



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- June 24**
GNO - Movie Night
- June 26**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
- June 27**
Jr/Sr Girls' Night Out
- June 28**
Ladies' Summer Bible Study
Youth Game Night
Men's Summer Bible Study
- June 29**
Mission: Chattanooga
- June 30**
Swim Day
- July 3**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
- July 4**
Church Office Closed -
Fourth of July
- July 5**
Ladies' Summer Bible Study
Women's Council Meeting
Men's Summer Bible Study
- July 6**
Mission: Chattanooga
- July 7**
Swim Day
- July 8**
Mother's Encouragement
Group: Swimming
- July 9**
HS Youth Pool Party at
Middleton's
- July 10**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
- July 12**
Ladies' Summer Bible Study
Youth Coolidge Park Fun
Men's Summer Bible Study
- July 13**
Mission: Chattanooga
- July 14**
Swim Day

Curtis and Yvonne Owens, John, Grace and Heather Morrison, Rita and Emma Newman, William Higgins, Chris, Michaela and Christopher Gregory, Hope Martof, Eric Mullinax, Thomas Wilkie, Solomon Pirschel, Emilia Marrs, Kip Reynolds, Christopher Beatty, Lucy Cleveland and Lewis Reid. Wow, what a great team! Of course, I'm a little biased. But, you should be too.

These folks comprised CPC's recent Mission Team to Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. The team worked (June 10-18) closely with CPC members and MTW missionaries, Howard and Sandy VanderGriend. Since the VanderGriends moved to Lethbridge a year ago, we have been planning this trip. Their gospel ministry and relationship-building opportunities in southern Alberta seem as vast as the Canadian landscape. They counsel, shepherd, lead, and disciple in the planting of Amazing Grace (PCA) Community Church. They assist in ongoing deaconal ministries (Lethbridge Food Bank, Streets Alive). They lead in discipleship and outreach through Amazing Kids and Amazing Youth programs. They oversee interns and skillfully manage short-term missions teams that come to minister in Lethbridge and to the First Nation Blackfoot community. In one form or another, CPC's team was involved in all of these efforts. Plus, our Youth Group and Praise Band, with Chris Gregory speaking, led a well-attended Youth Rally one evening. It was a great trip and we hope to give our enthusiastic report to the church in the not-too-distant-future.

Maybe this is the time (again) to share why I'm an advocate for such short-term mission teams. A lot of churches, including Covenant, have spent considerable amounts of time, energy, prayer, and money in short-term mission teams and trips. Some ask is it worth it? Do we get a good return on our investment? Couldn't we do better by sending the funds for such trips to finance national workers and mission projects without the expense and, some say, the ineffectiveness of sending Americans who

know little of the culture or the language? Doesn't this do more to satisfy our wishes for adventure than really to extend the kingdom of Christ? My response to that is that there are few better ways to invest people and money.

Some of my reasons for that position include: (1) Such teams (and individuals) are a great source of encouragement to our missionaries, who often labor in difficult cross-cultural assignments. Those teams bring needed fellowship and support. (2) Mission teams encourage national Christians as they see, meet, fellowship, and work together with brothers and sisters in the Lord who have traveled great distances to minister to them and their people. This to me is the partnership that Paul speaks of in Philippians 1.5. (3) Such teams represent, just by their presence, not to mention their ministry in word and deed, an effective evangelistic witness to the unsaved. (4) Participating team members' view of God's wonder-filled work in the world, and thus their missions perspective, is often transformed. (5) Such mission trips tie the participants' hearts to the work there and fuel further ministry in prayer and other ways of continued ministry such as correspondence, contributions, return trips, etc. (6) Mission teams (and individuals) serve as a catalyst and energize congregations when reports and testimonies are shared upon the team's return. (7) Short term mission team participants are the seed bed for a future harvest of career missionaries. The vast majority of those who go into missions as a career are short-term veterans. (8) Such mission trips are simply life changing experiences for participants. (9) Churches that send teams regularly on short-term mission trips far exceed giving to international missions than those that do not.

Mission teams are a great idea for our church as a whole, and for us as families and individuals!

Soli deo gloria!

~Eric Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule June 26

Worship

Infants

Jay & Susan Helton

Creepers

Tammy, Lexi,
& Mandy Bacon

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Jonmark Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Domekia Gaines
& Grace Morrison

Creepers

Heather Morrison
& Lucy Cleveland

Toddlers

Isaiah Harris

June Coordinator:

Boo Mullinax

GUESTS

This Sunday, June 26, Bo and Brynne Lancaster (MTW-Slovakia) will be sharing in the Solomon's Porch Sunday School Class, which meets in the Choir Room. Also, Sam Oppong (ELI-Ghana, colleague of Dan Steere) will be sharing in the Pastor's Class, which meets in the Frederick Room.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

High School and Middle School Youth are invited to a Game Night at the church on Tuesday, June 28, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come join us for games, ice cream, and fellowship.

HIGH SCHOOL POOL PARTY

High School Youth are invited to the Middleton's home (7464 Twin Brook Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421) for a Pool Party on Saturday, July 9, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Pastor Mullinax will lead the Pastor's Class through August. With Pastor Pirschel's summer vacation absences and planned visits with other Sunday School Classes, he will not resume leadership of this class until September.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS

The July birthday/anniversary calendar is available for pick up at the Welcome Center.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Ladies of CPC, you are invited to a movie night at Diane Lazor's home (7016 Clarissa Drive, Ooltewah, TN) tomorrow, June 24, at 7:00 p.m. The movie is *Pride & Prejudice* and light refreshments will be served. Please contact Colleen Murphy at 423.463.5885 or violingirl86@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following change to your CPC church directory.

Robby & Missy Fugatt (no landline)
Cell (husband).....423.653.2110
Cell (wife).....423.364.1304

SWIM DAY

Swim Day at the May's pool is on Thursdays, 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.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

The CPC Summer Mission: Chattanooga projects have begun. Each Wednesday, activities will be on-campus and off-campus from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A list of activities will be sent each week via the CPC Info emails.

AMERICAN HEROES DINNER

The Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation invites you to attend the 3rd Annual American Heroes Dinner on July 15 at 7:00 p.m. at The Chattanooga Convention Center. Lt. Col. Allen B. West (U.S. Army Ret.) is the speaker and those attacked on July 16, 2015, will be honored and remembered. Tickets are available at www.honoringthesacrifice.org.

FOURTH OF JULY

The church office is closed, Monday, July 4. There will be no eNewsletter sent on Thursday, July 7.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Please note that during the summer, the Church Office will close at noon on Fridays.

TATERS AND TUBE STEAKS

Mark your calendars! Friday, July 15, is our next Taters and Tubesteaks dinner at Coolidge Park with a Lookouts Game to follow.