



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- August 26**
Women's Council Meeting
- August 27**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
- August 29**
WM Book Club
- August 30**
Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday Night Activities
- September 3**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
- September 4**
Church Office Closed - Labor Day
- September 5**
Mother's Encouragement Group
- September 6**
Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- September 7**
Ladies' Thursday Morning Bible Study
- September 9**
Men's Breakfast
Youth Family Hike
- September 10**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
- September 11**
Ladies' Monday Night Luke Bible Study
Ladies' Monday Night Peter/James Bible Study
- September 13**
Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday Night Activities
- September 14**
Ladies' Thursday Morning Bible Study

There seem to be particular times when we are inclined to reflect, to look back, to assess, and to plan. This may be one of those times. Summer has concluded...and by the way, whatever happened to Labor Day being the end of summer and the last day to wear white? Schools are back in session. Fellowship suppers and Wednesday Night activities have launched.

This Sunday, August 27, will be Dr. Herb Ward's last preaching Sunday among us...at least, for a while. Dr. Ward has served us and the Lord so very well these past 4 months. It's a little sad to be reminded that his primary calling is that of a college professor and not ministering at Covenant Presbyterian Church. How we've loved his (and Kathy's) presence, preaching, and teaching here. It's difficult to imagine a better person for what has been asked of him. He's skillfully opened God's Word to us. He's been a keen model for how that Word is lived out. We are truly the beneficiaries of God's gifts and graces through him (through them). Please take opportunities via conversation, emails, calls, and notes to express your gratitude for his labors. And look for Herb's parting article next week in this newsletter. Thanks, dear brother!

What a blessed consolation, if we can even speak in those terms, to have Pastor Caines back preaching in September. To quote his recent newsletter article, "My plan is to walk us through the book of Titus in just four weeks! 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." His love and service to this church is as deep as ever...even in *retirement*.

Looking ahead, this year is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. In 1517, Martin Luther wrote his now-famous 95 Theses, and on October 31 of that year he nailed them to the door of the castle church at Wittenberg. Many identify this event as the spark of the Protestant Reformation. While many commemorative activities will be held and special publications issued, we believe it important for our people to be reminded of the Scriptural basis for those world changing events. Through the five Sunday mornings in October in the Morning Worship Services we'll consider the historic *solas*. Those being: sola scriptura (scripture alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), solo Christo (Christ alone), and soli deo gloria (to the glory of God alone).

Also, please continue to pray for the Senior Pastor Search Committee. As chairman, Mark Griggs reported last Sunday, the work is moving forward with the Lord's evident hand upon them. Pray for wisdom, discernment, unity, and confirmation. The committee members are: Mark Griggs, Paul Beatty, BB Bell, Lynda Brown, Connie Hildebrand, Tracy Horton, Doug McEachern, Adam Sanders, and Matt Wooten. Be sure to thank them for their service to us and to their Lord and His church.

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule August 27

Front Desk

Diana Perrel

Worship

Infants

Beth Griggs
& Crystal Middleton

Crawlers

Heidie, Jenny,
& Charity Armao

Toddlers

Adam & Millie Sanders

Floater

Maggie Middleton

Sunday School

Infants

Donna Armes

Crawlers

Sherry & Rachel Baierl

Toddlers

Phil Spotts
& Vangie Wykoff

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Night Bible Studies available from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. this fall:

Revelation Study - A study of Revelation taught by Pastor Caines in the Perseverers Classroom.

Ladies' Bible Study - A study of *Becoming a Woman of Simplicity* by Cynthia Heald, taught by Mandi Johnson and Donna Armes in the Parlor.

Prayer Group - A concentrated time of intercessory prayer for the needs of the church. This group meets in Pastor Mullinax's office.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Rehearsal in the Choir Room for men and women of all ages.

Covenant Corps - Our Children's Ministry for 3 year olds through 5th grade. Covenant Corps classes meet on the Second Floor of the Education Wing.

Youth Ministry - Middle School and High School Youth meet in various small groups.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The CPC Children's Choir begins on August 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday night. The 4-5 year olds will meet in the Library and the 1st - 5th grade choir will meet in the Ladies' Classroom.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night 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.

For the month of August, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty: J. Brown, K. Brown, T. DeMarco, M. Griggs, J. Hildebrand, E. Mullinax, and T. Wright.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Please note that starting Sunday, August 27, Todd Gaither and Jason Coffey will begin leading a new adult Sunday School class titled *The Baranabas Class* (think Acts 4.32-37). The focus during the fall is Biblical generosity and during the spring the focus will be Biblical practical stewardship. This class will run through May 2018 and will include both what God says about generosity and how that applies to our daily decisions with all that he entrusts to our care. This class will meet in the Choir Room.

MOTHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

The first meeting of MEG is September 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. MEG will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Please contact Beth Griggs with any questions at bwgriggs@comcast.net.

MEG VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mother's Encouragement Group is looking for volunteers to help monitor the older children room (any children too old for the Nursery). Please let Gretchen Brown know if you are willing to help, even if it is just one week, at cpcadministrator@covenantchattanooga.org. MEG meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

COLLEGE MINISTRY

As your college students begin their fall semester, please send their name, school, and mailing address to the Church Office. If they are living at home, please make sure we also have that information. Please send information to cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.

CPC YOUTH CALENDARS

CPC Youth and Parents, if you were unable to attend the Kick-Off this past Sunday, please stop by Abby's office and pick up a brochure with the fall calendar. Contact Abby with any questions at cpcyouth@covenantchattanooga.org.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The September Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is available for pickup at the Welcome Center.