



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

July 20

Men's Proverbs Study
Mother's Encouragement
Fri-yay Funday

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Prison Mentor Training

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Morning Worship
Sunday School

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Ladies' Tuesday Morning
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WM Swap Kinship Group
Ladies' Oasis Fellowship
Group

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Transitioning into College
Parent's Meeting
Mission: Chattanooga
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Bible Study
Prayer Group

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Youth and Family Lookouts
Game

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Morning Worship
Sunday School
Instrumental Ensemble
Rehearsal

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Ladies' Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
Ladies' Oasis Fellowship
Group

August 1

Ladies' Wednesday Night
Bible Study
Prayer Group
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

August 2

Swim Day at the May's

August 3

Men's Proverbs Study
Mother's Encouragement
Fri-Yay Funday

I have benefited from an appendix that Richard Pratt gives in his book, *Pray with Your Eyes Open*. That's not to say the book itself isn't helpful...it is. However, I've utilized much more the information he lists as the names, titles, and metaphors in the Bible for God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. With his permission (...really, I asked him when he was here several years ago), I've photocopied the list and refer to it often in personal devotions.

Pratt's list of names is not exhaustive. Just listing the major ones would still exceed 250. The three persons of the Trinity are so exalted in their glory that it takes multiple descriptors to describe who God is and what His work is in the world.

A study and regular meditation on divine names, titles, and metaphors can certainly enrich our theological understanding, and give a fresh and deeper appreciation for the splendor of the God we serve.

"O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble" (Jeremiah 16.19). A stronghold was a heavily guarded or fortified place that provided protection from enemy attacks. In Bible times, a defensive wall around a city, with its reinforced towers and gates was considered the ultimate fortress.

In this verse, Jeremiah portrays the Lord as his stronghold. The prophet's unpopular message that Judah would fall to its enemies subjected him to ridicule, imprisonment, and charges of treason. But, at the beginning of Jeremiah's ministry, God promised that he would make him "a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land" (Jeremiah 1.18). The Lord had made good on His promise, and proved Himself to be Jeremiah's stronghold.

"On that day, there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness." (Zechariah 13.1). Fountain in the Bible generally refers to a spring or some source of fresh water, such as a well or a free-flowing stream. This type of water was preferable to standing water stored in vessels or cisterns.

Here Zechariah looks forward to the day when the nations of Israel and Judah would be restored to moral purity. They had rebelled and were worshipping false gods. The Lord would provide a flowing fountain in which they could wash and be cleansed of their sin, a clear reference to Christ whose blood provides perfect cleansing from all our sin.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever." (John 14.16). Jesus spoke these words to His disciples after He told them that His death was near. He would no longer be with them in a physical sense, but He was not leaving them alone. He would send a helper (Greek *parakletos*, also translated advocate, comforter, and counselor). He would send the Holy Spirit to fill the void caused by His own return to the Father after His resurrection. Jesus' reference is to another helper...another of the same kind to come alongside and be a constant ally and instructor.

How gracious is our God to reveal these multifaceted characteristics of His glorious perfections. May our adoration of Him increase in every way that He's pleased to disclose to us his being!

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule July 22

Front Desk
Becky Pearce

Worship

Infants
Cami Calloway
& Volunteer Needed

Crawlers
Tammy & Mandy Bacon

Toddlers
Emily Calloway
& Tyler Bacon

Sunday School

Infants
Volunteers Needed

Crawlers
Mark & Joanna Watne

Toddlers
Kansas Bradley
& Anna Yonkofski

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT'S MEETING

A *Transitioning into College* discussion for parents will be led by Dr. Tracy Horton and Youth Director Jeremiah Hill this Wednesday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Suite.

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, please contact Alan Bonderud at atarbonderud@gmail.com or 423.903.3700.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LOOKOUTS GAME

Youth and families are invited to join together at a Chattanooga Lookouts Game on Friday, July 27. The game is at 7:15 p.m. but we will meet together at the ticket entrance at 6:45 p.m. Tickets will be purchased prior to the game, cost is \$5 per person. Please let Abby Horton know by Tuesday, July 24 if you plan to attend.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

The CPC Instrumental Ensemble begins rehearsals on Sunday, July 29 at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Jeremy Gaines for more details.

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. 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, August 4 at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Herb Ward is the speaker. Nursery provided.

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. We will be printing a new directory in the next week, so we want it to be as updated as possible. You may email changes to cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org.