



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Pastor Emeritus...

Looking Ahead...

- April 15**
Girls' Night Out
- April 17**
Morning Worship
New Member Recognition
Sunday School
Children's Ministry Dinner
SNL
- April 19**
Mother's Encouragement
Group
- April 20**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Joint Deacon/Session Meeting
- April 21**
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- April 22**
Ladies' Friday Morning Bible
Study
- April 23**
Missions Yard Sale
- April 24**
Mission Conference Sunday
Sunday School
Shepherding Groups Meet
Vice/Rogers Bridal Shower
- April 27**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 29**
Taters & Tubesteaks
- May 1**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Youth Talent Show
- May 2**
Ladies' Monday Night Bible
Study
- May 3**
Mother's Encouragement
Group
Women's Council Meeting
- May 4**
Wednesday Night Supper
Parent U
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- May 5**
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

Pastor Emeritus – which basically means I'm old. Not as old as a few of you reading this newsletter – like Mack – but older than most. *Emeritus* comes from a Latin word meaning *to be discharged for service*. In military parlance – ask B. B. – I've been honorably discharged.

I rejoice in what the Lord has done. I knew more than three years ago, for physical reasons, that it was time to pass the torch. I told the Session we needed to begin the process of identifying the next Senior Pastor of CPC. I rejoice in how marvelously the Lord's honored the process, and I'm grateful to those who shouldered the responsibility of serving as our Search and Pulpit Committees.

When I stepped down from the pulpit of Bethel PC in Sparta, Illinois, to accept another call, the Lord called Dr. Bryan Chapell to be the next pastor of BPC. And now, with my retirement, the Lord has called Jesse to be our Senior Pastor. It appears that, perhaps, the best thing a church could do is call me as Pastor in anticipation of who the next Senior Pastor will be!

Seriously, I am profoundly grateful for how good the Lord has been to Linda and me throughout the years in allowing us years of service of beloved churches, but in His tender mercies to us He has called men of such high caliber to shepherd *our* people.

For the past many months the Lord has allowed me the privilege of continuing to serve His church. Throughout 2015, I served as moderator of the Session of Grace PC in Dalton. It was a time of transition for them as the Lord led them in calling their new Senior Pastor. I have also been recently elected as a member of the home mission committee of our Presbytery.

I continue to serve as a trustee of Covenant College, which gives me deep pleasure, for as many of you know one of

the great passions of my life is the educational ministry of our denominational college. You might be interested in knowing that if it is the Lord's will our son, David, will be elected a trustee of the college. That would make David and me the first *father-son team* to serve on CC's board.

I've also had the privilege of filling the pulpit of other churches. Recently, I've preached at Grace PC, Lookout Mountain. I'd appreciate you stopping for just a moment to ask the Lord to bless the members of that congregation. In June, they will be closing their doors. After more than half a century of faithful ministry, the time has come for their members to seek new church homes. Please ask the Lord's continued blessing upon them.

I've also had the delightful task of helping to home school Elijah, my grandson, as he battles with Crohn's. I teach him History, English Literature, and Bible.

I now have the time and privilege to spend the first five or six hours each day praying, reading Scripture, reading theology, reading commentaries, and reading history. Those of you who know me well can understand how much I delight in the freedom to do so.

Linda and I have our aches and pains – especially Linda. Stop and pray for her. She has terrible pain in both hips and down both legs. In a week or so she will be receiving two injections to try to ease her level of discomfort.

It was good to *visit* with you for a few moments. We love you. We are grateful to still be a part of CPC. And, as the Lord wills, we look forward to many more years with you of worshiping and serving our Creator, Savior, Lord and King. Maranatha. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule April 17

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Crystal Middleton

Creepers

Kristin Sotelo
& Kansas Bradley

Toddlers

Josh & Renee Ray

Floater

Maggie Middleton

Sunday School

Infants

Jared & Sarah McCurry

Creepers

Karen & Madison Crago

Toddlers

Patty Liner
& Jean Mauroner

April Coordinator:

Mindy Horton

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Jamie Vice, bride-elect of Luke Rogers, is April 24 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Jamie is registered at Dillard's, Kohls, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

MISSIONS YARD SALE

Spring Cleaning for Missions! A parking lot yard sale is scheduled for April 23 to help raise funds for those going on the CPC Mission Trip to Canada. Please keep this in mind as you do your spring cleaning. Starting Wednesday, April 20, your donations can be brought to the church. Please do not donate adult clothing or any items that would be hard to sell. Contact Boo Mullinax for more details.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

On Friday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. the CPC women will have a *Pamper Yourself* GNO. Come enjoy fellowship and relaxation with manicures, pedicures, foot baths, and more! Contact Emily Calloway or Colleen Murphy for more information.

TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family, Friday, April 29. 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. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. Next Thursday, April 21, we'll provide lunch to families in the waiting room. If you are able to contribute sandwiches, snack cakes, or fruit, please email or call the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LUNCH

All Sunday School and Wednesday Night teachers and helpers, and their families, as well as anyone interested in working with our children, are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, April 17, at 12:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. We will be having soup and sandwiches. Please RSVP to Holly Lehmann at cpckidsministry@covenantchattanooga.org if you will be attending.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following change to your CPC church directory.

Dustin & Amy Young

Email (husband)..... hutchyoung@catt.com
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NEW MEMBERS

Drew Johnson

Drew is the son of Pete & Mandi Johnson.

Linda Fisher

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NURSERY COORDINATORS NEEDED

If you are willing to be the Nursery Coordinator in May or June, please contact Heather Harris, jeh1224@aol.com.

RYM

Don't forget your non-refundable \$100 deposit is due April 20 to secure your spot. Please turn in all money to Danielle Wilkie.

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, 4 and under eat free. The maximum family donation is \$15.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

April 20	Spaghetti and Caesar Salad
April 27	Taco Salad
May 5	Coq Au Vin (Mac 'N Cheese for kids)
May 11	Hot Dogs 'N Fixins