



# The eNewsletter

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## Looking Ahead...

### June 8

Music Camp  
Swim Day  
HS Game Night

### June 9

Music Camp  
Fri-Yay at the Griggs

### June 11

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Missions Committee Meeting  
Music Camp Performance  
Music Camp Ice Cream Social

### June 13

PCA General Assembly  
Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study  
Women's Ministry  
Craft Kinship

### June 14

PCA General Assembly  
Prayer Group  
Search Committee Meeting  
Ladies' Wednesday Bible Study

### June 15

PCA General Assembly  
Belarus Trip Begins  
Swim Day  
Memorial Hospital Lunch

### June 16

HS Guys Night Out

### June 18

Morning Worship  
Sunday School

### June 19

The Edge Youth Camp Begins

### June 20

Ladies Tuesday Bible Study  
Session Meeting

### June 21

Prayer Group  
Search Committee Meeting

### June 22

Swim Day

### June 23

The Edge Concludes  
Fri-Yay Funday

### June 25

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Fisher 50th Anniversary  
Reception

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

Today is my wife's birthday. What would be a great gift idea? Tickets to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships? (She'd like that!) A dazzling piece of jewelry? (I think she'd pass.) The latest electronic device? (No. It would take too long to learn how to use it.) How about hunger as a gift?

When illness causes us to lose our appetite, it may lead us to think about the nature of hunger and the purpose it serves. When we are sick and can't eat, the body grows weaker and weaker. The longer we go without nourishment, the more we need it, but the less energy we have to seek and possess it. The healthy body feels hunger, and while hunger is not thought of as a pleasant sensation, it is altogether necessary for our well-being.

There is a big difference between having no appetite and having our hunger satisfied. On the surface, the two may look identical in that they are characterized by a lack of hunger pangs. Yet the satisfaction of hunger leads to nourishment, while the lack of hunger leads to starvation.

The Bible recognizes this difference. It never praises the lack of hunger, but rather the satisfaction of it. The psalmist writes that God "satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things" (Psalm 107.9). It is not the satiated who find the *promised Land*, but those whose hunger drives them to God.

"He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. And there he lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; they sow fields and plant vineyards

and get a fruitful yield" (Psalm 107.35-37).

This recognition of the gift of hunger is, I believe, a crucial difference between Christianity and other religions. Buddhists seek to eradicate desire so that they cannot feel pain; nirvana is a state emancipated from all desire. Christ taught us to seek the satisfaction of our desire in God, saying, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." (Matthew 5.6). And just as a lack of physical hunger could eventually lead to starvation, the elimination of desire leads to spiritual starvation.

A friend once told me that because everything in his life was going well, he'd experienced a slackening of his spiritual appetite. He said he didn't hunger for God like he had in leaner times and found himself feeding on God's word less and less. He recognized that this could begin a vicious cycle, whereby his spirit would grow weaker and weaker unless he disciplined himself to keep feeding it. When we don't feel like eating, we must continue to eat. When we don't feel our need for God, we must continue to seek him.

When our appetites return after having escaped us for a while, perhaps then, we should, at our next nourishing meal, thank God not just for the food that He has provided, but for the gift of hunger that drove us to seek it. Likewise, we should bless the desires of our hearts when they make us feel our need of God. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Him, for they will be filled.

~ Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule June 11

#### Worship

##### Infants

Reita Pierce  
& Jeanie Ray

##### Crawlers

Heidie, Jenny,  
& Charity Armao

##### Toddlers

Mike & Holly VanderGriend

##### Floaters

Mary Kate Oldham

#### Sunday School

##### Infants

Peg May & Donna Armes

##### Crawlers

Sherry & Rachel Baierl

##### Toddlers

Luther & Shirley Allin

### MUSIC CAMP

We've had over 160 campers roaming the halls of CPC this week. Please plan to attend our program on Sunday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social to follow.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebration in honor of Joe and Susie Fisher is Sunday, June 25, starting with a renewal of vows in the Sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. There is a reception afterwards in Schum Fellowship Hall until 5:00 p.m.

### SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool begins today, 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 HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. Next Thursday, June 15, we'll provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you are able to contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes, or fruit, please call or email the church office.

### YOUTH SUMMER CALENDAR

A CPC Youth Summer Calendar is available. Many activities have been planned, be sure to check it out!

### 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 500<sup>th</sup> 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 THIS SUNDAY, June 11. Please pre-order tickets in the Lobby.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following updates to your CPC Membership Directory.

#### James & Jeannie Hall (no landline)

Cell (husband)..... 423.903.9454  
Cell (wife)..... 423.596.4523

#### Maureen Shipp

1713 Sledgefield Drive, Ooltewah TN 37363

### NEW MEMBERS

Please make the following additions to your CPC Membership Directory.

#### Mike & Becky Evatt

5209 Mona Lee Lane, Ooltewah TN 37363

Home..... 423.396.9839  
Cell (husband)..... 423.322.7822  
Cell (wife)..... 423.503.6322  
Email (husband).....msevatt11@gmail.com  
Email (wife)..... rsevatt@gmail.com

#### Will Sotelo

13-year old son of Tim & Kristin Sotelo.

### 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](mailto:bwgriggs@comcast.net).

- June 9, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- June 23, 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.

### PRAYER CALENDAR

The updated Prayer Calendar is available for pickup at the Welcome Center.