



# The eNewsletter

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## Looking Ahead...

- April 21**  
Marriage Retreat
- April 22**  
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- April 23**  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Rehearsal  
Youth Leadership Team
- April 26**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 29**  
Men's Breakfast  
Ladies' Teacher Leadership  
Class
- April 30**  
Morning Worship  
Missions Sunday School  
Cindy Ridge Reception  
Hanson/Close Bridal Shower
- May 1**  
Ladies' Monday Night Bible  
Study - Job
- May 2**  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group  
Women's Council Meeting
- May 3**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting
- May 4**  
Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
- May 5**  
Taters and Tubesteaks
- May 7**  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Women's Ministry Kick-Off
- May 8**  
Ladies' Monday Night  
Bible Study - Titus
- May 10**  
Last Wednesday Night Supper  
Youth Leadership Team  
Wednesday Night Activities

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

I'll often look at the Sunday paper to see which biographies have made the New York Times list of best-selling non-fiction. I'm usually in the market for a good biography. This week the list contained works on Prince and Alec Baldwin . . . think I'll pass.

Though historical biographies have changed with time, human interest in the genre is long-standing. The first known biographies were commissioned by ancient rulers to assure records of their accomplishments. The Old Testament Scriptures, detailing the lives of patriarchs, prophets, and kings, are also some of the earliest biographies in existence. Throughout the Middle Ages, such histories were largely in the hands of monks; lives of martyrs and church fathers were recorded with the intention of edifying readers for years to come. Over time and with the invention of the printing press, biographies became increasingly influential and widely read, portraying a larger array of lives and their stories.

In reading the accounts of men and women in history we find ourselves transported to places, hearing things from their stories that are familiar to ours. The actions and thoughts we have considered suddenly appear before us in the life of another. The circumstances we find wearying are given hope in the story of one who overcame much.

Biographies are good and profitable reads. Perhaps that is true because we seem to instinctively know that life is too short to only learn by our own experience and our own perspective.

As Christians we see this value as well. The most direct attempt in Scripture to define faith is done so by the writer of Hebrews. The eleventh chapter begins, "Now faith is the assurance of things

hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (11.1). Moving from this definition of faith, the writer of Hebrews immediately expands upon the weighty statement with a list of people who lived "assure of things hoped for" and "convicted (convinced) of things not seen." From Noah and Abraham, to Rahab and saints left unnamed, we find faith moving across the pages of history, the gift of God sparkling in the eyes of the faithful, the hope by which countless lives were guided. In this brief gathering of biographies, the writer seems to tell us that faith is better understood functionally than philosophically, that our own faith is more fully understood by looking at the lives of the faithful.

At the end of his compelling list, the writer of Hebrews concludes: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith" (12.1, 2a). The lives of those who followed the Lord before us urge us onward, strengthening our hearts with stories of faith, stirring our minds at the thought of God's universal sway, and reminding us that He moves in our biographies and even beyond them.

Amidst the chronicles of kings and kingdoms in some of the earliest recorded biographies, we are given this promise: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him" (2 Chronicles 16.9). Moved by the hearts of the faithful, may we be moved further in faithful service to our King.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 23

#### Worship

##### Infants

Diana Bowers  
& Joyce Trask

##### Crawlers

Karen Saxton  
& Carla Stevenson

##### Toddlers

Nathan & Alayna Bowers

##### Floater

Julia Bowers

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Domekia & Ellie Gaines

##### Crawlers

Cayce & Keagan Weekley

##### Toddlers

Adam Cathey  
& Ernie Brown

#### April Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of America Hanson, bride-elect of Nathan Close, is Sunday, April 30, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. America is registered at Dillard's and Bed, Bath, & Beyond (please note her state is Arizona, not Tennessee). Since Nathan and America will be living in Arizona, it would be helpful if gifts purchased are shipped to the Prescott, Arizona store, or if gift cards would be given in lieu of registry items. Other gift cards appreciated are Lowe's, Ace Hardware, Home Depot, and AutoZone.

### RECEPTION FOR CINDY RIDGE

Cindy has cared for our children in the infant nursery for 22 years. As she retires, we are honoring her on Sunday, April 30, immediately following Sunday School, in the Courtyard. Drop by and express your appreciation. We would like to bombard Cindy with pictures of the kids she has cared for over the years. Please bring pictures and/or a note of thanks, or give them to Heather Harris prior to the reception.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 29, at 8:30 a.m. Chung Kim is speaking on *Korea Yesterday and Today...a Christian in North Korea*. Nursery provided.

### LADIES' TEA

Ladies, you are invited to the Ladies' Tea on Saturday, May 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the cost is \$10 for an adult and \$7 for children 12 and under. A nursery is available for those who request it at the time of registration. Registration forms are at the Women's Ministry table in the Lobby. Sign up by Sunday, May 7.

### GUBA

There is no GUBA meeting in April.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory.

Mary Maurer

Cell..... 423.715.0493

### NEW MEMBERS

Please make the following addition to your CPC Membership Directory.

Lois Crenshaw

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### RETIREMENT

Thank you to Len Williams for his service to Covenant Presbyterian as our Groundskeeper. On April 14, Len retired in order to spend more time with his grandchildren.

### TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family, Friday, May 5. The hot dog dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. in Coolidge Park. Stay for the Lookouts game at AT&T Park at 7:15 p.m. The cost remains \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Due to the increase of ticket prices, we need a more accurate headcount than previous years. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office.

### 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.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

April 19      Chicken Divan  
April 26      Taco Salad

\*Menu subject to change as needed