



# The eNewsletter

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## Looking Ahead...

### May 5

Men's Breakfast  
Women's Ministry Teacher  
Training  
5th Grade Promotion Party

### May 6

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday School

### May 7

Ladies' Monday Morning  
Bible Study  
Ladies' Monday Night Luke  
Bible Study

### May 9

Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

### 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

### May 17

Memorial Hospital Lunch

### May 19

Caines 50th Wedding  
Anniversary Celebration

### May 20

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Rehearsal  
Middle School Youth Group  
High School Youth Group

### May 27

Morning Worship  
Graduate Reception  
Sunday School Promotion  
Sunday School  
Youth Family Picnic

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

Several things are quickly approaching for your prayerful consideration and welcomed participation.

**Sunday, May 6...**a Congregational Meeting of the church is scheduled for this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The meeting has a two-fold purpose; 1) vote on the proposed change in Rev. Jake Bennett's call from Assistant to Associate Pastor of Discipleship; 2) vote on the proposed call of Rev. John Jones as the Senior Pastor. Obviously, in God's providence, this is a significant moment in this church's life. Please continue to pray for the Lord's leading.

**Wednesday, May 9...**is the last scheduled fellowship supper before a summer break. [Please don't forget to communicate your thanks to Nicky and her crew for all the great meals!!] With the suspension of Wednesday evening suppers and most of the organized activities, we have increased opportunities during these months for ministering in our community. Paul writes in Ephesians 2 that we have been saved by grace (vv. 8, 9)...created in Christ Jesus to do good works (v. 10). In other words we've been saved to serve. Those verses have often been used as the heading for **Mission: Chattanooga** and other mercy ministry project announcements.

In the summers it has been our pattern here at CPC to take a summer slow-down from regular Wednesday Night Activities. [Remember the Sabbath principle is that we rest from one thing in order to give ourselves more fully to another.]

This summer, while not meeting every Wednesday for projects / service, **Mission: Chattanooga** will have fewer, but, more concentrated and publicized opportunities for anyone and everyone (young, not-so-young, singles, individuals, couples, and families). Look for planned ministry opportunities through the summer (perhaps Wednesday evenings or Saturdays).

These selective and scheduled opportunities are only a part of what we, as a community of believers, continue to engage in... i.e., putting feet to our faith, living out the

gospel in organic, natural, neighborly ways everyday (Matthew 7.12). Whether church-planned or in smaller spontaneous units choose areas of Christ-honoring and needs – based service that you and yours would like to be a part of this summer.

Our regular, on-going Prayer Group at the church will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. What a faithful group of prayers these dear folk are! Perhaps, you'd like to swell their ranks this summer, joining them in a sweet hour of prayer.

A Ladies' Bible Study is scheduled for the summer Wednesdays as well at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. Emily Calloway will lead a study of Good News for Weary Women, by Elyse Fitzpatrick.

Regular Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals will continue on Wednesday evenings through May and will resume in August. There will be singing off-campus opportunities (assisted living facilities) scheduled in July. Everyone is welcomed to join with the choir on these occasions.

**Sunday, May 13...**the second Sunday in May is remembered by most as Mother's Day....don't forget Mom! Sunday, May 13, will also be **Compassion Sunday** here at CPC...when the work of Compassion International (CI) and child sponsorship is particularly emphasized. CI is an evangelical Christian child development ministry dedicated to helping needy children around the world. CI partners (where the children are) with local churches and church-related organizations in implementing programs for children in their communities. These programs promote holistic development of children by providing for their core needs – spiritual, physical, economic, and social. What a great day (Mother's Day) to consider how you / your family might get involved in this ministry.

Also on Sunday, May 13, is our next Sunday Evening Service. Pastor Bennett is preaching on the person and work of the Holy Spirit in our preparation for Pentecost Sunday.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule May 6

**Front Desk**  
Sherry Baierl

### Worship

**Infants**  
Joyce Trask  
& Charlotte Pippin

**Crawlers**  
Carla Stevenson  
& Kansas Bradley

**Toddlers**  
Ava Lehmann  
& Mary Kate Oldham

### Sunday School

**Infants**  
Bethany Firth  
& Volunteer Needed

**Crawlers**  
Lindsey & Elijah Gutierrez

**Toddlers**  
Patty Liner  
& James Arrington

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The 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.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to attend a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 6 immediately following the Morning Worship Service.

### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Our next Sunday Evening Service is Sunday, May 13. Pastor Bennett is preaching on the person and work of the Holy Spirit in our preparation for Pentecost Sunday.

### COMPASSION SUNDAY

Our church is participating in Compassion Sunday on Mother's Day, May 13. This is part of a national event, sponsored by Compassion International, that helps us grow in our understanding of God's special love for the poor. Please begin praying now about sponsoring one or more of these children in need. Sponsorship packets will be available Wednesday, May 9 through Sunday, May 13. Please contact Bev Fowler with questions or stop by the table in the Lobby.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following updates to your CPC Membership Directory:

Karen Fullam  
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Emily Calloway  
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### 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. Volunteer Sign Up will be closed after Sunday, May 13.

### 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. May 9 is the last supper scheduled until August.

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration in honor of Render and Linda Caines is Saturday, May 19, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. This is a drop-in reception. Please contact Heather Harris or Gretchen Brown with any questions.