



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...*

### **Looking Ahead...**

- April 1**  
Men's Breakfast
- April 2**  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Nursery Open House
- April 3**  
Ladies' Monday Night  
Bible Study - Job
- April 4**  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
Women's Council Meeting
- April 5**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Youth Leadership Team  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting
- April 6**  
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
- April 9**  
Morning Worship  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting  
Youth Hiking
- April 10**  
Ladies' Monday Night  
Bible Study - Titus
- April 12**  
No Wednesday Night  
Activities
- April 13**  
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study  
Maundy Thursday Service
- April 14**  
Church Office Closed -  
Good Friday
- April 15**  
Resurrection Egg Hunt  
Breakfast
- April 16**  
Morning Worship
- April 18**  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group
- April 19**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

Covenant Presbyterian Church (CPC) has had an interest and investment in the country of Belarus for many years now. Belarus, a post-Soviet *republic* in Eastern Europe, has had its share of difficulties since the collapse of the USSR.

CPC has been supportive of the Chernobyl Children's Program of Greater Chattanooga (CCP) since its inception. Originally, orphans and children from Belarus impacted by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster 31 years ago were brought to the United States to visit. CPC families hosted many of these children. The CCP was formed in 1992 to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the Belarusian children through these visits. In 2008, the Belarusian government prohibited relief trips for children. However, the CCP maintained their relationship including sponsoring summer camps in Belarus, and by hosting Christmas celebration for Belarusian orphans. They also assist with the Minsk Family Home for young post orphanage women and the Timothy House for post orphanage young men.

CCP is sponsoring an exhibit of children's art works at the Mountain Arts Community Center (Signal Mountain) during the month of April. The opening reception is slated for April 7, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Gallery 5 at the MACC.

These unique works of art were created by talented young student artists (ages 9-17) at the *Republican College of Art* in Minsk, Belarus. [A beautiful and gifted art piece from CCP to CPC, in appreciation for our partnership, hangs in Gretchen Brown's office.] These art works reflect Eastern European ethnicity and are all *original* works in watercolor, tempera, oil, batik, pen and ink, or pastels. In most cases, the student's names and ages are provided on the back of the piece. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the sale will be used for caring for and

enriching the lives of these Belarusian children.

An added attraction to the exhibit at the MACC is the showing of the film "*The Babushkas of Chernobyl*", a decorated documentary. The film reveals the life changing event that still impacts the *Exclusion Zone* and people miles around. The film will be shown at 4:00 p.m., Friday April 7, immediately before the reception. It will also run during the reception at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Donations will be received.

CPC has also supported church planting in Belarus. Ted Hope and Ron Jobe have lead in these efforts with Belarusian Christian leader, Viktor Krutko. We've sent ministry teams to Belarus (Pastor Caines, Ernie Brown, Janet Jobe). CPC (under Jeremy Gaines' leadership) has joined First Presbyterian, Chattanooga, in choir tours of the country, another scheduled for this June with 15 of our members involved. We have hosted the Belarus National Christian Choir on several occasions. We have financially supported national pastors (including Stepan Solodukha). This summer's choir tour will be ministering at various locations, including two youth camps, one being Camp Nadezhda (Hope) for upwards of 500 people. The choir will also minister at the church where Stepan is the pastor.

**Sunday, April 30, during the Sunday School hour**, there will be a combined Sunday School Belarus presentation in Schum Fellowship Hall. Ron Jobe (Belarus Christian Ministry), Eve Soltau (CCP) and Jeremy Gaines (CPC) will share about current and on-going ministry opportunities. Please join us as we continue our prayerful interest and gospel investment in this nation.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 2

#### Worship

##### Infants

Kelly Orthner  
& Sandy Coffey

##### Crawlers

Tammy Knotts  
& Cathy Smith

##### Toddlers

Scott Orthner  
& Renee Ray

##### Floater

Josh Ray

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Russ & Bev Roop

##### Crawlers

Susan Close  
& Kim Collins

##### Toddlers

Luther & Shirley Allin

### April Coordinator:

Volunteer Needed

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 1, at 8:30 a.m. The speaker is Joe Smith, the Director of Advancement for the Chattanooga YMCA. His title is: *This Ain't Home - We Are Only Passing Through*. Nursery provided.

### PASTOR'S CLASS

Bruce & Barbara Wannemacher, veteran MTW missionaries ministering in South Africa, are visiting CPC this Sunday, April 2. The Wannemachers have long been supported by CPC and will be sharing in the Pastor's Class, in the Frederick Room, during the Sunday School hour. Please join us!

### NURSERY OPEN HOUSE

Come and tour the new Nursery on Sunday, April 2, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Be sure to thank Heather Harris for her decade of service and welcome Joanna Watne as the new Nursery Director.

### YOUTH HIKING

The High School and Middle School Youth and their families are invited to go hiking in Collegedale on Sunday, April 9, at 12:30 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch and a drink. Meet in the Lobby for further instructions.

### 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 April, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty: J. Coffey, K. Henry, T. Horton, B. Higgins, T. Lowe.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

April 5	Stromboli
April 12	No Wednesday Night
April 19	Chicken Divan
April 26	Taco Salad

### EASTER LILIES

If you would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter, while honoring or remembering a friend or loved one, you may order an Easter lily for \$17.50. Order forms are available in the Lobby and need to be turned in to Carol by Friday, March 31. You may pick up your lily following the Easter service.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There is a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 9, following the Morning Worship Service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the Senior Pastor Search Committee nominees.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

There are no Wednesday Night Activities on Wednesday, April 12, due to the Maundy Thursday Service on April 13.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

We will observe Maundy Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. *Maundy* originates from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning a command or mandate, referring to Christ's command given the night before His crucifixion that His disciples should love one another (John 13.34). That night, as they celebrated Passover, the disciples were told by Jesus the bread of Passover would now represent His body and the cup His blood. We will celebrate our Lord's Supper and participate in a tenebrae service denoting the growing *darkness* that would encompass the next two days before His glorious resurrection.

### EGG HUNT BREAKFAST

Our annual Egg Hunt Breakfast is Saturday, April 15. A pancake breakfast is served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. A story explaining the reason we celebrate Easter begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by the egg hunt at 10:00 a.m. for children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Bring a basket only, as the eggs are provided. For more information, please contact Holly Lehmann.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL, APRIL 16

Sunday School Classes are not meeting after the Easter Service.