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From the Pen of the Pastor Emeritus...

Looking Ahead...

- August 4**
Fri-yay Sunday
- August 5**
Men's Breakfast
- August 6**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
- August 8**
Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study
- August 9**
Prayer Group
Search Committee Meeting
Ladies' PM Bible Study
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- August 10**
Swim Day
- August 13**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Pastor Bennett Installation
Service and Reception
- August 15**
Ladies' Tuesday Bible Study
Session Meeting
- August 16**
Covenant Corps Teacher
Training
Prayer Group
Search Committee Meeting
Ladies' PM Bible Study
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- August 17**
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Last Swim Day
- August 18**
Fri-yay Sunday
- August 19**
WM Cooking Kinship
- August 20**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Youth Kick Off
- August 21**
Nursery Staff Training
- August 22**
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I know precisely what today will bring. I am absolutely confident about what will unfold in the coming weeks, months, and years. I don't have a crystal ball, but I do have a word from the Lord. I know with certainty that the events of today, tomorrow, and the future will reveal His will – including times I will find wonderfully delightful or painfully challenging. And I know that whatever the future brings, the Lord's purposes will prove good for me.

Therefore, looking to the future, prayerfully seeking His wisdom, knowing He will direct my steps, I've been making plans for the coming months that I want to share with you.

The Pulpit Supply Committee (not the Search Committee), with the Session's approval, has asked me to preach during the month of September. My plan is to walk us through the book of Titus in just four weeks! (I've been taking lessons from Dr. Ward's preaching from Ephesians.) I'm eager to share with you this wonderful, short letter. It teaches us the importance of good doctrine, which by God's grace restructures our minds and wills so as to motivate and equip us to lead godly lives that adorn the Gospel. Lives that can be used by the Lord to impact others for their good and His glory.

I encourage you to read both Titus and the companion letters to Timothy. I'd suggest that you read them in their chronological order: 1 Timothy, Titus, and then 2 Timothy. While our focus will be on Titus, these three short letters clearly compliment one another. A good study Bible, such as the ESV Reformation Study Bible, will greatly aid your understanding of these three epistles.

The Session has also approved for me to lead a study of Revelation on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. I've taught Revelation before on two or three occasions, but I am eager to teach it once more for two reasons.

One, with fear and trembling I believe my understanding of Revelation has deepened over the years. I have become more and more impressed by the fact that the key to Revelation is it is more than 300 illusions to the prophecies of the OT – as opposed to the more popular and yet disastrous method of attempting to understand Revelation in the light of today's *headlines*.

And two, I have been impressed anew by my recent study of Revelation of how important it's message is for us. We live at a time when the Gospel is having a greater and greater impact upon the *third* world, while here at home opposition to the Lord and His Word continues to expand and deepen.

I want to assure you, ahead of time, that I will not be able to answer all your questions. But I do believe the central message of Revelation can be understood clearly by comparing Scripture with Scripture. And what is that message? – that in and through Christ we are and will be more than conquerors no matter how hostile our culture and world may be or become. If you're looking for a helpful book to assist you as you read through Revelation, I recommend Michael Wilcock's *The Message of Revelation*, published by IVP.

So, this is my plan for September and the coming school year. And may it be so, if the Lord so wills. Please, remember me in your prayer as I prepare these sermons and lessons.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule August 6

Front Desk
Diana Perrel

Worship

Infants
Sally Forrester
& Brenda King

Crawlers
Allison Colberg
& Andrea Waldecker

Toddlers
Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater
Jerry King

Sunday School

Infants
Lynda Brown
& Lisa Grant

Crawlers
Catherine Coffey
& Susan Close

Toddlers
Ernie Brown
& Kate Lambeth

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, August 5, at 8:30 a.m. Mark Whitacre is speaking on *From the Penthouse, to the Jailhouse, to Jesus*. Mark's life is the subject of *The Informant* movie. Come hear his story! Nursery provided.

CPC GUESTS

On Sunday, August 6, long-time CPC supported missionaries plan on visiting. Larry and Jane Neiswender, who have recently retired from Wycliffe after decades of service, will bring a greeting and thanksgiving during the announcements in the Morning Worship Service. Also, Teresa Snow, who serves with CRU in Austin, Texas, will share in the Foundation Builder's SS Class.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Pastor Bennett's Installation Service is August 13 at 6:00 p.m. A reception to follow in Schum Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF

CPC Youth and Parents, please plan to attend our Youth Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall.

COVENANT CORPS

SLIDE back into Covenant Corps (for children ages 3 years old through 5th grade) on August 23, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fun water games, including a giant slip 'n slide and sprinklers, will be enjoyed during Covenant Corps' first session. Bring a towel and a change of dry clothes.

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. The last Swim Day is August 17.

COVENANT CORPS TEACHER TRAINING

All Covenant Corps teachers and helpers are invited to a time of training on Wednesday, August 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. For more details, contact Holly Lehmann at hlehmann@covenantchattanooga.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers resume August 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. During this first meal, there will be a Missions Report given, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., from various trips taken over the summer. All activities resume, except Children's Choir, which begins August 30.

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

August 23	Barbecue Shish-Kabobs
August 30	Soft Taco Bar
Sept 6	Spaghetti and Caesar Salad
Sept 13	Baked Potato Bar
Sept 20	Breakfast
Sept 27	Sliders and Fries
Oct 4	Stromboli
Oct 11	Chicken Divan
Oct 18	Pork Pot Pie
Oct 25	Pigs in a Blanket (Hot Dogs)
Nov 1	Chicken Bacon Pasta
Nov 8	Enchiladas
Nov 15	Butter Chicken
Nov 29	Soup and Bread
Dec 6	Spaghetti