



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Church Administrator ...

Looking Ahead...

June 25

Music Camp
Swim Day

June 26

Music Camp

June 28

Shepherding Groups Meet
Morning Worship
Retirement Reception for
Mark Wilson
Sunday School
Music Camp Program
Ice Cream Social

June 29

RYM Youth Conference

June 30

RYM Youth Conference
Ladies' Summer Bible Study

July 1

RYM Youth Conference
Mission: Chattanooga

July 2

RYM Youth Conference
Swim Day

July 3

RYM Youth Conference
4th of July - Church Office
Closed

July 5

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School

July 7

Ladies' Summer Bible Study
WM Council

July 8

Mission: Chattanooga

July 9

Swim Day

July 10

Taters & Tubesteaks

July 12

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Membership Sunday
Missions Committee Meeting

July 13

Youth Domestic Mission Trip
Ladies' Evening Bible Study

People ask if I'm excited about retiring. I have mixed emotions. I really look forward to investing more time with our grandchildren, but it will not be easy to *leave* CPC. I am thankful I'm not really saying *goodbye*; it is more like "see you later."

Or, better yet, "Thank you for everything! See you soon." Because I don't know exactly how I can do it properly, but I want to thank you . . .

Thank you for being the body of Christ to Patty and me and our family. You have rejoiced with us and cried with us. You have ministered the love of God through hugs, letters, emails, cards and many kind and caring words. You have been the hands and feet of Jesus to us in so many ways.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on the staff at CPC. The church has grown a lot. We've been through a lot together. Thank you for bearing with me. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share the struggles and high points in life with our wonderful church.

Thank you, dear church staff. It has been a privilege to serve the Lord and this congregation with you and to serve you. You have demonstrated great love for the Lord. Your lives have been an encouragement and challenge to the congregation and to me personally. Thank you for putting up with me. You've shown great perseverance!

I'm not on the front lines with preaching and leading worship but it's been a benefit to me to be involved in the support areas of our church. So, I want to thank all of you who volunteer at CPC. There are so many of you that faithfully give of your time, your money, your hearts, and your lives to the ministry of our church in various ways. I would like to list everyone and what they do for our church. I think it would amaze and encourage everyone to see the list. But, of course, there is no way to properly do that. The Lord knows, and many in our church

know, and have been blessed by your ministry. Many of you have helped me accomplish my support ministry through your service to CPC. For that, I hope you know how grateful I am for you!

Thanks to those of you who have allowed me to share in many of your personal victories as well as your struggles in life. I have been so blessed as many of you have shared your hearts and your lives with me. My life is richer because of you.

And how can I ever sufficiently say "thank you" to Pastor Caines? It has been a tremendous honor for me to support him all of these years. While it is true that there are a lot of good pastors in many places, Render is a very special man and pastor. He has been a true shepherd leader to our body. He has boldly preached the whole counsel of God and challenged us to live in such a way that Christ would have the preeminence in every area of our lives. Through his godly life and teaching, Render has taught us the biblical priority of putting God first, our families next, and then others. He has taught us that our God is holy, and He is full of love and grace for all those who embrace His Son, Jesus, as Lord and King as well as Savior. And Render hasn't just taught us those things as intellectual knowledge. Render's preaching wasn't just speaking the truth; he has lived it in every aspect of his ministry. So, Render, thank you! To Patty and me, you have been our shepherd, mentor, and friend. We love you. I'm grateful it's really only "see you later."

And to all of you, dear CPC family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for your faithful ministry to Patty, to me and to our family. And, thank you for letting me share this ministry with you for so many years. We love you all. God is good – all the time!

~Mark Wilson



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

June 28

Worship

Infants

Joyce Trask
& Sandi Schreiner

Creepers

Carla Stevenson
& Becky Pearce

Toddlers

Josh & Renee Ray

Floater

John Mark Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Donna Armes
& Jessica Greer

Creepers

Heather Morrison
& Lucy Cleveland

Toddlers

Heather Harris
& Anna Harnsberger

June Coordinator:

Kate Lambeth

MARK WILSON RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Mark Wilson is retiring as our Director of Christian Education and Administration. On Sunday, June 28, we will recognize Mark during the morning Worship Service and we will honor him with a reception during Sunday School in Schum Fellowship Hall. Please come, greet and thank Mark for his service to the body of CPC before going to your regular Sunday School class.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION CHANGES

The CPC office is updating the church membership directory and is planning to make a new one available soon. Please send any address, phone, or email changes that have not already been submitted to cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.

RYM CONFERENCE

The high school youth who have signed up for the RYM Conference will be leaving CPC on Monday, June 19, at 10 a.m. and will return Friday, July 3. Please make sure all fees have been paid and forms have been filled out. Contact Chris Gregory with any questions at cgregory@covenantchattanooga.org.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the Mays' pool will be each Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This invitation is open to anyone at CPC, on Thursdays, until August 13. Parents, please remember that you are personally responsible for the supervision of your children and for cleanup.

TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family on Friday, July 10. 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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Elizabeth (Beatty) Estes
1421 Wiggs Drive, Dalton GA 30721

MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is keeping the church halls busy this week. We have 195 campers! Please plan to attend *The Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hit* program on Sunday, June 28, at 6 p.m.

NURSERY FOR MUSIC CAMP

Please note, nursery during the Music Camp program will only be available for infants.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

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

On Campus activities: Cooking with a Purpose (July 1), Mission Kidz (elementary aged children studying missions), Missions Support (stamp ministry and letter writing), General Grounds Keeping, Prayer Group (meets 7 to 8 p.m.) and Sanctuary Choir practice (meets 7 to 8 p.m. starting August 5)

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

*Volunteer Leaders are needed to help each week. Please contact Josh Ray at 423.504.1916.

MISSION KIDZ

Wondering what your school-aged child can do during Mission: Chattanooga? Mission Kidz Club is available for children ages 4-12 and meets in the Perseverers Classroom. The kids have fun learning about our missionaries and other cultures through games, crafts, and other activities.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office is closed on Friday, July 3, for the Fourth of July.