

Invite you to celebrate with them
as they join in marriage,
Saturday, May 30, 2015, 6:30 pm
Hidden Hollow Resort
Chickamauga, Ga
Please RSVP to
esterwedding15@yahoo.com by May 10
RECEPTION AND H'ORDERVES TO FOLLOW
CASUAL DRESS