



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Director of Music Ministries...

Looking Ahead...

July 10

Taters & Tubesteaks

July 12

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Membership Sunday

July 13

Youth Domestic Mission Trip
Ladies' Evening Bible Study

July 14

Youth Domestic Mission Trip
Ladies' Summer Bible Study
TVP Summer Meeting

July 15

Youth Domestic Mission Trip
Mission: Chattanooga
MS Girl's Bible Study

July 16

Youth Domestic Mission Trip
Swim Day
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry

July 17

Youth Domestic Mission Trip

July 18

Youth Domestic Mission Trip

July 19

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting

July 21

Ladies' Summer Bible Study
Session Meeting

July 22

Mission: Chattanooga
MS Girl's Bible Study

July 23

Swim Day

July 24

Chicks 'n Chocolate

July 26

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet

July 28

Ladies' Summer Bible Study

July 29

Mission: Chattanooga
MS Girl's Bible Study

195 Kids + 80 helpers = one crazy week.

Music Camp is always a summer highlight at CPC. For a week in June, "children", ages ten months (my Anna) to seventy-something, gather to accomplish what most would deem impossible: take a mob of children and, by week's end, present a musical about a Biblical character. This was my tenth Music Camp. Each one has been unique, and each one has been memorable.

This year we focused on David and his battle with Goliath. The children were taught of the faith of David, which led him to stand up for God in the face of a giant adversary. The lesson told of how his power came from God, not from himself.

During our mission time we focused on our friends, Howard and Sandy VanderGriend, and their efforts to work with children in Lethbridge, Alberta, through the Amazing Kids ministry. Howard and Sandy shared with the children their passion to develop relationships with the kids and their families in Canada so they could show the love of Christ to them through their actions even more than their words.

Mindy Horton captivated the children in the way she always does – pure energy! Regardless of age, her passion was for every child there to walk away with a seed of faith sown and a passion for worship instilled. All of this being done while having her youngest less than two months before.

Countless others assist every year to accomplish the same goal that Mindy has. And, by week's end, we could judge Music Camp 2015 as a success.

Of the children that came to Music Camp, over half were not from CPC, and about half of those not from here did not have a

regular church home. Pray for all of these children, whether from here or elsewhere.

Other things went on during that week. The Supreme Court issued a ruling in favor of same-sex marriage. As disappointing as this news was, I didn't hear about it until two days after it was proclaimed. None of the kids mentioned it, and I was exhausted by the time I made it home, and, then to the weekend.

Things we see in our society that are contrary to God's Word should be upsetting to the believer, and this definitely qualifies as one of those things. Often I have wondered what is my appropriate response. How does one respond when those who are against God rally so hard against Him through discarding His Word and make a mockery of those who dare worship Him? How do we serve God without doing a disservice to Him through our own words or behavior?

Then God reminded me of the lessons of Music Camp:

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The Gospel is sufficient. Let our lives live out that truth to a fallen world.

~Jeremy Gaines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

July 12

Worship

Infants

Diana Bowers
& Beth Griggs

Creepers

Andrea Waldecker
& Olivia Bowers

Toddlers

Nathan & Alayna Bowers

Floater

Julia Bowers

Sunday School

Infants

Selah Cross
& Cayce Weekley

Creepers

Sue Spalding
& Babs Leach

Toddlers

Brandon & Sophia Cross

June Coordinator:

Joyce Trask

TATERS AND TUBE STEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family tomorrow, 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.

YOUTH DOMESTIC MISSION TRIP

Please pray for our high school youth as they participate in a ministry in our own backyard. CPC is partnering with the Chattanooga Sports Ministry, led by Hannah Griggs, each day next week, July 13-18. The youth will travel to Highland Park to coach and minister to teens in our own community. Details to follow. Contact Chris or Reba Gregory with any questions.

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.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LUNCH MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. Next Thursday, July 16, 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.

STAMPS SUPPORT MISSIONS

Did you know that stamps from letters can be used as revenue for missions? Please place your saved foreign and domestic stamps, in good condition, in the collection container outside Pastor Mullinax's office. The stamps are being sorted and prepared to mail to Florida during Mission: Chattanooga where they are sent to a Christian retirement community for processing. The money from the sale of these stamps is then used to fund new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

David and Rebekah Gernhard

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MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Come and join Reba Gregory and Hope Martof each Wednesday in July from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for bible study and fellowship.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

Please remember, our CPC summer service ministry *Mission: Chattanooga* each Wednesday night, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (some renovation projects go to 8:30 p.m.) We have options for everyone, of all ages.

On Campus activities:

- **Mission Kidz** - elementary age children studying missions - (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)
- **Cooking with a Purpose** - meets every other week, beginning June 17 forward - (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)
- **Missions Support** (stamp ministry and letter writing) (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)
- **Prayer Group** (7:00 to 8:00 p.m.)

Off Campus:

- **Weekly Visitation** (nursing homes, assisted living, or with our shut-ins) (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)
- **Singing at Assisted Living Locations** - All ages and abilities are welcome to join. Meet at site - (6:00 to 7:00 p.m.)
 - ◇ **July 15:** Rosewood Assisted Living - 14 Fort Town Drive, Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
 - ◇ **July 22:** Elmcroft Senior Living - 1502 Gunbarrel Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421
- **Amani ya Juu Warehouse Renovation** - Meet at site - Corner of Willow and Chamberlain Avenue/Highland Park Area (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.)

If you can serve as a leader for any of these groups, please contact Josh Ray 423.504.1916, or contact Pastor Mullinax at emullinax@covenantchattanooga.org with other questions.