



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Assistant Discipleship Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

July 16

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Diaconate Meeting

July 18

Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study
Session Meeting
Swap Kinship

July 19

Prayer Group
Search Committee Meeting
Ladies' PM Bible Study

July 20

Memorial Hospital Lunch
Swim Day

July 21

Jackson Memorial Service

July 22

Youth Water Night

July 23

Morning Worship
Sunday School

July 24

HS and MS Game Night

July 25

Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study

July 26

Prayer Group
Search Committee Meeting
Ladies' PM Bible Study

July 27

Swim Day

July 28

Fri-yay Funday

July 30

Morning Worship
Sunday School

August 1

Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study
Women's Council Meeting

August 2

Prayer Group
Search Committee Meeting
Ladies' PM Bible Study
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

August 3

Swim Day

August 4

Fri-yay Funday

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." Genesis 50.20

"Who are we? CPC!" That was the nightly group cheer that Duncan Joyner led our group in at *The Edge* (our Middle School summer camp) a few weeks ago. What a wonderfully, encouraging week for me as I was able to spend time getting to know many of the CPC youth. Over the last few months, I have been gratefully getting to know some of you through kind notes, reading the newsletter, and connecting with some of you on Facebook. Yet, that was all fairly mild compared to the intense week long, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., sugar-filled rush known as *The Edge*. Wow, what a great experience...and what a great opportunity with some of the CPC youth. Thank you, parents, for sending your precious children... and thank you, youth, for participating.

I wanted to share a bit of a recap through this newsletter to encourage you with what I experienced at *The Edge*. First, what an amazing impression the CPC youth have already made on me. They are sharp, quick-witted, hospitable, and well versed in God's Word. Over the course of the week I witnessed them reciting Scripture, sharing words of encouragement, and even praying for one another. The counselors of our group (Justin, Duncan, Mollee, and Carey) led well by walking alongside the students. And a special highlight was watching our Youth Intern, Abby Horton, do a phenomenal job of overseeing the week.

Amidst the fun of games and water activities, there were structured times of worship. This was a highlight for the youth. The theme for the nightly Gospel lessons was the story of Joseph,

culminating in verse Genesis 50.20. While the story of Joseph was well known to the CPC youth, the illustrations and application challenged them. Throughout each lesson the speaker shared personal scars from his own middle school experience. This resonated powerfully in our breakout sessions. The youth engaged challenging questions about their own real struggles. They began describing their scars with one another. It was beautiful to see how the Lord was bringing dialogue and strengthening faith throughout this week. Even in the discussion of such weighty topics the theme verse kept us focused on the Lord. Together we worshipped the God who tells us that His name is Redeemer. He intends to heal the deepest brokenness in our lives.

For those of you at CPC who were unable to attend, I want to encourage you with the message that was brought to us. We cannot heal our scars on our own. God's sanctifying work in our lives often begins by either exposing our sin or the ways sin has cauterized our hearts to sin. Walking by faith in the Lord requires us to trust Him with the most painful places of our lives. Living in His reign frees us to find a new identity in Christ; living in freedom rather than in the fear of sin and its effects.

At the end of our week we decided to change our daily chant. Certainly we were still CPC, but we were learning to focus beyond our church and on the Lord. Our group wanted to define ourselves as being healed *in Christ*. We concluded our week with a final chant. "Who are we? Christ in me."

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

~Pastor Bennett



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule July 16

Front Desk
Jason Collins

Worship

Infants
Esther McEachern
& Joyce Trask

Crawlers
Tammy & Mandy Bacon

Toddlers
Emily & Cami Calloway

Floater
Lexi Bacon

Sunday School

Infants
Diane Lazor
& Peggy Bandy

Crawlers
Anna Steere
& Boo Mullinax

Toddlers
Jonah & Ezra Harris

CPC FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

CPC Youth and their families are invited to meet at Hamilton Skate Place TONIGHT from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday nights are Christian Music Skate Night. Cost is \$5. For more information contact Abby Horton at cpcyouth@covenantchattanooga.org.

JACKSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Freda Jackson is Friday, July 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

BEAT THE HEAT GAME NIGHT

High School and Middle School Youth and their families are invited to a *Beat the Heat Game Night* on Saturday, July 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy water inflatables and games on the field.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Do you like delicious ice cream and super fun water slides? Then you would really enjoy working with our Covenant children? We would love for you to consider helping in our Children's Ministry on Wednesday nights. Classes start on August 23, for children ages 3 years old through 5th grade. We have a need for teachers and helpers for our kindergarten through 5th grade classes. Working with our Covenant children will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. Contact Holly Lehmann at cpckidsministry@covenantchattanooga.org or 423-667-2582 for more information.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

CPC members willing to serve in the Nursery, select your volunteer date(s) at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/X8FTK>. If you need help signing up, please contact Joanna Watne at the cpcnursery@covenantchattanooga.org or sign up at the Nursery table in the Lobby on Sunday.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following updates to your CPC Membership Directory.

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SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool is Thursdays 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 20, 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.

THANK YOU

Thanks so much for your prayers, cards, calls, visits, and other acts of kindness during these past months. We are so blessed to be a part of this great Covenant family, and appreciate your love and concern for us.

~Gordon and June Fleming