



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

February 18

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Youth Praise Team Rehearsal
Middle School Youth Group
High School Youth Group

February 19

Ladies' Monday Morning
Bible Study

February 20

Mother's Encouragement
Group
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Wednesday Night Activities
Session

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Women's Ministry Retreat

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Morning Worship
Sunday School

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Ladies' Monday Morning
Bible Study

February 28

Wednesday Morning Bible
Study
Wednesday Night Activities

March 1

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

March 3

Men's Breakfast

March 4

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Instrumental Ensemble
Rehearsal
Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

March 5

Ladies' Monday Night Luke
Bible Study

March 6

Mother's Encouragement
Group

Today, I found a lone sock in the dryer. Normally, I don't have to tackle such problems. My dear wife is experienced and gifted at remedying such conundrums. However, she's in Florida visiting our daughter and her dad. So, presently, I'm all alone in trying to get to the bottom of this.

For those of us who are troubled by the lone sock left at the end of the laundry, I understand help is on the way. One sock manufacturer is trying to change the way we see the random sock problem. Reasoning that the missing sock problem is never going away, this company has launched a new campaign. It currently has in circulation hundreds of thousands of socks, all sold without matches in packages of 1, 3, or 7. This new approach seems to carry with it a note of indignation: *Who ever said socks had to come in pairs anyway?*

Fashion mis-matching may be catching on. But, this could be part the logical outworking of a contemporary state of mind...imbalance by design. Random is the new order, says never-to-be-doubted Apple. Whether selling iTunes or socks, the spirit of the age seems evident, in the ever-flowing current of marketing.

Militant atheist Richard Dawkins offers up this one-liner (for his twitter feed followers), "Life results from the non-random survival of randomly varying replicators." Or, to reduce it more, as he has said elsewhere, "the watchmaker is blind." The universe has neither design nor purpose; it exhibits nothing but blind pitiless indifference. But, if the universe is and has always been a disordered series of time, matter and chance, I'm not alone in my

need to understand how we account for the intricate orderliness to life, the uniformity of nature, even the intricacy of the very mind that asks the question. How is it that we can ever accept the non-random consistency of nature in a random world? And what would it really look like if random was the new order? Even in the nonconforming concept of mis-matched socks, the factories making them still exhibit a high degree of order; each random sock is designed and produced with creativity and intent.

In the margin of one of my favorite Scriptures is this quote, *we learn to praise God, not by paying compliments, but by paying attention.* In fact, much of Scripture is an earnest call to remember and take notice, to bear in mind all the stories of God in history as much as to consider the promise of a God who so values the created world he designed that He joined us within it.

The verses I have marked with a reminder to pay attention (Psalm 8:3-9) were written by one who did just that: "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor." David lived with an eye on the world as the kingdom of God around him, and as such, throughout his days, he lived to see the matchless wonder of a King through whom all things move and live and have being.

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule February 18

Front Desk

Emily Calloway

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Diana Perrel

Crawlers

Charlotte & Grace Pippin

Toddlers

Ellen Donovan
& Josh Perrel

Sunday School

Infants

Selah & Sophia Cross

Crawlers

David & Bekah Gernhard

Toddlers

Bev Roop
& Julia Gracy

YOUTH GROUP

CPC Youth, please come for fun and games on Sunday, February 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. High School is meeting in the Youth Suite. Middle School is meeting in Schum Fellowship Hall. Snacks are provided.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Then Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 3, at 8:30 a.m. Howard VanderGriend is speaking on *There I was at Ten Thousand Feet...* Nursery provided.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to check out the CPC Lost and Found area, located in the stairwell across from the Parlor, for misplaced items. All left behind items will be donated mid-March.

HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN

High School Youth, mark your calendars! The HS Lock-In is March 9 at High Point Climbing Gym. Sign-ups will be accepted soon, stay tuned for more details.

UPCOMING BRIDAL SHOWERS

March 18 Lily Moncrief
(bride-elect Cliff Marouner)

March 25 Gracie Smith
(bride-elect Luke Harvey)

April 8 Anabelle Morris
(bride-elect Brandon Cross)

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

CPC members, if you are willing to help fill spots on the volunteer calendar, please let Crystal Middleton know as soon as possible. There are multiple spots to fill. Contact Crystal at cpcnursery@covenantchattanooga.org.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please keep us informed of any address, phone, or email changes. Email changes to cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please contact the Church Office by phone or email to set up an appointment.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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