



# The eNewsletter

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

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

#### **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

#### **May 13**

Ladies' Tea  
Youth Car Wash

#### **May 14**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting

#### **May 16**

Mothers' Encouragement  
Group

#### **May 17**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
Search Committee Meeting  
Prayer Group  
Session

Rev. Jake Bennett has accepted our call to come and serve as CPC's new Assistant Pastor of Discipleship. Hooray! Whoopee! Praise the Lord! And those are just a few of my initial reactions!

Jake and his wife ,Rebekah, have four children. They hope to move to Chattanooga from St. Louis in early July. Jake grew up in Frederick, Maryland. He and Rebekah met while students at Covenant College. They have been married 10 years. Their children are: Anna Katherine (7), Micah John (5), Elizabeth Joy (2), and Lydia Ruth (9 months).

Only 36, Jake brings a breadth of ministry skills and experience to CPC. Presently, he serves as the Director of Pastoral Care at Friendship Village (FV) in Chesterfield, Missouri. FV is a large retirement community, with a sterling reputation ([www.friendshipvillagestl.com](http://www.friendshipvillagestl.com)). Jake is a consultant with the PCA's permanent Committee of Discipleship Ministries. He was a high school Student Venture leader, a youth director for four years at his home church in Maryland, and stated clerk of his Missouri Presbytery. He's an ordained PCA minister and has both a Master of Divinity and Master of Counseling degree from Covenant Theological Seminary.

From Jake's acceptance letter: "As we have been contemplating the Lord's calling in our lives, I would be honored to come and join your church as an Assistant Pastor of Discipleship. We are deeply excited and encouraged to serve you all at Covenant Presbyterian Church. From what we have already experienced, we are thankful for the warm hospitality of the many elders, staff, and members we have already met and we are looking forward to getting to know the rest of you."

We'll have a particular missions emphasis this Sunday, April 30. "Our" own Dr. Gary Waldecker will be preaching. Gary, along with his wife Phyllis (CPC

member), serve with Third Millennium Ministries. A veteran of cross cultural missions for more than three and a half decades, Gary brings a learned and tested perspective of the Great Commission. Adult children Seth, Andrea, and Audrey are also CPC members. Also, during the Sunday School hour, there will be a combined Belarus presentation in Schum Fellowship Hall. Ron Jobe (Belarus Christian Ministry), Eve Soltau (Chernobyl Children's Program), and Jeremy Gaines (CPC) will share about current and on-going ministry opportunities. Please join us as we continue our prayerful interest and gospel investment in this nation.

Looking ahead...beginning Sunday, May 7, Dr. Herb Ward will begin a summer morning preaching series (Ephesians) here at CPC. Herb was wonderfully received when he preached here two summers ago. A little about Herb: first and foremost, he's a gracious and gifted brother in Christ. Herb is Professor of Biblical Studies at Covenant College where he has taught Old Testament and Missions for the past 12 years. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, he attended Wheaton College (IL) where he met his wife Kathy. After law school (U. of Missouri) and practicing law for seven years, he sensed a call to the ministry. After studies at Covenant Seminary, the family served for many years with Mission to the World in Africa. Following their time in Africa, Herb served as Associate Pastor of Missions at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, before being called to teach at Covenant College. He received his Th.D. from the University of Stellenbosch (South Africa) in Old Testament. The Wards have been married nearly 41 years, and have a daughter Laura, and a son David, who is married to Katie.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 30

#### Worship

##### Infants

Jay & Susan Helton

##### Crawlers

Tammy & Mandi Bacon

##### Toddlers

Allison Colberg  
& Capps Brown

##### Floater

Lexi Bacon

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Peggy Bandy  
& Kansas Bradley

##### Crawlers

Debby Gardner  
& Bethany Firth

##### Toddlers

Karen & Madison Crago

### April Coordinator:

Tammy Higgins

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory.

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### 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.

### CAR WASH

The youth are hosting a car wash on Saturday, May 13, at noon, at Auto Zone on East Brainerd Road. The car wash itself is free, but you can make a pledge to sponsor a youth. Also, please help by planning to get your car washed!

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 28, is Graduate Recognition Day at CPC. Please let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, or doctorate programs. Please email the church office with the name of the graduate, the degree earned, name of school, and date of graduation.

### 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 26	Chicken Divan
May 3	Taco Salad
May 10	Fettuccine Alfredo with Caesar Salad