



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Director of Children's Ministries...

Looking Ahead...

May 30

Relay for Life
Beatty/Estes Wedding

May 31

Morning Worship
Promotion Sunday
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet

June 2

WM Council

June 3

Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

June 6

Men's Breakfast

June 7

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Mission Committee Meeting

June 8

General Assembly
Ladies' Evening Bible Study

June 9

General Assembly
Ladies' Hebrews Bible Study

June 10

General Assembly
Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

June 11

General Assembly

June 12

General Assembly

June 14

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting

June 15

The Edge Conference

June 16

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June 17

The Edge Conference
Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Session Meeting

Holly Lehmann writes: One of the most rewarding decisions that I have made as an adult was to start working in the Children's Ministry at CPC. I didn't start out willingly, mind you. My husband started out helping in the 2 year old class and he dragged me in there with him to help occasionally. My first time helping in that class was somewhat overwhelming. Being fairly new to working with children, I didn't really know what to do or what was expected of me. It didn't take long for me to fall in love with those adorable little 2 year olds. I loved to sit and listen to them sing songs and answer catechism questions. Working with children each week is hopefully a blessing to the kids, but if you ask any volunteer, they will tell you it is much more of a blessing to them to get a sweet hug from the child, have a conversation while you put a puzzle together, hold them in your lap during story time, and see their eyes shine when you tell them that Jesus loves them. I can't think of a better way to spend an hour of my week. But don't take my word for it. Listen to what some of our Children's Ministry Team volunteers have to say about their experiences working with our children:

"Helping in Sunday School is such a joy. Helping in the 4 year old class is a teaching opportunity and service to God and our church. Children are never dull; they are completely honest and lovable. I keep coming back year after year to help our children know that God loves them and wants them to grow in Him." -Esther McEachern

"I have decided that the children in the 4 and 5 yr. old Sunday School classes are my love. Every week and every year is a new adventure with them. They just grab your heart with their questions, their overflow of love to you, and their complete trust in what you tell them. It is a real privilege to work with the children, and it keeps me coming back for more time with them." -Joan Denkinger

"This is my first year teaching Sunday School. I started teaching for a couple reasons but mainly for the children. The

children are reason enough to teach a class. I can't say enough about their eagerness, excitement and many questions for God's truth. They are awesome!" -Paul Baierl

"Working with the young children of our church for the last ten years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Having spent most of my life in various ministries from middle school youth to the adults, I wasn't sure if I possessed the gifts that would be required to work with *the little ones*. When I asked where I could serve best, Mark Wilson encouraged me by simply saying he needed a *grandfatherly-type* helper in the 4 year old Sunday School class. That start as a helper, many years ago, began a ministry of helping and teaching that I would have never suspected, with blessings I could never have imagined. Serving in the CPC Children's Ministry will be used by God to further His kingdom as you willingly and faithfully exercise the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon you." -Jon Arbuckle

"What a special privilege it is to be involved in the children's ministry here at Covenant! This is my fourth year helping and teaching with the Covenant Corps program. I am grateful to have been a small part in the Biblical training and teaching of the children. It is a joy to see the children growing in their knowledge of the Lord and His Word through lessons, games, and songs. Each child brings his or her special personality and enthusiasm to the class, which brings me joy." - Debby Gardner

What a privilege it is to serve in our Children's Ministry with such wonderful volunteers! We have volunteers of all ages from teens, singles, husband-wife teams and our wonderful *grandparents*. Please consider joining the Children's Ministry team. We'd love to have you sit in and observe some of our classes. I think you'll find that you agree...you can't find a better use of one hour of your time each week.



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

May 31

Worship

Infants

Gretchen & Mollee Brown

Creepers

Cathy & Katie Smith

Toddlers

Adam & Millie Sanders

Floater

Tavis Brown

Sunday School

Infants

Alayne Griffin
& Vangie Wykoff

Creepers

Cayce Weekley
& Susan Close

Toddlers

Frank & Nicole May

May Coordinator:

Rebekah Gernhard

GIFT CARD BRIDAL SHOWER

A gift card shower in honor of Gwen Hill, bride-elect of Alex Mauroner, the son of Richard and Jean Mauroner, is on Sunday, June 7, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverer's Classroom. Jean will be the honoree at the shower since the couple will not be in Chattanooga prior to their wedding in Oregon. Gift cards from Target, REI, Amazon, Costco, and Bed, Bath and Beyond would be greatly appreciated by this couple.

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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 6, 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 Jeremy Gaines. Nursery provided.

PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

All area congregations are invited to participate in the 2015 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, hosted in Chattanooga this year. Opportunities include participating in evening worship services, attending seminars, observing business meetings, and attending an outdoor picnic and Andrew Peterson concert. Learn more and view a more detailed schedule at pcaac.org/general-assembly.

- Tuesday, June 9, 7:30, Worship Service, Dr. Bryan Chapell, Chattanooga Convention Center
- Wednesday, June 10, 5:00, Worship Service, Rev. Kevin Smith, Chattanooga Convention Center
- Wednesday, June 10, 7:00, BBQ picnic, Covenant College, register at covenant.edu/GAcelebration
- Wednesday, June 10, 8:00, Andrew Peterson Concert, Covenant College
- Thursday, June 11, 7:30, Worship Service, Rev. Rankin Wilbourne, Chattanooga Convention Center

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, May 27 is kitchen clean-up), Missions Support (stamp ministry and 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), Warehouse Renovation and other construction/renovations projects as needed*.

*Volunteer Leaders needed to help with the process each week, please contact Josh Ray 423.504.1916.

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.

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.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the Mays' pool begins Thursday, June 11, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are personally responsible for the supervision of your children and for cleanup.

FAREWELL PARTY

Missionaries Howard and Sandy VanderGriend are leaving for Canada on June 12. Please join us as we say farewell at a drop-by ice cream social on Sunday, June 7, 3-6 p.m. at the home of John and Becky Pearce. For questions, please call Becky, 423.381.2202.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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

Together with their families,
EMILIA DAWN REYNOLDS

AND

JASON WILDER MARRS

Request the honor of your presence at their

wedding

On Saturday, the twentieth of June,
two thousand and fifteen
at two o'clock in the afternoon

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Reception to follow

Please RSVP to

Theknot.com/us/emilia-reynolds-and-jason-marrs-jun-2015
or 423-822-8240 by June 5, 2015