



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- May 14**
Ladies' Bible Study
- May 16**
Men's Breakfast
- May 17**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Stevenson Bridal Showers
Last HS SNL
- May 19**
Mothers' Encouragement Group
- May 20**
Last Wednesday Night Supper
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Prayer Group Meets
Session Meets
- May 21**
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry
- May 23**
Youth Car Wash Fundraiser
- May 24**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Graduate Recognition
Graduate Reception
Youth Family Picnic at
Heritage Park
- May 25**
Memorial Day - Church Office
Closed
- May 26**
Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study
- May 27**
Cooking with a Purpose
Mission Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- May 30**
Relay for Life
Estes/Beatty Wedding
- May 31**
Promotion Sunday
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet
- June 2**
WM Council
- June 3**
Mission Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

We will host the **General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, June 8-12, at the Chattanooga Convention Center.** We, being the city of Chattanooga and the PCA churches of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery.

It has been ten years since Chattanooga last hosted GA. Commissioners and families will be coming from across the nation, and around the world. Many (including a significant number from CPC) have worked diligently for over a year to prepare and plan for this event.

Dr. Palmer Robertson, Principal of African Bible University in Kampala, Uganda, will be attending the GA and is scheduled to preach here at CPC on Sunday, June 7. Dr. Robertson will be accompanied by five ABU-Uganda students, a singing group, who will also be a part of our service.

Our annual gathering as a General Assembly is vital to our strength and growth as a branch of Christ's church. As a body we transact ecclesiastical business, deal with significant theological issues, review the past year's ministry and permanent committees (Administrative, Discipleship, Mission to the World, Mission to North America, Reformed University Ministries, Covenant College, Covenant Theological Seminary, PCA Foundation, Retirement Benefits & Insurance, Ridge Haven), receive training through seminars, connect with gospel-enriching resources in the Exhibition hall, fellowship with ministry partners, and consider how we can best move forward in service to our Lord. Important matters will be discussed and decisions will be made that affect CPC and our denomination as a whole. Your prayers are very much solicited!

Anchored in Christ, Active in Culture is our theme for this year's Assembly. Both thoughts are important. Hebrews 6:19 tells us we have the certainty of God's promises as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. This knowledge compels us (2 Corinthians 5.14) to be transformed by the way we think (Romans 12.2) and to engage the world, impacting cultures and society for Christ. To be *anchored* and *active* is our call.

Please join us for the public worship services at the Convention Center:

- Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 10 at 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Our church, Covenant Presbyterian, is in charge of the arrangements for the opening worship service of the Assembly, Tuesday evening. Pastor Caines and Jeremy Gaines have headed those efforts. Look for their participation, along with our choir, in the service. Dr. Bryan Chapell, a long-time friend of CPC, and one who's preached here on significant occasions in the life of our church, is scheduled to preach that night.

Over the forty years of our denominational life, God has richly blessed the PCA as we have sought to shine the beacon of God's unchanging truth into the changing mores of our culture. Please pray that as we meet to conduct the church's business and as we worship and fellowship together, our presence will be a blessing that spreads out into the Chattanooga community and bears witness to the truth, life and love anchored in the Lord Jesus Christ.

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule May 17

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Heather Morrison

Creepers

Kate Lambeth
& Kristin Sotelo

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Elijah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Rachel Miller
& Debby Gardner

Creepers

Eunice Martin
& Julia Gracy

Toddlers

Adam & Leanna Cathey

May Coordinator:

Rebekah Gernhard

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.

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 from McCallie. Nursery will be provided.

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!

YOUTH FAMILY PICNIC

All youth and their families are invited to an end-of-the-year family picnic at Heritage Park on Sunday, May 24, at 6:00 p.m. Drinks are provided. Bring a picnic and a few lawn chairs for your family.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The women's summer Bible study begins Tuesday, June 2, at 10 a.m. in the Perseverer's classroom. The class will use the study guide "Becoming a Woman Who Loves" by Cynthia Heald. Brenda Mason and Ann Walker will co-lead. This study is open to women of all ages, and a nursery will be available. Look for the sign-up sheet and books in the narthex on Sunday. The cost for the book is \$10. We hope to see you there!

SENIOR POSTERS

All Seniors and their families are welcome to display a Senior Poster outside the Fellowship Hall for Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please put all posters in church office by Wednesday, May 20. Be creative and fun displaying your photos!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 24, is Graduate Recognition Day at CPC. Please let us know if you or someone in your family is graduating since last spring. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters or doctorate programs. Please let us know the name of the graduate, the degree earned, and name of the school. Our graduates will be recognized during the morning worship service and a reception will be held in their honor in the Courtyard (weather permitting) during the Sunday School hour.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. This Thursday, May 21, we'll provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you are able to contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes or fruit this week, please call or email the church office.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Joshua Ray

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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 rpghatt@comcast.net.

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. To volunteer, please use separate registration forms found outside Jeremy Gaines' office. For more information, please contact Jeremy Gaines.

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.

MISSION CHATTANOOGA

This summer at CPC Mission: Chattanooga meets each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On Campus activities: Mission Kidz, Cooking with a Purpose (meets every other week, next week is kitchen clean-up), Missions Support (stamp ministry & letter writing), General Grounds Keeping, Prayer Group and Sanctuary Choir practice.

Off Campus: Weekly Visitation (at local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, with our shut-ins), and other construction/renovations projects as needed.

Craig Miller and Susan Mobley
Request the honor of your presence
As they exchange vows
Saturday, the thirteenth of June
Two thousand and fifteen
At two o'clock in the afternoon
At Covenant Presbyterian Church
Reception to follow in
Schum Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP to
mobleymillerwedding@yahoo.com
by the first of June

The gift of your presence is all we request