



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- May 20**
Ladies' Friday Bible Study
- May 21**
Ladies' Tea
- May 22**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Last SNL
- May 25**
Mission: Chattanooga Begins
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- May 26**
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
- May 29**
Morning Worship
Graduate Recognition
Promotion Sunday
Graduate Reception
Sunday School
Youth Family Picnic
Shepherding Groups Meet
- May 30**
Church Office Closed -
Memorial Day
- June 1**
Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- June 2**
Swim Day
- June 4**
Men's Breakfast
- June 5**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
- June 6**
Music Camp Begins
- June 7**
Women's Council Meeting
- June 8**
Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- June 9**
Swim Day
- June 10**
Canada Mission Trip Begins

William Carey rose from the obscurity of a cobbler's shop in rural England to become a giant on the mission field. In 1793, he sailed for India with two small trunks simply stamped Mission: India, containing all his worldly goods. Driven by a great heart for others, he crossed sea and land to reach the country where he would live out the last forty years of his life. In India he translated the Scriptures into local languages, founded a school, administered a mission, helped ban inhuman practices such as wife burning and child sacrifice, and preached the gospel of God's grace to thousands and thousands.

By Carey's example, many others who burned with that same holy heart went on to foreign mission fields. He has generally been acclaimed as the *Father of Modern Missions*.

Of course, one doesn't have to go abroad to do mission and ministry. God calls us to that end wherever we are.

Paul writes in Ephesians 2 that we have been *saved by grace* (vs. 8, 9) ... *created in Christ Jesus to do good works* (v. 10). In other words we've been saved to serve. Those verses have often been used as the heading for **Mission: Chattanooga** and other mercy ministry project announcements.

It has been our pattern here at CPC over the past fifteen years to take a summer break from regular Wednesday church activities. [Remember the Sabbath principle is that we rest from one thing in order to give ourselves more fully to another.]

With the suspension of Wednesday evening suppers and organized classes, we have increased opportunities during these months for ministering in our community. **Mission: Chattanooga** is simply an effort to facilitate some service and outreach opportunities for anyone and everyone (young, not-so-young, singles, individuals, couples, families), especially during the summer in and around Chattanooga ... home missions, if you will.

These scheduled opportunities are by no means exhaustive. Certainly, there are other

service and outreach ministries by our church that have been taking place and continue to take place. This is just a means for organizing our efforts a little more.

There will be opportunities this summer off-campus ... doing such ministry as general repair and maintenance, grounds keeping, home / hospital / nursing facility visits, short term mission team support, and other things as we discover needs and opportunities.

We'll also continue the warehouse renovation work at Amani Ya Juu. (The warehouse is located at 400 South Willow in the Highland Park area of Chattanooga).

There will be on-campus service opportunities as well. Some CPC grounds work will be offered. We'll cook meals for distribution. [First week, May 25, will be a thorough cleaning of the kitchen with no cooking.] We'll have a *Mission Kidz* class led by Leanna Cathey ... perhaps, freeing parents for service elsewhere. We'll have a support group for letter writing and working with our stamp ministry. The indispensable prayer group will meet. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals will continue through June with singing off-campus opportunities (assisted living facilities) scheduled in July.

These **Mission: Chattanooga** opportunities will be scheduled mostly on **Wednesday evenings (beginning May 25)** from approximately **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** We'll also have some **Saturday** opportunities. Some may only be able to participate in shorter time increments and some not every week. That's fine. Come when you can, for as long as you can and as often as you can. Childcare for small children will be available at the church. But, children are also encouraged to engage in these services with parents. Participation by all is heartily welcomed.

Choose areas of service that you and yours would like to be a part of this summer and join us as we locally serve in the Lord's name.

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule May 22

Worship

Infants

Jeanie Ray & Reita Pierce

Creepers

Holly & Ava Lehmann

Toddlers

Brian & Liam Lehmann

Floater

Volunteer Needed

Sunday School

Infants

Selah Cross
& Amy Creamer

Creepers

Heather Morrison
& Lucy Cleveland

Toddlers

Brandon & Sophia Cross

May Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

LADIES' TEA

The Ladies' Tea is this Saturday, May 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for an adult is \$8 and children 12 and under are \$6. Kid-friendly and allergy-friendly options available. A nursery is also available for those who sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Calloway at 423.432.1743.

MUSIC CAMP 2016

Music Camp is June 6-10. Kids from Kindergarten through entering the 6th grade are invited to come and join us for a week of music, drama, crafts, Bible, and fun! Please register on our church website or fill out a form from the Lobby. See Jeremy Gaines for more details.

To volunteer to help with Music Camp, please use separate registration forms found outside Jeremy Gaines' office.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

This summer, the CPC Mission: Chattanooga projects begin Wednesday, May 25. Each week, activities will be on-campus and off-campus from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Activity list and schedule will be sent each week via CPC Info emails.

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

Regular plastic grocery bags are needed for a weaving project of sleeping mats. Hundreds of bags needed, so don't be stingy! Mats will be used locally and for a Haitian mission. Please put bags in the box outside of Pastor Mullinax's office.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please keep us informed of any address, phone, or email changes. You may email us at cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.

MEMORIAL DAY

The church office is closed, Monday, May 30. There will be no eNewsletter sent on Thursday, June 2.

RENT-A-YOUTH

This program helps our students raise needed funds to attend 2016 youth activities. Please contact Tracy Horton for more information at 423.706.1670 or thorton@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 29, is Graduate Recognition Day at CPC. Please let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family so we can recognize everyone graduating since last spring. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, or doctorate programs. In the next few weeks, please email cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org with the name of the graduate, the degree earned, name of the school, and date of graduation.

SENIOR POSTERS

All Seniors and their families are welcome to display a Senior Poster outside Schum Fellowship Hall for Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please put all posters in the church office by Wednesday, May 25. Be creative and have fun displaying your photos!

YOUTH FAMILY PICNIC

All youth and their families are invited to an end-of-the-year family picnic at Heritage Park on Sunday, May 29, at 6:00 p.m. Drinks are provided. Bring a picnic and a few lawn chairs for your family.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 4, at 8:30 a.m. Nursery provided.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool begins Thursday, June 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are personally responsible for the supervision of your children and for cleanup.