



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Executive Assistant to the Pastor...*

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

#### **March 19**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Diaconate Meeting  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Rehearsal  
Songs Old and New:  
Service of Signing

#### **March 21**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

#### **March 22**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **March 23**

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

#### **March 25**

Youth Paintball

#### **March 26**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School

#### **March 29**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **March 30**

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

#### **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

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate." Psalm 127.3-5

At Covenant Presbyterian we are blessed with full quivers. Our youth group consists of 104 high school and middle school children. We have 108 children in the 3 year old thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and we have 41 nursery aged children, with many growing in utero. Our numbers continue to expand, just as God promised to Abraham in Genesis 15.5, "And he brought him outside and said, 'Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'"

In 2012, the Nursery Expansion project began in the form of meetings, blueprints, and more meetings. In 2014, CPC began taking pledges for the Nursery Expansion Fund. The CPC family graciously started giving toward this fund and construction began the Summer of 2016. On December 18, 2016, we began using our incredibly expanded and renovated nursery.

While the nursery has been functional since December, we have a few items to complete. As this is published, we are working on a nursery divider wall for the toddler room, a few more cubbies to install, and an A/V option which will allow the Worship Service to be heard in each nursery room. Once these have been added, along with a few decorations and supplies, we will be officially finished with the expansion!

A special thanks to those that served on the Nursery Committee – Jason Coffey,

Heather Harris, Paul Beatty, Jason Brown, Pete Johnson, Duane Horton, and Young Brock. We appreciate all their hard work on planning, meeting, brain-storming, and making decisions. Also, a big thanks to Young Brock, our Facilities Director, for overseeing the day-to-day tasks of construction.

We are grateful for the blessing of this new facility and praise God for allowing us to build it.

As we discuss the nursery, I'd like to take this time to announce a change for CPC. Heather Harris has served as our Nursery Director for ten years. This job consists of managing paid nursery workers, scheduling our volunteers, stocking nursery items, making decisions, working alongside other CPC staff, as well as many other responsibilities. For Heather, it started as a passion to make things more efficient for her own five boys using the nursery, but as her baby turns nine this month, we are excited to announce that Joanna Watne will be taking over the role as Nursery Director. Once the Nursery Expansion project started, Heather's desire was to help with the task of decision making and now she is ready to resign from that position and hand the reigns over to Joanna.

On Sunday, April 2, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., we are having a *Nursery Open House* as a time for our CPC family to tour the new nursery and see what the Lord has blessed us with. Also, it will be a time to thank Heather for her many years of hard work and to welcome Joanna to the CPC Staff.

Join us as we celebrate what the Lord has blessed us with!

~Gretchen Brown



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule March 19

#### Worship

##### Infants

Esther McEachern  
& Sandi Schreiner

##### Crawlers

Josh & Diana Perrel

##### Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

##### Floater

Grace Pippin

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Selah Cross  
& Lisa Hobbs

##### Crawlers

Julia Gracy  
& Dory George

##### Toddlers

Brandon Cross  
& Sophia Cross

##### March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

### SONGS OLD AND NEW

Join us on Sunday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. for a time of reflecting on old songs and hymns while learning new ones, making us more dynamic worshippers.

### CLOTHES SWAP

The CPC Clothes Swap is today from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Please contact Sarah Wade at sarahwade@catt.com with any questions.

### YOUTH PAINTBALL

High School and Middle School Youth are invited to a game of paintball on Saturday, March 25, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Insane Paintball is located at 1200 Wisdom Street, Chattanooga, TN. The cost is \$20 for CPC youth and \$30 for family members. Your fee will cover guns, ammo, and protective gear. You are encouraged to wear jeans and long-sleeved t-shirts. To register, you must fill out a waiver online and turn in a printed copy of the registration plus your money to Gretchen Brown by Wednesday, March 22.

### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember our college students in your prayers. Many of them are in the midst of their semester and will be making summer plans soon.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers are served from 5:30 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. The meal next week is pizza and salad. 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 March, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty: K. Brown, M. Griggs, J. Brown, J. Hildebrand, T. DeMarco, E. Mullinax, and T. Wright.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory.

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### PASTORAL SEARCH

#### COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The nomination forms for the Pastoral Search Committee are available in the Lobby and in the bulletin this week. Return completed forms by Sunday, March 19, in the offering plate, a designated box in the Lobby, or to Tom Schreiner (Clerk of the Session) or Gretchen Brown (Executive Assistant to the Pastor). A Congregational Meeting to vote for nominations will be Sunday, April 9.

### THE EDGE SUMMER CAMP

For the Middle School signed up for *The Edge*, please make sure your payments for camp are current. Payment was due March 15. Please contact Gretchen Brown at 423.899.5377 with any questions.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new Membership Directories will be sent tomorrow via email in a pdf format for your convenience. If you would like a paper copy, please pick one up at the table in front of the Church Office.

### 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.

### 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.