



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Director of Music Ministries...

Looking Ahead...

- 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
- June 13** High School Game Night
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Prayer Group
- June 14** Swim Day at the May's
- June 15** General Assembly Ends
- June 17** Morning Worship
Sunday School
- June 18** The Edge Camp Begins
- June 19** Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study
WM Craft Kinship Session Meeting
- June 20** Ladies' Wednesday Night Bible Study
Prayer Group
- June 21** Memorial Hospital Lunch
Swim Day at the May's
- June 22** The Edge Camp Ends
- June 24** Morning Worship
Sunday School
- June 26** Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study

*Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
A wee little man was he.
He climbed into a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see,
And when the Savior passed that way
He looked up in the tree,
And said, "Zacchaeus, you come down!
For I'm going to your house today!
For I'm going to your house today!*

Music Camp 2018 has been somewhat of a departure from most of our previous ones in that we are focusing not on a patriarch like Joseph, or a prophet like Jonah, or even a mighty warrior such as Gideon, but on a New Testament first hand witnesses of Jesus Christ, Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus. Though all of these characters previously mentioned are flawed in example and fall short of Christ's example, we focus much more on those *falling short* areas this year.

Of all the people for Jesus to single out, Zacchaeus would not have been the first chosen by anyone. Zacchaeus was a tax collector, someone who was not welcomed by almost anyone. He cheated people out of money. He lived above his means on other people's dime (or denarii.)

Zacchaeus had something that set him apart, though. He had a desire to see Jesus. Jesus did not turn away this sinful, wretched man who everyone dreaded. Jesus invited himself into Zacchaeus' house. Jesus showed him compassion. Jesus showed him love.

In that love, Zacchaeus, through his time with the Teacher, made vows in how he should live. *I will not steal. I will pay back what I have taken. I will make amends.*

Jesus proclaimed after this, that salvation had come to Zacchaeus' house. "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost." Luke 19.10

If we are image bearers of Christ, are we seeking the lost? It's too easy to say yes because all who haven't called on Jesus' name are lost, but who was Jesus talking about? Zacchaeus was a man caught up in sin, despised by almost everyone. Do we reach out to those that are despised? I admit, sometimes it is a lot easier to be one of the crowd, one

who is wondering why out of all people, Jesus wanted to be mingling with such a sinner.

There are sins in the world that everyone considers heinous and most try to avoid those caught up in that sin. Sometimes we don't even mention sins because we don't like to even think about them.

Stealing. Killing.
Gossip. Adultery.

Homosexuality. Greed.

Covetousness. Gluttony.

Idol worship (think smart phones, TV, sport teams, or anything else that becomes the center of a life other than Christ).

Many of these we ignore. Yet others we argue about. And a few we just push away and don't even deal with the people involved in them.

What should we be doing?

The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

Welcome the sinner. This isn't accepting the sin. Jesus didn't give approval to Zacchaeus' actions by going with him to his house! Neither will you when you sit with the sinner.

Teach the word. Use words if you must. The best example of Jesus and His love is living out the Scriptures in front of others.

Help them in their efforts of repentance. Steer them to the Word. Love them when they mess up.

Remember that you, too, are a sinner saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Too often we forget our former condition when diagnosing the ailments of others. Empathy is a tool of love.

192 children will present *What's Up, Zak?* on Sunday evening, June 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The message they have heard this week is that God loves you, and, even though it is sin that separates us from God, Jesus came to deliver us from that sin so that we might be image bearers of Him. Love one another.

~Jeremy Gaines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule June 10

Front Desk
Sherry Baierl

Worship

Infants
Volunteers Needed

Crawlers
Brenda Keith
& Heather Morrison

Toddlers
Maggie Middleton
& Grace Pippin

Sunday School

Infants
Diane Lazor
& Lucy Wykoff

Crawlers
John Southworth

Toddlers
Sylvia Mills
& John Wiczorek

BABY SHOWER

A Baby Shower in honor of Heather (Adams) Klapp is June 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Christine Morrison. Heather is expecting a girl and is registered at Children's Fair, Target, and Amazon.

MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is having an incredible week with 191 campers in the halls. Please plan to attend their program on Sunday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m. An Ice Cream Social will follow the program.

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.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA/ WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

On Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. we have several opportunities planned on campus at CPC - ground work, thorough kitchen cleaning, and stamp ministry. As always, the Prayer Group is meeting and welcome others to join on Wednesdays. Also, the Ladies' Wednesday Night Bible Study begins on June 20.

FRI-YAY FUNDAYS

The Mother's Encouragement Group is not meeting on Friday, June 15. They will resume meeting Friday, July 6.

YOUTH GAME NIGHT(S)

Middle School Youth, please come enjoy an evening of fellowship, food, and games in the Youth Suite on Tuesday, June 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Pizza will be served. Please bring a drink to share.

High School Game Night is Wednesday, June 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Suite.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following updates to your CPC Membership Directory:

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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.

GROWN UPS SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

PESEVERERS SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Perseverers Class are studying 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Marriage Conference is scheduled for November 2-4. The speaker is Dr. Dan Zink, professor of practical theology at Covenant Theological Seminary. Please plan to attend! More details to follow.