



# The eNewsletter

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## Looking Ahead...

**April 22**

Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study

**April 23**

Missions Yard Sale

**April 24**

Mission Conference Sunday  
Sunday School  
Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal  
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  
Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal  
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

**May 7**

Men's Breakfast

**May 8**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School

**May 11**

Last Wednesday Night Supper  
Illusionist

**May 12**

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

**May 14**

Youth Car Wash

## From the Pen of Elder Wykoff...

There are few who realize when they pick up their hymnal, that what they hold between their fingers is a living chronicle of Christendom. Gathered between the preface and the indices is a collection of Christian songs covering more generations, more cultures, more styles of music and poetry than most people give it credit for. Nowhere else is the tapestry of Christ's kingdom so boldly displayed.

It is more than an anthology, however. It is more than the church history it so singularly contains. It is more because it is first and foremost a songbook - a book to be sung, and its contents come alive in the singing. Reading history carries us into the past, but singing a hymn brings our history forward to meet us. Read about Martin Luther and you'll admire his boldness. But sing his hymns - put his words in your mouth, his song on your lips -and his courage is now your own. Your heart and Martin Luther's heart, joined across time and space! Is there a comparable method of devotion?

Yes, the hymnal is a living chronicle. But its life depends on its use. Music never was a matter of ink and paper. Music is something that human beings do together. Unless a song is sung, it lies dead on the page. Flat. And

coldly silent. But when at last it is sung, lovingly and beautifully sung, repeatedly sung, it comes carefully to life, leaving the page behind. Our history comes to life. Our theology comes to life. The best reflections of the Saints come to life when we sing their songs. If the hymnal feels dead to you, then bring it to life. *Tolle et psallite!* Take it up and sing!

*Tolle et psallite!* Sing what they sang in the Roman Empire under Constantine (#58). *Tolle et psallite!* Sing what they sang in Jerusalem in the Eighth Century (#267). *Tolle et psallite!* Sing what John Calvin sang (#613). Sing what the Puritans sang (#18). Sing the song of an American slave (#611) and then sing the song of the forgiven slave trader (#627). Bind your soul to the soul of Christians everywhere at all times by singing their songs. *Tolle et psallite!*

*Tolle et Psallite!* Take it up and sing! Much more could be said to hymn the hymnal, but the proof is in the pudding. To know its contents is to know the heart of Christendom. It is a living chronicle. Take it up and sing!

~Elder John Wykoff



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 24

#### Worship

##### Infants

Gretchen Brown  
& Becky Pearce

##### Creepers

Cathy & Katie Smith

##### Toddlers

Tammy Knotts  
& Tavis Brown

##### Floater

Capps Brown

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Lynda Brown  
& Peggy Bandy

##### Creepers

Heather Morrison  
& Lucy Cleveland

##### Toddlers

Ernie Brown  
& John Southworth

### April Coordinator:

Mindy Horton

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

April 27 Taco Salad  
May 5 Coq Au Vi  
(Mac 'N Cheese for kids)  
May 11 Hot Dogs

### 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 Dillards, Kohls, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

### MISSIONS YARD SALE

A parking lot yard sale is scheduled for April 23, to help raise funds for those going on the CPC Mission Trip to Canada. Donations being accepted today and tomorrow. Contact Boo Mullinax for more details.

### GOD'S WORK IN WEST AFRICA

On Sunday, April 24, a combined adult Sunday School Class is meeting in Schum Fellowship Hall. Please join Dr. Dan Steere, Pete Vaughn, and Gideon Umokoro, and learn about a few CPC supported ministries in West Africa.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Do you like animal crackers and enjoy working with children? We would love for you to consider working in our Children's Ministry, which is for children ages 2 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a need for several teachers and helpers during Sunday School and on Wednesday Nights. Working with our Covenant children will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. Contact Holly Lehmann with questions at cpckidsministry@covenantchattanooga.org.

### YOUNG MARRIEDS

The Young Marrieds Sunday School Class has realized they are not a class of *young marrieds* any longer, nor are they simply studying marriage topics. The new name for this class is *Common Grounds* and is a wide range of ages - singles, marrieds, kids, and no kids. The goal is to do life together in community by applying God's Word to loving each other and positively impacting society with the Gospel. Please come visit the class, they meet on the second floor above Pastor Pirschel's office. A new study is starting based on *Side by Side* by Ed Welch.

### YOUTH TALENT SHOW

All youth and parents are invited to attend our Annual Youth Talent Show on May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following change to your CPC church directory.

#### Dory George

4537 Alabama Ave., Chattanooga TN 37409

#### Karen Fullam

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### 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.

### RYM

Reformed Youth Ministries is hosting their High School Summer Conference July 4-8, in Panama City, FL. The cost is \$350. A non-refundable deposit was due April 20 and the balance is due May 11. Please turn in all money to Danielle Wilkie with the student's name on it and RYM on memo line. For more information, please contact Chris Gregory.

### RENT-A-YOUTH

This program helps our students raise needed funds to attend youth activities. If you would like to *Rent-A-Youth* or would like more information about this program, please contact Tracy Horton at 423.706.1670 or thorton@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT FINALE

We were able to reschedule the illusionist, Jaden Maxwell, to perform for us on Wednesday, May 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall.

### KINSHIP GROUPS

This summer, the Women's Ministry is launching several Kinship Groups focusing on special interests: book clubs, hiking, and cooking to name a few. Members of these groups will meet once a month to share in their interests together. Sign up lists are at the WM Table in the Lobby. Contact Colleen Murphy or Eva Herberich for details.

### MUSIC CAMP 2016

Music Camp is June 6-10. Check out Sunday's bulletin for more details.