



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

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Youth Fall Retreat Depart
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Youth Fall Retreat
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- November 8**
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Siler Baby Shower
- November 11**
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- November 12**
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- November 15**
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- November 19**
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Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry
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- November 21**
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- November 22**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
HS SNL
- November 25**
Thanksgiving Praise Service
- November 26**
Church Office Closed -
Thanksgiving
- November 27**
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*Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored
in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we
take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee lost in
wonder, love and praise.*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Charles Wesley

That enraptured, child-like, wonder-filled gaze in worship is moving and motivational. In his book, *Let the Nations Be Glad*, John Piper says that this kind of worship is the **fuel** and **goal** of missions. It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the wonder-filled enjoyment of God's glory. But, worship is also the fuel for missions. Passion for God in worship precedes the offer of God in proclamation. You can't commend what you don't cherish. Missions begin (fuel) and end (goal) in worship.

Speaking of missions, our annual missions conference is fast approaching. Activities begin Wednesday evening, November 11. This year's theme is *To Such Belong the Kingdom*, taken from Luke 18.16, *Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."* A special emphasis this year will be on children's outreach and student ministries.

Our regular family supper on Wednesday, November 11, is topped off with an array of international desserts. And the fare only gets better post-supper. **Linda Summer** (Agape Puppets) and members of her troupe will demonstrate and speak of the amazing opportunities the Lord has given this ministry throughout the world. It's most appropriate that her presentation will be in Schum Fellowship Hall. "Uncle Hank" and Ruby Schum were quite inspirational in the formation of this fascinating ministry.

(For more information, read the history section of their web-page: www.theagapepuppets.org)

Our own **Howard and Sandy VanderGriend** (MTW - Canada) are with us that Wednesday and throughout the weekend. Their work with *Amazing Kids* program in Lethbridge, Calgary, is an integral part of their outreach and church planting efforts in that part of Canada.

On Missions Conference Sunday, November 15, activities will be familiar. **Dr. Herb Ward** (Covenant College) will preach in the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Dr. Ward quickly endeared himself to this church community during his preaching series here this past summer. All middle school through adult Sunday School classes are suspended from their normal courses in order to give our missionaries opportunities to speak in combined classes. Please choose a class you would like to attend.

Our missionary *guests* for November 15 Sunday School classes are as follows: 1) **Pete and Joanna Vaughn** (Amani Ya Juu) will share of this global reconciliation and mercy ministry in the Perseverers Class room. 2) **Howard VanderGriend** (MTW-Canada) will be speaking in the large choir room and **Sandy VanderGriend** will share in the Children's Sunday School Department. 3) **Jay Fowler** (Fellowship of Christian Athletes, East Tennessee) will share in Schum Fellowship Hall.

Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., Dr. Ward is speaking in the Schum Fellowship Hall. Local student ministry representatives and participants will join us, sharing their work and partnering opportunities.

May God be pleased to use this year's conference to inform, equip, and motivate us all to declare His great salvation locally and globally. ~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule November 8

Worship

Infants

Lisa Grant
& Joyce Trask

Creepers

Cathy & Katie Smith

Toddlers

Tammy Knotts
& Kansas Bradley

Floater

Kallie Arbuckle

Sunday School

Infants

Jared & Sarah McCurry

Creepers

Alison Colberg
& Holly Harnsberger

Toddlers

Patty Liner
& Jean Mauroner

November Coordinator:

Eva Herberich

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

November 11	International Soup and Salad Bar
November 18	Chicken 'N Biscuits
December 2	Fettuccine Alfredo
December 9	Roast Beef and Mashed Potatoes
December 3	Sweet & Sour Chicken

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower in honor of Brandi Siler is on Sunday, November 8, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Brandi is registered at Children's Fair, Babies R Us, and Target.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly breakfast on Saturday, November 7, at 8:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for you to bring a neighbor or someone who needs discipling. Randy Martin is speaking about *Seriously God!?! - A Skeptic's Faith*. Nursery is provided.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

CPC's Annual Missions Conference is November 11-15. This year's theme is *To Such Belong the Kingdom*. Throughout the week, we'll focus on children's outreach and student ministries. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Herb Ward. Make plans to join us Wednesday, November 11, through Sunday, November 15, for many planned events.

30 DAYS OF PRAYER

Mission to the World (MTW), the PCA's foreign mission arm, has produced a *30 Days of Prayer for World Missions* calendar. This helpful prayer tool is available at the church's Welcome Center. Please commit to pray for our missionaries and ministries throughout the month of November - this coincides with CPC's Annual Missions Conference, November 11-15. Particularly, pray for those in restricted-access countries where believers are often persecuted for their faith. The calendar also highlights the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on November 1, giving you the opportunity to join the worldwide body of Christ in prayer for the persecuted church.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please contact the church office by phone or email to set up an appointment.

MEN'S 2016 RETREAT

Looking ahead - mark your calendars! We are excited to announce that the Men's Retreat is scheduled for January 22-23 at Camp Vesper Point. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night and be finished by noon on Saturday. The retreat speaker is Pastor Pirschel, and he will be focusing on who we are as men of Christ and how that works itself out in our day-to-day lives. More information to follow!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers are served from 5:30 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4 and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children 4 and under eat for free, and the maximum family donation is \$15.

For the month of November, the following shepherding groups have clean-up duty: J. Harris, D. Hobbs, J. Coffey, T. Smith, C. Wilkie. We will contact you weekly by email to see if you are available to help.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your CPC Membership Directory:

Jon & Patty Arbuckle

Cell Phone (husband)* 423.593.3180
Cell Phone (wife)* 423.762.3962
Home..... 423.551.4237
*change from last week

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November 21 is packing day! Collection boxes available in Ladies' Sunday School Class, as well as the Children's Wing. If you want to pack your own box, labels are available, at the Welcome Center, to place on your box, marking age and gender. To help with shipping, make checks payable to *Samaritan's Purse* and place in the offering by November 15.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

It's time again for our annual collection of nonperishable food items to share with those in need. Please bring your donations of canned goods and staples and place them in the box outside Danny Grant's office by November 18. Monetary donations are always welcome (due November 15), and are needed to purchase perishable items (turkey, ham, etc.) on the day of delivery, November 21. If you know someone in need or if you, yourself, could use a hand this year, please contact the church office or an elder.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

All Middle School and High School youth registered for the Fall Retreat, November 6-8, please be at the church on Friday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. The youth will return Sunday, November 8, at noon.

GRATEFUL GOBBLER

People from all walks of life will gather together for the three-mile Grateful Gobbler Walk held on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 a.m., beginning and ending at Coolidge Park. Proceeds from the event are distributed to groups such as the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and the Chattanooga Homeless Coalition to help the needy in our community. To register, visit www.gratefulgobbler.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are looking forward to seeing all CPC ladies and guests for a festive evening on Friday, December 11. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for girls (10 years and under). Registration starts Sunday at the Women's Table in the lobby.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Please collect empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls for a special project being planned by the Women's Ministry. Place them in the box by the WM table.

SOLES FOR SOULS

A local church has donated a bunch of men's shoes so there is now a need for men's socks. Please place them in the box outside of Danny Grant's office.