



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Director of Music Ministries...

Looking Ahead...

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 29

Church Office - Memorial Day

May 31

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Search Committee Meeting
Prayer Group

June 3

Men's Breakfast
Ladies' Leadership Training
MS Game Night

June 4

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School

June 5

Music Camp

June 6

Music Camp
Women's Council Meeting

June 7

Music Camp
Search Committee Meeting
Prayer Group

June 8

Music Camp
HS Game Night

June 9

Music Camp
Fri-Yay at the Griggs

June 11

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Music Camp Performance

June 13

PCA General Assembly
Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study

I have said this before, and I'll say it again.

I love Music Camp.

This Friday is my birthday, and as I get older, the joints stiffen up, the energy lags behind, and my two year old daughter ages me more than any Rodan + Fields product could save, but every year one find renewed vigor through participating in this glorious outreach to our children we call Music Camp.

I love the hectic atmosphere of the first morning when everyone is trying to find their class. I love the ear-splitting "GOOD MORNING!!!" that is delivered from every voice. I love Tony Chestnut!

I love seeing the children learning new songs. I love how the teachers use the songs to share the Bible with these little ones. I love how the children are so pumped up from day 1 to learn as much as they can as fast as they can.

I love the Mission Spotlight we have each year, especially since this year we focus on Belarus, a country that many of our Music Camp teachers, including myself, are visiting the following two weeks! I love the nickels, dimes, quarters, pennies, and dollars that the children bring in from their hiding spots (or floors) every day. I will love telling the home church pastors in Belarus of the love these children have for them that they show through their giving.

I love recess. I will never see enough relay races involving inflatable ducks, baseball bats, baskets, and such. I love chicken fat! I love the fact that children have a limitless amount of energy, along with Boo Mullinax!

I love snacks. Where else can several adults gather around and talk while munching on goldfish and popsicles. I love watching children trade colors of popsicles like they were treasured baseball cards.

I love crafts. I love marker-colored hands and glue-covered hands and any kind of hands that are working. I love the pictures of all the kids on the quilt. I love the parent's face when they get their child's treasures.

I love Bible class. I love knowing the story of Joseph is etched into their hearts and minds as they study and sing from the Word of God. I love the fact that I'll be teaching these classes this year which helps build relationships that can grow as these children become more and more a part of the covenant community as a whole.

I love watching the actors. Most of the girls have their part memorized the day after it is assigned. I love having to pull the boys to the finish line. I love having them see what they are capable of doing.

I love the first day we go into the sanctuary. I love the wide-eyed expressions, the timidity of some, and the excitement of the situation with others. O that we all might have these reactions when we enter into the house of the Lord.

I love the teachers and volunteers. I love the relationships made at a different, more equal level between teenagers and adults. I love the excitement of a Monday and the relief of a Friday.

I love the Sunday evening when the program is presented. I love the parents showing up an hour early. I love the children being geeked-up and nervous. I love hearing the youngest kids scream the first song. I love the pictures being taken afterward to remember the occasion.

Music Camp is June 5-9. Help us by praying. Help us by bringing your child or a neighbor's child. Help us by coming Sunday evening, June 11, to support the children.

I love Music Camp. You should too.

~ Jeremy Gaines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

May 28

Worship

Infants

Beth Griggs
& Grace Morrison

Crawlers

Kristin & Abby Sotelo

Toddlers

Mandi & Peyton Johnson

Floater

Drew Johnson

Sunday School

Infants

Lynda Brown

Crawlers

Susan Close
& Julia Gracy

Toddlers

Ernie Brown
& Isaiah Harris

May Coordinator:

Judy Foster

TATERS AND TUBE STEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family, Friday, May 26. 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.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

May 28 is Promotion Sunday! All the children are excited to meet their new teachers and see their new classroom. Parents, please accompany your child to their Sunday School class and meet their new teachers. Also, please turn in the Child Registration form, which is located in the Lobby, in the Children's Wing, or in the individual classrooms. Only one registration form is needed per family. Thank you so much for your help getting your children to their correct classroom and having a wonderful first day in their new classes. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday is Graduate Recognition Day at CPC. Graduates will be recognized during the morning worship service and a reception will be held in their honor in the Courtyard (weather permitting) during the Sunday School hour.

YOUTH FAMILY PICNIC

All youth and their families are invited to an end-of-the-year family picnic at Heritage Park on Sunday, May 28, at 6:00 p.m. Drinks are provided. Bring a picnic and a few lawn chairs for your family.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 3, at 8:30 a.m. General B.B. Bell is speaking on *North Korea - War, Peace, or Both?* Nursery provided.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The June birthday and anniversary calendar is available at the Welcome Center.

YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR

A CPC Youth Summer Calendar will be available on Sunday, May 28. Many activities have been planned, be sure to check it out!

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.

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 pre-sale of tickets, available only to these four churches 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. Please pre-order tickets in the Lobby.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool begins Thursday, June 8, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are personally responsible for the supervision of your children and for cleanup.

MEMORIAL DAY

The church office is closed, Monday, May 29. There will be no eNewsletter sent on Thursday, June 1.

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MOTHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

The Mother's Encouragement Group, which meets during the school year, has planned some *Fri-yay Fundays* over the summer months. We encourage families to join us, even if you haven't been able to attend our meetings before. All of these dates involve swimming at the Griggs' home, *come when you can, leave when you must*, and also **BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK**. Please contact Beth Griggs with any questions at bwgriggs@comcast.net.

- June 9, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- June 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- July 7, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- July 28, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- August 4, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- August 18, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.