



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

May 13

Ladies' Tea
Youth Car Wash

May 14

Morning Worship
Sunday School

May 16

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

May 17

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Search Committee Meeting
Prayer Group
Session

May 18

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch

May 20

5th Grade Promotion Party

May 21

Morning Worship
Teacher Recognition Sunday
Sunday School
Waldecker Bridal Shower
Gray Baby Shower
Diaconate Meeting

May 24

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Search Committee Meeting
Prayer Group

May 26

Taters and Tubesteaks

May 27

Women's Ministry Hiking
Kinship Group

May 28

Morning Worship
Promotion Sunday
Graduate Recognition
Sunday School
Graduate Reception
Youth Family Picnic

May 31

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Search Committee Meeting
Prayer Group

June 3

Men's Breakfast
Ladies' Leadership Training
Class

William Carey rose from the obscurity of a cobbler's shop in rural England to become a giant on the mission field. In 1793, he sailed for India with two small trunks simply stamped Mission: India, containing all his worldly goods. Driven by a great heart for others, he crossed sea and land to reach the country where he would live out the last forty years of his life. In India he translated the Scriptures into local languages, founded a school, administered a mission, helped ban inhuman practices such as wife burning and child sacrifice, and preached the gospel of God's grace to thousands and thousands.

By Carey's example, many others who burned with that same heart went on to foreign mission fields. He has generally been acclaimed as *the Father of Modern Missions*.

Speaking of cross-cultural missions; please pray for Seth Waldecker. Seth is headed to Uganda (May 11-29) on a short-term missions trip with Africa Christian Training Institute (ACTI). Seth will be going with a group of several others, including CPC good-friend Dr. Henry Krabbendam, a former professor at Covenant College and one of the founders of ACTI.

Please pray for Judy Foster. Judy will be engaged in mercy ministries, Bible clubs and outreach in Oaxaca, Mexico this summer (August). She will be going with a group of WMBW staff and listeners (the Moody station here in Chattanooga).

Please also pray for our Belarusian team (Jeremy Gaines, Domekia Gaines, Ellie Gaines, Amanda Lackey, Susan Close, Alayne Griffin, Tammy Higgins, Stan Armes, Dan Steere, Dusty Kemp, Melissa Ferrel, Morgan Ferrel, Maddie Ferrel, James Creamer). These CPC folk along with First Presbyterian members will compose a team that will share the gospel through music and other opportunities in Belarus (June 15-26).

There may be other CPC members who'll have similar cross-cultural ministry opportunities coming up...as I write this article, I just can't think of any at the

moment. Please forgive me for not mentioning you...better, yet, let us know so that we can pray and partner with you.

Of course, one doesn't have to go abroad to do mission and ministry. God calls us to that end wherever we are.

Paul writes in Ephesians 2 that we have been saved by grace (vv. 8, 9)...created in Christ Jesus to do good works (v. 10). In other words we've been saved to serve. Those verses have often been used as the heading for Mission: Chattanooga and other mercy ministry project announcements.

In the summers it has been our pattern here at CPC to take a summer break from regular Wednesday church activities. [Remember the Sabbath principle is that we rest from one thing in order to give ourselves more fully to another.]

With the suspension of Wednesday evening suppers and organized classes, we have increased opportunities during these months for ministering in our community. This summer, while not meeting every Wednesday for projects / service, Mission: Chattanooga will have fewer, but more concentrated and publicized opportunities for anyone and everyone (young, not-so-young, singles, individuals, couples, and families).

These selective and scheduled opportunities are only a part of what we, as a community of believers, continue to engage in...i.e., putting feet to our faith, living out the gospel in organic, natural, neighborly ways everyday (Matthew 7.12).

Our regular, on-going Prayer Meeting at the church will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. But, also look for planned ministry opportunities throughout the summer (perhaps Wednesday evenings or Saturdays). Whether church-planned or in smaller spontaneous units choose areas of Christ-honoring and needs-based service that you and yours would like to be a part of this summer.

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule May 14

Worship

Infants

Gretchen Brown
& Brenda King

Crawlers

Andrea Waldecker
& Mollee Brown

Toddlers

Jerry King
& Tavis Brown

Floater

Daegan Brown

Sunday School

Infants

Lisa Grant
& Ann Walker

Crawlers

Anna Steere
& Vangie Wykoff

Toddlers

Patty Liner
& Jean Mauroner

May Coordinator:

Judy Foster

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower in honor of Andrea (Griggs) Gray is on Sunday, May 21, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Peseverers Classroom. Andrea is having a boy, due June 2. Andrea is registered at Babies R Us, Amazon, and Target.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Audrey Waldecker is on Sunday, May 21, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Audrey is getting married to Allen Rushing on July 2. She is registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

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, please help by planning to get your car washed or by sponsoring a CPC youth.

LADIES' TEA

The Ladies' Tea on Saturday, May 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for those that registered. If you have any questions, please contact Dory George at snailmail.dg@gmail.com.

COMPASSION SUNDAY

Our church is participating in Compassion Sunday on May 14. This is part of a national event, sponsored by Compassion International, that helps us grow in our understanding of God's special love for the poor. Please be praying about sponsoring one or more of these children in need. Sponsorship packets will be available on Sunday, May 14. Please contact Bev Fowler with questions or stop by the table outside Pastor Mullinax's office.

PROMOTION PARTY

All rising 6th graders, you are invited to a Promotion Party on Saturday, May 20, at Duane and Mindy Horton's house from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner is provided. Don't miss out on this fun, family evening to celebrate moving into the CPC Youth Group. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Lehmann.

GETTY CONCERT

Covenant Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, North Shore Fellowship, and Signal Mountain Presbyterian are joining together to host Keith and Kristyn Getty in Concert at the Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, October 28, in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Gettys, known for many new hymns such as *In Christ Alone*, will be accompanied by a combined church choir of over 200. The pre-sale of tickets, available only to these four churches, begins this week. Ticket Prices are \$18, adult; \$15, student; and \$10, children 13 and under. CPC is offering a family maximum of \$50 for members as an encouragement for all to attend. This offer is only available until June 11. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on August 1 at a higher rate. Please pre-order tickets in the Lobby.

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.

SENIOR POSTERS

All Seniors and their families are welcome to display a Senior Poster outside of Schum Fellowship Hall for Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please put all posters in the Church Office by Wednesday, May 24. Be creative and have fun!

MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is June 5-9. Kids from Kindergarten through entering the 6th grade are invited to join us for a week of music, drama, crafts, Bible, and fun! Cost is \$30. Please register on our church website or fill out a form in the Lobby.

To volunteer to help with Music Camp, please use separate registration forms found outside Jeremy Gaines' office.