



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

July 16

Youth Domestic Mission Trip
Swim Day
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry

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

July 30

Swim Day

August 1

Men's Breakfast

August 2

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School

August 4

Ladies Summer Bible Study
WM Council

August 5

Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

August 6

Swim Day

Erin Knobloch works with Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico. She (along with the I-55 staff in Mexico) has hosted several CPC mission teams through the years. This article is adapted from her recent newsletter to supporters and is used by her permission.

When a work team from the University of Illinois came to Reynosa, we spent a muddy week repairing and painting garbage carts and tending to the horses owned by the trash haulers, or *carretoneros*. These are men and women who collect garbage using a horse or donkey pulling a cart. They must get permission from the government to run a cart. The haulers are meagerly paid by those who use their services and then they must pay the city in order to unload in the landfill. Walking throughout the dump are the *pepenedores* who scavenge the recyclable material.



The people who work in garbage collection and sorting are pretty much the lowest class in Reynosa. Even the cartels are more revered because at least they have money and power. Recently the city government publicly called the *carretoneros* a '*mal necesario*'... a necessary evil. I think if Jesus were born today in Reynosa, the angels would have announced his birth in the dump to these folks who live literally and metaphorically on the fringes of city society.

On Thursday afternoons, we hang out with the neighborhood kids. Armed with gloves,



bats, and baseballs, we head to the fields next to the dump. Before long the kids come running. It feels a bit overwhelming, considering the wreckage some of these kids were born into. Sometimes I am motivated by the love of Jesus to love those around me in this broken place. But, then again, there are many days when I am tired of the mess and smell and general disorder seen in the lives, homes, and streets surrounding us. A friend once asked me why it always seems to be the addict and messed up people who get hooked on Jesus. I told her it was because Jesus came for the sick. If Christ came looking for you, be assured that you qualify as one of the losers. Not exactly something to boast about. Those who *have it together* are uncomfortable with the light that lays them bare. But if you are already classified as a public failure, you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. No wonder the shepherds worshiped him. No wonder the addicts and prostitutes and rejects flock to him. I'm not sure it was the best pitch for recruitment, but, then again, Jesus doesn't clamor after votes.

We are a mess, and God loves us! Pray with me that I might love my neighbors. Whether in the dump, baseball fields, office, or classroom, there is grace for today.

~Blessings to you, Erin

1 Corinthians 1.26-31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

July 19

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Kelly Orthner

Creepers

Dawn Reynolds
& Emilia Marrs

Toddlers

Karen Saxton
& Scott Orthner

Floater

Matthew Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Domekia & Ellie Gaines

Creepers

Susan Steere
& Amy Wright

Toddlers

Craig & Susan Miller

July Coordinator:

Joyce Trask

YOUTH DOMESTIC MISSION TRIP

The CPC youth are partnering with the Chattanooga Sports Ministry, led by Hannah Griggs, each day this week. The youth travel to Highlands to coach and minister to teens in our own community. All our Middle School and High School youth are invited to participate on Saturday in games and activities with the Chattanooga Sports Ministry. The youth are leaving from the CPC parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Contact Chris or Reba Gregory with any questions.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the Mays' pool is every 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.

LOST AND FOUND

The bookcase and stairwell next to the coke machine have filled up with precious items left behind at church. Please be sure to check these two locations for any item you may have misplaced!

LOOKING AHEAD

- August 9 -
 - ◊ Pastor Caines preaches during Morning Worship Service
 - ◊ Evening Service of Thanksgiving in honor of Pastor Caines' long ministry among us, followed by a reception
- August 16 - Pastor Pirschel's first Sunday sermon at CPC
- August 19 - First Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal (no regular Wednesday activities)
- August 26 - All Wednesday Night activities commence
- August 30 - Pastor Pirschel's Installation Service during the Evening Worship Service, followed by a reception

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directories:

Mike and Ann Walker (no landline)

Cell Phone (husband).....423.314.8712
Cell Phone (wife)423.227.6560

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, next meeting July 29 -(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 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 have any questions, please contact Josh Ray at 423.504.1916, or Pastor Mullinax at emullinax@covenantchattanooga.org.

LADIES' THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Beverly Mealor's Thursday morning Bible Study will resume September 3, at 10:00 a.m.