



# The eNewsletter

April 26, 2018

A publication of Covenant Presbyterian Church, 8451 East Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421  
423.899.5377 [www.covenantchattanooga.org](http://www.covenantchattanooga.org)

## *From the Pen of the Pastor of Discipleship...*

### **Looking Ahead...**

- April 27**  
Taters & Tubesteaks
- April 28**  
Ladies' Tea  
HS Youth Movie Night
- April 29**  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Rehearsal
- April 30**  
Ladies' Monday Morning  
Bible Study
- May 1**  
Mother's Encouragement  
Group
- May 2**  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting
- May 5**  
Men's Breakfast  
Women's Ministry Teacher  
Training  
5th Grade Promotion Party
- May 6**  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Sunday School
- May 7**  
Ladies' Monday Morning  
Bible Study  
Ladies' Monday Night Luke  
Bible Study
- May 9**  
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 12**  
Youth Car Wash
- May 13**  
Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Sunday Evening Service  
Middle School Youth Group  
High School Youth Group
- May 14**  
Ladies' Monday Night Luke  
Bible Study
- May 15**  
Mother's Encouragement  
Group
- May 16**  
Session Meeting

Last Sunday, April 22, Todd Smith shared with our congregation a wonderful announcement about how the Lord has raised up a new full time Youth Director, Jeremiah Hill, to serve Covenant Presbyterian Church. This is exciting news as the Lord continues to display His faithfulness to us. Before I share a little more information with you about our new Youth Director, I want to acknowledge the provision of the Lord to sustain our youth ministry these last few years through both Tracy and Abby Horton.

Tracy Horton has done a wonderful job of investing in our youth. When I arrived at CPC last summer, Tracy was instrumental in helping me understand the dynamics and activities of the youth ministry. In addition, Abby Horton, has done a phenomenal job of helping to administrate the youth ministry this past year. She has served faithfully in many different capacities, from relationally discipling many of the youth women as well as assisted with the many events and activities. Please be sure to thank her for her continued service to our church and youth.

Jeremiah Hill will be joining us on staff the first week of June. He comes to us from St. Louis, graduating from Covenant Seminary in 2017. He met his wife, Madeline, at Covenant Seminary, where she is currently finishing her degree this month. They have been married for a year and currently attend Chesterfield Presbyterian Church, where Jeremiah serves as a pastoral intern. Jeremiah has had many different intern opportunities both over the summer and throughout the school year while in seminary.

Only 25, Jeremiah has been recommended to us by the pastoral staff of Chesterfield Presbyterian Church due to his pastoral gifts that convey an approachability for youth tempered with a biblical wisdom. He has a strong desire to spend time with

the youth, specifically discipling them towards Christ. As we have spoken many times through the interview process, I have been encouraged with his persistent interest in character formation. As Jeremiah is a fairly recent seminary graduate, he will be working towards ordination once he arrives in his position. I will be working with him and the Tennessee Valley Presbytery on this process.

I want to personally thank the Parent Council and the Personnel Committee for their time and energy in interviewing candidates and presenting Jeremiah to the Session as the candidate for the next youth director.

This is a reminder to our congregation that the Lord is faithful. I was directed towards the prophet Amos this morning as I contemplated the Lord raising Jeremiah up for our church. In Amos 2.10-11, the Lord says, "...it was I who brought you up out of the land of Egypt and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. And I raised up some of your sons for prophets, and some of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?" As God's people we must remember that the Lord works through His people, but He is still the great Rescuer. Our hope for fruitful, sustaining ministry is not in Eric Mullinax's pastoral discernment, or in a Youth Director's intelligence or even in the Senior Pastor's occupied office. We do not experience kingdom growth in techniques and strategies. It is the Lord who leads us through the wilderness and it is the Lord who raises up His servants to proclaim His faithfulness. Our Great King's sovereign love is the joy of our heart and the boast of our tongue!

~Pastor Bennett



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule April 29

**Front Desk**  
Sherry Baierl

#### Worship

**Infants**  
Heather Morrison  
& Charlotte Pippin

**Crawlers**  
Isaiah Harris  
& Mary Kate Oldham

**Toddlers**  
Jonah & Elijah Harris

#### Sunday School

**Infants**  
Alayne Griffin  
& Corinne Novak

**Crawlers**  
Leanna Cathey  
& Julia Gracy

**Toddlers**  
Adam Cathey  
& Grace Pippin

### LADIES' TEA

Ladies, if you signed up for the Ladies' Tea, it is this Saturday, April 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for girls (10 and under), with a family maximum of \$20. Nursery and Childcare is available for those that registered for it.

### TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family on Friday, April 27. The hot dog dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. in Coolidge Park. Stay for the Lookouts game at AT&T Park at 7:15 p.m. The cost remains \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Due to the increase of ticket prices, we need a more accurate headcount than previous years. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office.

### HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

High School Youth are invited to a *Movie Night* in the Youth Suite on Saturday, April 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Popcorn will be provided, bring drinks and treats to share. Contact Abby Horton for details.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Then Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 5, at 8:30 a.m. Chris Gaither, brother of Todd Gaither, will be sharing his testimony. Nursery provided.

### PROMOTION PARTY

All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders, you are invited to a Promotion Party on Saturday, May 5, at Duane and Mindy Horton's house from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner is provided. Don't miss out on this fun, family evening to celebrate moving into the CPC Youth Group. Make sure your kids wear their swimsuit and bring a towel, so they can enjoy a giant slip-n-slide. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Lehmann.

### COVENANT KIDS PARTY

Covenant Kids Children, ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, you are invited to enjoy a giant slide and ice cream sundaes on Wednesday, May 9, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This party will be our last class until fall and will reward the kids for their hard work throughout the year.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following updates to your CPC Membership Directory:

Mark & Marie Wilson  
1626 Gunston Hall Road  
Hixson TN 37343

Jonathan Calloway  
Email ..... jonathancalloway@gmail.com

### MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is June 4-8. Kids from kindergarten through entering the 6th grade are invited to join us for a week of music, drama, crafts, Bible, and fun! This year's musical is *What's Up, Zak!* Cost is \$30. Please register on our church website or fill out a form in the Lobby.

To volunteer to help with Music Camp, please use separate registration forms found outside Jeremy Gaines' office.

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 27, is Graduate Recognition Day at CPC. Please let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, or doctorate programs. Please email the church office with the name of the graduate, the degree earned, name of school, and date of graduation.

### CAR WASH

The youth are hosting a car wash on Saturday, May 12, at noon at Advanced Auto Parts on East Brainerd Road. The car wash itself is free, please help by planning to get your car washed or by sponsoring a CPC youth.

### 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

May 2 Taco Bar  
May 9 Pigs in a Blanket and Baked Beans