



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Pastor Emeritus...

Looking Ahead...

- 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
- April 9**
Morning Worship
Congregational Meeting
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Youth Hiking
- April 10**
Ladies' Monday Night
Bible Study - Titus
- April 13**
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
Maundy Thursday Service
- April 14**
Church Office Closed -
Good Friday
- April 16**
Morning Worship
Sunday School

When I was younger – and I was young once – I don't remember seriously thinking about a time when I would be *retired*. I'm grateful to say that *retirement* has proven not be a time of inactivity. By God's grace I have plenty to do.

I'm still reading and studying God's Word, and have many delightful opportunities to preach. For example, this past Sunday I preached at Concord Baptist Church. As a reformed Baptist congregation and this being the year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, they set aside five Sundays to focus on the five *solas* that summarize the biblical truths that sparked this watershed moment in the history of the church.

Sola is the Latin word for "alone." The theological impact of the Reformation was to refocus the church on the biblical truths that the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are ALONE the Word of God, and teach that we are saved by grace ALONE through faith ALONE in Christ ALONE to the glory of God ALONE. I was asked by the Rev. David King, pastor of CBC and a good friend, to preach on *solus Christus* – Christ alone.

Being retired, I spent three weeks reading and researching this glorious topic before writing (and then rewriting many times) my sermon. Obviously, in a previous life I would not have had the time to so thoroughly and carefully prepare to preach God's eternal and unchanging truth. But being retired I can.

I also have the privilege of continuing to serve as a trustee of Covenant College. It is hard for me to comprehend that I have been a member of the Board since 1985! CC is doing well, but as is always the case, it faces particular challenges. I am pleased and profoundly challenged to

attempt to be one of those bearing the responsibility of keeping our institution of higher learning faithful to its motto: *In all things Christ preeminent*.

In addition, I serve as a member of the Presbytery's church renewal and planting committee. We recently hired the Rev. Ted Strawbridge to shoulder the job once faithfully filled by our former Associate Pastor Hank Schum. Ted is leading us in discerning the Lord's will about where and when we should consider planting new PCA congregations.

Furthermore, now being one of the *old men* of the Presbytery, I am sought out by younger men in the TVP for advice, both personal and church-related. I also have the opportunity to occasionally do what I am doing now – write a newsletter article. And every now and then I show up at a Session meeting where I am allowed to enter into the discussion.

Perhaps, most significantly, Linda and I now have the privilege and responsibility of caring for our mothers. My mom is 94 and lives next door in the apartment attached to Jon and Heather's home. Linda's mother is 91 and resides at Thrive Assisted Living on Lookout Mountain. These two precious ladies cared for us for many years, and now it is our turn to care for them. Being retired has provided us with far more freedom to do so.

So, as you see, being retired doesn't mean you retire. It simply means you now have new, important, and fulfilling callings sent by the Lord. In truth, as believers, we never retire. Retirement simply provides you with different ways in which to serve your Lord as you serve others for the sake of His glory and the temporal and eternal welfare of others.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule March 26

Worship

Infants

Jeanie Ray
& Reita Pierce

Crawlers

Heidie, Jenny,
& Charity Armao

Toddlers

Mike & Holly VanderGriend

Floater

Mary Kate Oldham

Sunday School

Infants

Donna Armes
& Amy Creamer

Crawlers

Stacy Collins
& Lucy Cleveland

Toddlers

William Higgins
& Boo Mullinax

March Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

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. If you signed a waiver online, be sure to turn in your fee to Gretchen Brown. If you have not signed up, contact Gretchen to see if spots are still available.

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. Nursery provided.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers are served from 5:30 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. The supper next week, March 29, is Chicken Divan. 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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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.

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 9:15 a.m., followed by the egg hunt at 9:30 a.m. for children ages 2 through 5th grade. Bring a basket only, as the eggs are provided. For more information, please contact Holly Lehmann.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The new Membership Directories were emailed 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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY

CALENDAR

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

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.