



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Assistant Pastor of Discipleship...

Looking Ahead...

October 15

Morning Worship
Sunday School

October 17

Mother's Encouragement
Group
Officer's Training Class

October 18

Ladies' Wednesday Morning
Bible Study
Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

October 19

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Ministry

October 21

WM Cooking Kinship
WM Hiking Kinship

October 22

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Church Picnic
Getty Choir Rehearsal

October 24

Officer's Training

October 25

Ladies' Wednesday Morning
Bible Study
Wednesday Night Dinner
Reformation Celebration
Wednesday Night Activities

October 26

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study

October 27

HS Youth Pumpkin Carving
Night

October 28

Getty Concert

October 29

Morning Worship
Sunday School
TVP Reformation Service

November 1

Ladies' Wednesday Morning
Bible Study
Wednesday Night Dinner
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

"Whatever is rightly done, however humble, is noble." – Sir Frederick Henry Royce

"The integrity of the upright guides them, but the crookedness of the treacherous destroys them." - Proverbs 11.3

What value is the quality of our labors? Does God care about the integrity of my daily work? These are important questions for us as we consider our callings. While integrity has a range of implications, including the need to live morally blameless, it does also imply that we trust in God for the results of our work. Biblical integrity often resembles a fidelity to a task that seeks to be faithful rather than fruitful. In other words, integrity calls us to be process-oriented rather than results driven. Some attribute the saying to Luther (although it is highly suspect that he actually said it), that "a Christian shoemaker does his Christian duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes." This is biblical, vocational integrity.

While I am unsure of his religious convictions, Sir Frederick Henry Royce conveys this integrity in his quote and work ethic. His quote reflects something that is very important for us today. When we seek to live with integrity, no matter how humble the task, it is a noble, dignified calling.

To illustrate this principle I want to share with you about the life of Henry Royce and how he saved the world. Some of you may recognize his last name in the car company, Rolls-Royce Ltd., which Royce co-owned with Charles Stewart Rolls. Yet Royce's greatest contribution to our world is not well known and came from how he lived out his motto and his calling as a mechanic.

Never content with the efficiency and design of his engines Royce would continually alter, adjust and correct minor problems. He mastered the ability to create powerful engines with high performance but these engines would quickly burn out. Where some might have been content with

this, Royce refined his process and eventually developed an engine that had superior performance with a long life. The challenge of preparing such an engine exemplified his calling as a mechanic and would eventually lead to the creation of the Rolls-Royce Merlin.

How did such an engine save the world? A decade after Royce's death (1932) England had placed his engine into their Supermarine Spitfires. These fighter planes were the primary defense against Germany's Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain (1940) in World War II. Many of you remember the stories of England during these months of bombardment. The skill of the pilots and the quality of the Spitfires made the Germans lose five planes for every British one. Many historians believe this was due to the quality of their Spitfires, particularly the performance and design of their engines. The victory of these pilots and planes led to Hitler's first defeat of the war, saved England and turned the war against Germany. The defeat was so amazing that Winston Churchill would say, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few".

While each generation is indebted to our parents and grandparents who served, and many who gave their lives, in World War II, it was Henry Royce's commitment to the nobility of his daily calling which saved England. The victory in England prepared for the invasion of Europe. God used Royce's calling to save the world.

While we may not be called to develop a new engine, our integrity in our callings matter. As we seek to do the most humbling of tasks with quality we will find dignity and nobility that will endure. The results of such work may not be realized until long after we are gone but we can rest in the work of God to honor our integrity and guide us in His ways and for His ends.

~Pastor Bennett



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule October 15

Front Desk
Janssen Firth

Worship

Infants
Esther McEachern
& Lexi Bacon

Crawlers
Tammy Bacon
& Justin Martin

Toddlers
Mandy Bacon
& Daegan Brown

Sunday School

Infants
Sarah & Fiona Wade

Crawlers
Rebekah Gernhard
& Betsy Wade

Toddlers
David Gernhard
& Ernie Brown

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. Next Thursday, October 19, 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.

CHURCH PICNIC

The annual Church Picnic is Sunday, October 22, at Heritage Park at 12:30 p.m. BYOPB (Bring Your Own Picnic Basket), drinks and desserts provided. Activities for everyone!

TVP REFORMATION SERVICE

Sunday evening, October 29, at 6:00 p.m. the churches of the Tennessee Valley Presbytery are meeting together at Covenant Presbyterian Church to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Combined Choir Rehearsal starts at 4:15 p.m. Please plan to join us for this wonderful evening of worship.

AUTUMN GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Join your CPC family members at The Canyon Ridge Club on Friday, November 3. Consecutive starts, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. Fee includes green fees, cart, prizes, and post-play barbeque. Limited space, so registration is required. Contact Eric Mullinax, Tony DeMarco or the Church Office with questions or to register.

YOUTH RETREAT

The High School and Middle School Youth Retreat is November 10-12 at Ponderosa Bible Camp. The speaker for the weekend is Rev. Travis Hutchinson, the Chaplain at CCS. Cost is \$65 per person, with a family maximum of \$150. Registration forms available outside of Youth Office. Registration deadline is Wednesday, October 25. Please turn forms in to Abby Horton or Gretchen Brown.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please keep us informed of any address, phone, or email changes. We are about to print new directories and we desire to be as current as possible. You may email changes to cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory.

Dusty & Rachel Kemp
1512 Joshua Drive Chattanooga TN 37412

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

The Nursery has an ongoing need of your plastic grocery bags which will be recycled as diaper disposal bags. Please drop your surplus under the Nursery bulletin board.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts (no liquids, candy, gum, toothpaste, or war toys) to deliver to needy children around the world at Christmas time. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. Please write a note to the child to include with the gifts. Boxes will be packed on Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School 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 October, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty after dinner: D. Elwood, J. Gaines, J. Harris, J. Hobbs, J. Wykoff, and T. Smith.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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