



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Pastor Emeritus...

Looking Ahead...

February 24

Girls Night Out

February 25

HS Youth Game Night

February 26

Morning Worship
Sunday School

March 1

Wednesday Night Supper
Youth Parents Meeting
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

March 2

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

March 4

Men's Breakfast

March 5

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Congregational Meeting

March 6

Ladies' Monday Night
Bible Study - Job

March 7

Mothers' Encouragement
Group
Women's Council Meeting

March 8

Wednesday Night Supper
Youth Leadership Team
Wednesday Night Activities

March 9

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

March 11

Women's Ministry Seminar

March 12

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
GUBA
Chattanooga's Bach Choir
Mendelssohn's *Elijah*

March 13

Ladies' Monday Night
Bible Study - Titus

March 15

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

My mother-in-law, Freda Jackson, has been hospitalized twice in the last month. The first time was for pneumonia. The second time she was suffering with a reoccurrence of pneumonia, the flu, and a compression fracture in her back. Now, she's at Health South for two weeks so she can regain sufficient strength to return to *Thrive at Brow Wood*, the assisted living facility on Lookout Mountain where she has lived since this past April.

She's a tough old bird. I say that with respect, pride, and tenderness. I also must boast about the fact that wherever she is, those attending her find it easy to love her and care for her needs. She almost never complains about her aches and pains, which is why it was heartbreaking to hear her moan from the discomfort she was experiencing. Linda and I are grateful that she seems to be improving and her pain appears to be lessening.

Mom is always quick to say "thank you" to the aides, nurses, and doctors caring for her. She also is (too) quick to apologize for being a *bother* – even though I don't know of anyone who thinks of her as such.

Mom is the middle child of eleven children. Seven of the eleven are now with the Lord. I've known them all, and each and every one of their lives clearly bore evidence of their love for their Lord and Savior. Four of the eight brothers were PCA ministers, two serving as missionaries, one an Army chaplain, and one as my personal mentor. Three of them served as elders or deacons of their churches. The other brother was mentally challenged, but faithfully served his Lord to the best of his ability. The sisters' husbands, including Dad Jackson, also served as deacons.

Mom and Dad Jackson raised four children. All four children – Linda, Carol (Belz), Lorraine (Berger), and Paul love

and serve their King. When Linda and I started dating, her father remarked that he hoped his oldest daughter wouldn't get too interested in a guy named "Render." But she did, thank the Lord. And despite my father-in-law's initial misgiving, from the very first time I visited in their home I felt welcomed by the family, and soon felt loved.

Mom worked as a professional seamstress. She made many of the dresses that her daughters wore growing up, and even made a few of the suits worn by Dad and Paul. Do you remember *leisure suits*? She made me two and I wore them with pride in the 70s.

Mom was also a great hostess. When a visiting preacher or missionary came to their church, they seemed to always end up eating Sunday dinner at the Jacksons.

Recently, Linda and I bought Mom a new Bible. She had three Bibles, but they had all fallen apart. It's always a good sign when one's Bible wears out because of use.

When I think of Mom I think of Proverbs 16.31, "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life." Just a few verses later we read in Proverbs 17.6 that "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged." The last line of verse six reminds us that "the glory of children is their fathers [and mothers]." It hasn't been easy for Linda to care for her mother these past few weeks. But it has been her glory, as well as mine. We are grateful to the Lord for making her a formative influence upon our lives, and teaching us, not so much by what she says but by how she lives, to love and trust in her Lord and ours.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule February 26

Worship

Infants

Brenda King
& Rebecca Gernhard

Crawlers

Tim & Bonnie Schoap

Toddlers

Jerry King
& David Gernhard

Floater

Ezra Harris

Check-In Desk

Maggie Middleton

Sunday School

Infants

Diane Lazor
& Lisa Grant

Crawlers

Emily & Cami Calloway

Toddlers

Craig & Susan Miller

February Coordinator:

Catherine Pippin

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There is a Congregational Meeting scheduled on Sunday, March 5, following the Morning Worship Service. The purpose of this meeting is to name the Session as the Pulpit Committee for our Senior Pastor search. There will also be information regarding a nomination process for the Search Committee, the same process used in May 2014.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Ladies of CPC, you are invited to a night out of fellowship and dessert at The Hot Chocolatier (on Market Street) on Friday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Colleen Murphy at 423.463.5885 or violingirl86@gmail.com for more information or possible carpool options.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT

High School Youth, please come enjoy an evening of fellowship, food, and games in our newly remodeled Youth Suite. We are playing on Saturday, February 25, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pizza will be served. Please bring a snack to share.

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.

The Youth are in charge of clean-up after dinner for the month of February.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU*

March 1	Cajun Pasta
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.

Steve & Babs Leach (no landline)

Cell (husband)..... 423.421.6477

Cell (wife)..... 423.605.3408

John & Catherin Pippin (no landline)

Cell (husband)..... 423.464.3423

Cell (wife)..... 423.464.3423

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 4, at 8:30 a.m. Bill Higgins is speaking on *About My Life Excluding the Witch*. Nursery provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SWAP

Please note that the Calvin & Hobbs Sunday School Class (taught by Jonathan Calloway) is meeting in the Parlor and the Solomon's Porch Sunday School Class (taught by Ken Henry) is meeting in Schum Fellowship Hall.

PASTOR'S CLASS

Pastor Caines is teaching the Pastor's Class on Sunday, February 26. He is teaching on the sacraments.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SEMINAR

CPC Ladies, you are invited to our Spring Seminar, *Rooted and Grounded*, on Saturday, March 11, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5. Please register in the Church Lobby. Nursery provided, please bring a lunch for child(ren).

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

CALENDAR

The March Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is available for pickup at the Welcome Center.