



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of Pastor of Discipleship...

Looking Ahead...

- May 26**
WM Hiking Kinship Group
- May 27**
Morning Worship
Graduate Reception
Sunday School Promotion
Sunday School
Youth Family Picnic
- May 28**
Office Closed - Memorial Day
- May 29**
Brown Memorial Service
- May 30**
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Prayer Group
- June 1**
Mother's Encouragement
Fri-Yay Funday
- June 2**
11th & 12th Grade
Breakout Games
- June 3**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Diaconate Meeting
- June 4**
Music Camp
- June 5**
Music Camp
- June 6**
Music Camp
Prayer Group
- June 7**
Music Camp
- June 8**
Music Camp
- June 9**
Men's Breakfast
- June 10**
Morning Worship
Sunday School
Missions Committee Meeting
Music Camp Performance
- June 12**
General Assembly begins
Ladies' Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
Middle School Game Night

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! (Psalm 90.12-17)

I would like to thank you all as a congregation for your continued support and encouragement towards me, particularly with the results of the congregational vote this past month. I know that PCA polity can be confusing and some of you may be wondering why you needed to vote on a pastor who is already serving as a pastor. Suffice it to say that Presbyterianism is full of formality and good order. If you would like to know more about the distinctions or our denomination's philosophy of ordination please let me know or bring your questions to the Pastor's class during the Sunday School hour.

Please know that my wife, Rebekah, and I are grateful to be at Covenant Presbyterian Church and I am humbled to serve as your Associate Pastor of Discipleship. Instead of sharing the nuanced details of ordination in the PCA, I thought I might share about some upcoming exciting news in the life of our church.

First, our Youth and Young Adult Pastor, Jeremiah Hill, along with his wife, Madeline, have moved to Chattanooga this week. They will be spending the remaining week and weekend with family and officially starting the first week of June. We will be having a special reception for him during Sunday School on June 3rd in the Schum Fellowship Hall.

Second, it is exciting to announce that this month the Session approved two summer youth internships. Duncan Joyner, who has

been in our midst for over five years will serve as one of our youth interns. He will be joined by Carl Simakoff, a junior at Covenant College. Carl recently joined the church and had been in attendance since the beginning of 2018. Both of these men have exhibited gracious character and a heart to serve our youth. Much of their responsibilities over the summer will be in building relationships with our youth.

Third, we are having a few of our youth graduate from high school and take larger steps towards adulthood. Over this past year, I have been impressed with our youth; their love for the Lord, their care for one another, and the opportunities that they are receiving to serve in many different ways throughout our church and our community. We will miss our graduating seniors and as a church we want to encourage them in their continued pursuit of the Lord wherever He will take them. This Sunday, directly after the worship service, please take a moment and head to the courtyard to celebrate their hard work and God's faithfulness in their lives.

Lastly, the concluding verses of Psalm 90 challenge us, particularly in this time and season. With a new Senior Pastor, with a new Youth and Young Adult Pastor, with new summer interns, as a church that is now fully staffed, we cannot be satisfied apart from the steadfast love of our Lord. We must avoid the mindset that wants us to think that we "have arrived". The "arrival" as it were is not found in an individual or even in a pastoral staff. We will remain unsatisfied when our eyes are not fixated upon the Lord. Growing up, we had the most amazing pet beagle, but whenever she saw food, her gaze was firm and unrelenting upon that morsel of food. You could make her "nod" her head or spin in circles, she wouldn't take her eyes off of her heart's desire. May we continue to hunger and thirst for the Lord and find our satisfaction in the Lord alone for He will establish the work of our hands for us.

~ Pastor Bennett



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule May 27

Front Desk
Kim Collins

Worship

Infants
Esther McEachern

Crawlers
Brenda Keith

Toddlers
Ellen Donovan

Sunday School

Infants
Lindsey Gutierrez

Crawlers
Anna Yonkofski

Toddlers
Thomas & Sarah Blackburn

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 27, is Graduate Recognition Day at CPC. There will be a Graduate Reception in the Courtyard during Sunday School.

YOUTH FAMILY PICNIC

All youth and their families are invited to an end-of-the-year family picnic at Heritage Park on Sunday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. Drinks are provided. Bring a picnic and a few lawn chairs for your family.

MISSIONARY GUEST

This Sunday, May 27, long-time CPC supported missionary (MTW), Frank Sindler, will be worshipping with us. He will also be sharing during the Sunday School hour in Schum Fellowship Hall for all the adult classes combined.

BROWN MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Ed Brown is Tuesday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. A visitation with the family will be in Schum Fellowship Hall after the service.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 9 at 8:30 a.m. Mark Crago is speaking on *It's not what I expected*. Nursery provided for up to 36 months old.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

CPC is sharing (with First Pres) a chartered bus to Atlanta Braves vs NY Mets game, on June 13, a Wednesday afternoon, at SunTrust Park in Atlanta. Price is \$30 per ticket, with a maximum of two tickets per order, which includes the bus ride, a game ticket, and a surprise for each person. Registration must accompany payment. The bus leaves First Pres at 9:00 a.m., from the Douglas Street side door, and returns around dinner time. Contact Eric Mullinax or the Church Office to reserve a seat.

MEMORIAL DAY

The Church Office is closed on Monday, May 28. No eNewsletter will be sent on May 31.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

CPC members willing to volunteer to serve in the Nursery, please select a few dates at <https://www.volunteersignup.org/MKTTY>. If you need help signing up or want to be added to the schedule rotation, please contact Crystal at cpcnursery@covenantchattanooga.org.

SWIM DAY

Swim Day at the May's pool begins Thursday, June 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are personally responsible for the supervision of your children and cleanup.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The June Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is available for pickup at the Welcome Center.

DIRECTORY CHANGE

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

GROWN UPS SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Grown Ups Sunday School Class will be moving their class location on Sunday, June 3. Their new location is above the Office Wing in Room O-207.

PERSEVERERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

On June 3, the Perseverers Class will begin a chronological overview of the Old Testament. OT books, and even events presented within the books, are not always in chronological order. That creates difficulties in understanding the ebb and flow of God's work in and for His people. Questions raised in Scripture will serve as sign posts along the way (eg. "Did God actually say?" Genesis 3). Prophetic passages throughout the long preparation for the coming of Christ will be emphasized. Join them for good fellowship and a detailed study of the Old Testament.

FRI-YAY FUNDAYS

The Mother's Encouragement Group is meeting at the home of Beth Griggs for family swim nights the first and third Friday of June, July, and August from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bring your own picnic dinner and join the fun!