



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

January 8

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Wilson Wedding Reception

January 9

Ladies' Monday Night Titus
Bible Study
Ladies' Monday Night Job
Bible Study

January 11

Wednesday Night Supper
Youth Leadership Team
Wednesday Night Activities

January 12

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

January 14

Youth Ice Skating

January 15

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Officer Installation
Diaconate Meeting

January 17

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

January 18

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

January 19

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch

January 20

Men's Retreat

January 21

Men's Retreat

January 22

Morning Worship
Sunday School

January 25

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

January 26

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

January 29

Morning Worship
Sunday School
GUBA

The opening lines of *A Tale of Two Cities* have given the literary world one of the greatest precursory statements of all time. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair..." These famous words of Charles Dickens mark some of the best-known lines of literature, skillfully reflecting the novel's central tension between opposing pairs and the ebbs and flows of an era.

On the occasion of this New Year we, too, are inclined to reflect, to look back and look forward with thoughts and words that help us sift through the stories unfolding before us. Significant dates...births, deaths, anniversaries, and holidays...naturally lend themselves to times of reflection. But, the first of the year is perhaps the most compelling time that calls us to reflect. That we have before us the month that marks another beginning of another year is unavoidable, even if merely seen as time to acquire a new calendar or join another health club.

Armed with resolutions and lofty goals, many stare into the 365 days ahead with hope and expectation, sometimes with fear, sometimes with determination, other times with excitement. And we look at the days behind us with a careful eye for what is past, at times with nostalgia for all that has gone by, or heaviness for all we longed to see turn out differently, but hopefully, with wisdom to carry us into days to come.

Christmas reminds us that the birth of Christ has ushered in a new day, a new era marked by the wonder-filled gift of

the Incarnation. The celebrations of such contemplation would also encourage the natural push of the New Year for reflection as well. For the Christian, that *God has come near* changed - and continues to change - everything.

Francis Havergal was a beloved poet and hymn-writer. Scores of her hymns have edified the church for a century and a half. Some of her better known hymns are *Take My Life and Let It Be*, *Who Is On The Lord's Side?*, and *Like a River Glorious*. At the commencement of the year 1874, she composed the following poem / hymn as a New Year's greeting card.

Another year is dawning,
dear Father, let it be
in working or in waiting,
another year with Thee.
Another year of progress,
another year of praise,
another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies,
of faithfulness and grace,
another year of gladness
in the shining of Thy face;
another year of leaning
upon Thy loving breast;
another year of trusting,
of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service,
of witness for Thy love,
another year of training
for holier work above.
Another year is dawning,
dear Father, let it be
on earth, or else in heaven,
another year for Thee.

Whether looking back or looking forward, the near-presence of a loving God is our help and hope.

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule January 8

Worship

Infants

Joyce Trask
& Sandi Schreiner

Creepers

Tammy Knotts
& Mollee Brown

Toddlers

Mike & Holly VanderGriend

Floater

Mary Kate Oldham

Sunday School

Infants

Donna Armes
& Becky Pearce

Creepers

Stacy Collins

Toddlers

John Southworth
& Dory George

January Coordinator:

Heather Harris

WEDDING RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to a wedding reception in honor of Mark and Marie (Daly) Wilson on Sunday, January 8, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. They are excited to see everyone. Mark and Marie are registered at Target, Macy's, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond, but gifts are not necessary. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joyce Trask or Judy Foster.

YOUTH ICE SKATING

The HS and MS Youth are invited to the *Ice on the Landing* on Saturday, January 14, at 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.

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 January, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty: D. Elwood, J. Gaines, J. Harris, D. Hobbs, T. Smith, and J. Wykoff

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU*

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| January 4 | Soup and Bread |
| January 11 | Baked Chicken and Cheesy Grits |
| January 18 | Pork Potpie |
| January 25 | Breakfast |
| February 1 | Spaghetti and Caesar Salad |
| February 8 | Chicken Enchiladas |
| February 15 | Chili (Red and White) |
| February 22 | Coq Au Vin |
| March 1 | Cajun Pizza |
| March 8 | Chicken Tikka Masala |
| March 15 | Corned Beef and Potatoes |
| March 22 | Baked Potato Bar |
| March 29 | Stromboli |

*Menu subject to change as needed

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory.

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MEN'S RETREAT

The 2017 CPC Men's Retreat, for men college age and older, is January 20-21 at Johnson Woods Retreat Center. This will be a retreat like no other, *Man-To-Man*. Please register at the Welcome Center or contact Joe Fisher or Doug McEachern for more information. Cost is donations only.

GUBA SCHEDULE

HS and MS Youth - our next few GUBA meetings are scheduled for January 29, March 12, and April 23. These meetings are at 6:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Please plan to bring a dessert to share.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join the *Grown Ups* (formerly Kingdom Seekers) Sunday School class, starting January 29, as they study the book of Daniel. John Southworth is leading this study.

VALENTINE DINNER

The 5th Annual Valentine Dinner and Cake Auction, benefitting the choir mission trip to Belarus, is Friday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. Please be sure to register, space is limited. Nursery registration required (ages 3 and under). Please contact Jeremy Gaines with any questions at jgaines@covenantchattanooga.org.