



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Youth and Young Adult Director...

Looking Ahead...

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Men's Proverbs Study
High School Swim Night at
UTC

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Sunday School
PM Installation Service

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Memorial Hospital Lunch
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Mother's Encouragement
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Group

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July 26

Swim Day at the May's

*"but they who wait for the Lord shall
renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40.31*

My eyes were stinging with sweat, and we had miles left before we returned to the trailhead. The heat index had rocketed north of 100 degrees. An "easy morning hike" with some of Madeline's old college friends had turned into an afternoon of misery in Prentice Cooper State Forest. My thoughts traveled back to the first "Independence Day." I thought of the courage it must have taken to put one's name to a document kindly asking the King of Great Britain to get lost. "If it was this hot back then," I mused, "I would've signed anything they put in front of me."

Everyone was anxious to finish. The cool of air-conditioned cars and the warmth of a Zaxby's lunch awaited us. And yet, we were now making regular stops just to catch our breath. We weren't trying to sprint back. We were just walking. When did walking become so hard?

"For we walk by faith, not by sight," Paul says (2 Corinthians 5.7). But walking gets a lot harder when we're weary. And even youths can faint and grow weary (Isaiah 40.30).

Have you felt weary yet this summer? We long for leisure, yet most of us find ourselves absorbed with racing to and fro, keeping schedules, and planning elaborate vacations all in the name of "rest." When my friends and I were hiking those last two miles, every bend in the trail was difficult. We'd round the bend only to see the trail stretching still further into the trees. Do your summer months look like that? A mad dash to the weekend only to realize the next week will bring no relief? Maybe you've figured out a healthy balance. Maybe the trials of summer are teaching you, as they're teaching me, the solace of sabbath. I reckon

many of us are still learning one trail-bend at a time. We need endurance in our walking.

Isaiah 40 offers encouragement to the weary among us: "wait for the Lord." This "waiting" was central to life as an Israelite and is central to the Christian life as well. We wait with lamps burning like a bride for her bridegroom (Matthew 25.6). We wait with hearts groaning for the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8.23) and the clothing of our souls (2 Corinthians 5:4). On that day, we will come face to face with the joy of our hearts and the hope of our souls (1 John 3.2; 1 Corinthians 13.12).

I had the privilege of leading some of our students to *The Edge* a few weeks ago. Thank you to those of you who supported our trip, either by sending your children with us or by joining us in prayer. It was my first introduction to many of our students here at Covenant Pres. And what an introduction it was! We had worship, fun activities, small group discussion, Biblical teaching, and a great sense of fellowship as a group. The schedule was packed, but our students kept showing up, hungry to hear from God's Word at our evening meetings. I remember how tired I felt at some of those meetings. The students, no doubt, felt similar levels of fatigue. We were all hungry for sleep, but we showed up with a greater hunger for God's Word to be opened so that we might see him anew. We did.

Sisters and brothers, whatever you labor under this summer, would you join me in waiting on the Lord together? Let us continue to seek Him in His Word, to let longing for Him fill our hearts, to fix our eyes on the horizon of eternity where we will find the Groom waiting with the feast we so long for.

~Jeremiah Hill



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule July 15

Front Desk
John Pearce

Worship

Infants
Esther McEachern
& Sandi Schreiner

Crawlers
Breezy Atkinson
& Volunteer Needed

Toddlers
Matthew Beatty
& Volunteer Needed

Sunday School

Infants
Jay & Susan Helton

Crawlers
Heather Morrison
& Volunteer Needed

Toddlers
Luther & Shirley Allen

PM INSTALLATION SERVICES

The installation service for Rev. Jake Bennett as Associate Pastor of Discipleship will be Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. The 2018-19 Women's Ministry Council will be installed as well. A service is planned on **August 12, at 6:00 p.m.** for the installation of our new senior pastor, Rev. John Jones.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT'S MEETING

A *Transitioning into High School* discussion for parents will be led by Dr. Tracy Horton and Youth Director Jeremiah Hill this Wednesday, July 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Suite.

SPECIAL CHOIR OPPORTUNITY

Men, from middle school through 99, you are encourage to join a special Men's Choir as they sing praises to God on Sunday, July 22. You don't have to be able to read music or have a great voice, just come to rehearsal on Wednesday, July 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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.

PRISON MENTOR TRAINING

Our church has men ministering one-on-one, or "life-on-life", as mentors to prisoners at Walker State Prison, the only Faith and Character-based Prison in Georgia. It is located nearby in Rock Spring, GA. Join in this important ministry by taking the next prison mentor orientation and training class to be held at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 21st, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Now starting the sixth year, there are 130 volunteer mentors from 80 regional churches. For information, contact Alan Bonderud at 423.903.3700 or arbonderud@gmail.com.

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.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following updates to your CPC Membership Directory:

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1807 Andover Place
Chattanooga, TN 37421

HONORING THE SACRIFICE

Be sure to get your tickets for the *Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation American Heroes Dinner* on July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Former U.S. Navy Seal Rob O'Neill is the featured speaker. For tickets and more information, please visit www.honoringthesacrifice.org.

LADIES' OASIS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

All high school young ladies and women of all ages, you are invited to join in Schum Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., starting June 26 through mid August. Come hear the Word, encourage your sisters in faith, pray with each other, and look to God as he provides an oasis for us in the Bible. Contact Diane Lazor for more information.

YOUTH GAME SHOW NIGHT

All youth are invited to Youth Game Show Night on Wednesday, July 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. We are playing trivia games and *Minute to Win It Games*. We will have popsicles and ask students to bring a 2 liter soda to share!

SWIM DAY

Swim Day at the May's pool is Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The invitation is open to anyone at CPC each week until August 16. Parents, please remember that you are personally responsible for the supervision of your children and cleanup.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please keep us informed of any address, phone, or email changes. You may email us at cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.