



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

**January 26**

Men's Ministry Conference

**January 27**

Men's Ministry Conference

**January 28**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Youth Praise Team Practice  
Nursery Front Desk Training

**January 29**

Nursery Committee Meeting

**January 31**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Mission Conference Seminar  
Nursery Front Desk Training

**February 1**

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

**February 2**

Valentine's Dinner

**February 4**

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School  
Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal  
Youth Praise Team Rehearsal  
Waldecker Wedding Shower  
Missions Conference  
PM Service

**February 5**

Ladies' Monday Night Luke Bible Study

**February 6**

Mother's Encouragement Group  
Women's Ministry Council Meeting

**February 7**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
Wednesday Night Activities Session Meeting

**February 8**

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

**February 10**

WM Cooking Kinship

Some of the best instruction that I've read on worship comes from a book on missions. John Piper, in his book, Let the Nations Be Glad (*The Supremacy of God in Missions*), declares that worship is the ultimate goal of missions. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed are enthralled in worship before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It's a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.

Piper says that worship is the fuel and goal of missions. It's the goal of missions because in missions we simply aim to bring the nations into the wonder-filled enjoyment and adoration of God's glory. But, worship is also the fuel for missions. Passion for God in worship precedes the offer of God in proclamation. You really can't (or don't) commend what you fail to cherish. Missions begins (fuel) and ends (goal) in worship.

Piper continues, "If the pursuit of God's glory is not ordered above the pursuit of man's good in the affections of the heart and the priorities of the church, man will not be well served and God will not be duly honored." I don't think the author is pleading for a diminishing of missions but for a magnifying of God. He contends that when the flame of worship burns with the heat of God's true worth, the light of missions will shine to all the peoples of the earth. And isn't that what we all long for?

Speaking of missions (...and worship), I'm excited about our upcoming Missions Conference, January 31 through February 4. This year's theme is *A Clear and Compelling Call*, taken from Jesus' directive in Mathew 28.18-20. There the One, in whom all authority resides, commissions us to go proclaiming the gospel.

On Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m., January 31, events begin with an international dinner. There is no charge for the dinner that night. Please come and be a part of our Fellowship Meal. Post-dinner, **Jamie & Bethany Sexton iDEAS** (China) and veteran **MTW missionaries, John and Kathy Lesondak**

(Slovakia) will be sharing in Schum Fellowship Hall, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

During the Wednesday program in the Fellowship Hall, the children will be dismissed to their *Up and Away* program, for their travels around the world... "visiting" CPC supported missionaries. Return of the trans-continental travelers will coincide with conclusion of the program in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 p.m. *Up and Away* will continue for the children on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. Destinations to include: **the Lancasters (MTW-Holland)**, **the Vaughns (MTW - Costa Rica)**, **the Cummings (WEF - Japan)**, and **the McAuleys (SIM - Kenya)**.

Join us Friday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m., for the Valentine's Dinner. There will be lots of fun, fellowship, and food. I trust you've all heard of the prom theme and the world-famous cake auction, by now. Of course, a significant goal in this event is raising funds for (especially the CPC choir's) on-going ministry in Belarus. (Reservations needed, please, for appropriate planning.)

On Sunday, February 4, services in the morning and evening are scheduled. **Dr. Herb Ward** will preach in the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. All middle school through adult Sunday School classes are suspended. Combined Sunday School classes will meet in two locations: 1) **Christine Harrison (Wycliffe, Seed Co. / east Africa)** in Schum Fellowship Hall and 2) **John Mark Scruggs (Reformed University Fellowship pastor at UT-C)** in the Perseverers Classroom.

On Sunday evening, February 4, 6:00 pm, **Dr. Gary Waldecker (Third Millennium)** will share information about God's kingdom work in the world and lead us in concerts of prayer regarding the nations. This will take place in Schum Fellowship Hall.

May God be pleased to use this year's conference to inform, equip, and motivate us to sincerely respond to His clear and compelling call.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule January 28

#### Front Desk

Crystal Middleton

#### Worship

##### Infants

Justin Martin  
& Emily Calloway

##### Crawlers

Stacy Collines  
& Kansas Bradley

##### Toddlers

Josiah Cook  
& Daegan Brown

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Sarah & Fiona Wade

##### Crawlers

Donna Armes  
& Diane Lazor

##### Toddlers

Anna Yonkofski  
& Sand VanderGriend

### WEDDING SHOWER

A wedding shower, for ladies and gentlemen, in honor of Andrea Waldecker and Andrew Mac, is Sunday, February 4, 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Andrea and Andrew are registered at Amazon, Williams-Sonoma, Honeyfund, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

### MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2018

Please plan to join us for our 2018 Missions Conference, *A Clear and Compelling Call*, from January 31 to February 4. Please refer to Pastor Mullinax's article on page one for more details regarding the schedule.

### NURSERY ADMINISTRATOR

On February 1, Joanna Watne is stepping down from the Nursery to have her third baby and Crystal Middleton is taking over as Nursery Administrator. Be sure to thank Joanna for all her hard work and welcome Crystal to the CPC staff.

### YOUTH CALENDAR

CPC Youth and Parents, please stop by the Welcome Center or Abby's office and pick up a brochure with a Winter/Spring Calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Abby at [cpcyouth@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcyouth@covenantchattanooga.org).

### SUMMER DATES

For all of those planning their Summer schedules, here are some dates to consider:

Music Camp - June 4-8

MS The Edge Conference - June 18-22

HS Generate Conference - July 7-11

### VALENTINE'S DINNER

The 6th annual CPC Valentine's Dinner is Friday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. This year's theme is *Do You Remember - A Covenant Prom*. Make new memories with your sweetheart. Wear an outlandish outfit and get your picture made under a balloon arch. The cost is free. Donations will be received to help assist Belarus missions. The world famous cake auction will also take place. Space is limited, so please reserve your prom tickets as soon as possible. Nursery registration required. Contact Jeremy Gaines for more information.

### 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 January, the Youth Group has clean-up.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| January 31  | International Soup Night              |
| February 7  | Chicken Bacon Pasta                   |
| February 14 | Butter Chicken                        |
| February 21 | Baked Potato Bar                      |
| February 28 | Spaghetti and Caesar                  |
| March 7     | Chicken and Biscuits                  |
| March 14    | Mexican Lasagna                       |
| March 21    | Fettuccine Alfredo                    |
| March 28    | French Dip Sandwiches with Oven Fries |

### REMODELING

Please be aware the restrooms next to the old Nursery entrance will be closed for a few weeks.