



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

August 3

Men's Proverbs Study
Fri-Yay Funday

August 4

Men's Breakfast

August 5

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School

August 6

Nursery Staff Training

August 7

Ladies' Oasis Fellowship
Group

August 8

MS Boys' Bible Study
Youth Group
Ladies' Wednesday Night
Bible Study
Prayer Group
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

August 9

Swim Day at the May's

August 10

Men's Proverbs Study

August 12

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Diaconate Meeting
Instrumental Rehearsal
Jones' Installation Service

August 14

Ladies' Oasis Fellowship
Group

August 15

Prayer Group
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

August 16

Swim Day at the Mays'
Memorial Hospital Lunch

August 17

Men's Proverbs Study
Fri-Yay Funday

August 18

WM Cooking Kinship Group

August 19

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Murphy Bridal Shower
Youth Kickoff

As I write, it is the last day of July. Temperatures are still summer-like, but have you noticed a cool wind the last few mornings? Lows have dropped into the high 60s for the only times this entire month. I'm pretty sure August will bring back warmer morning temperatures, but the recent mornings have been noticeably pleasant.

It's relatively easy to sense and appreciate a few lower degrees in the middle of the summer heat. Identifying and appreciating God's active presence in our daily events may be more challenging, but, also, more rewarding than a refreshing breeze. The *incidental* information given in Acts 18 helps us to appreciate God's benevolent sovereignty at work in everything.

Luke (Acts 18.2) records that Claudius, the Roman Emperor, expelled Jews living in Rome. This probably occurred sometime around 50 AD. The Roman historian Suetonius stated this edict to evict was because of rioting in the Jewish community as a result of those preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Two of those expelled from Rome were a Jewish couple named Aquila and Priscilla. They had likely become Christians while living and plying their trade in Rome. They fled to Corinth, where they set up shop as tentmakers (Acts 18.1-3).

A short time after they arrived in Corinth, the Apostle Paul arrived. Paul soon met them, and since they shared the same occupation, he lived and worked with them (Acts 18.3). Paul spent almost two years with Aquila and Priscilla, making them among the most well taught of any of Paul's disciples.

When Paul left Corinth for Syria, Aquila and Priscilla accompanied him as far as Ephesus (Acts 18.18-19). (Boo and I were privileged to visit the preserved ruins of this ancient city a few years ago.) In

Ephesus they resumed their tent making business and at the same time became leaders in the Ephesian church (1 Corinthians 16.19). Later, Paul departed for Caesarea (Acts 18.21-22).

While Aquila and Priscilla continued to minister in Ephesus, a Jewish man named Apollos, an eloquent speaker who knew the Scriptures well, arrived from Alexandria, Egypt. He had learned about Jesus and talked to others with great enthusiasm about him. However, he knew only about the baptism of John the Baptist. He had not yet heard about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and Christian baptism. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him preach boldly in the synagogue, they took him aside and explained the way of God to him more accurately (Acts 18.24-26).

As a result of their instruction, Apollos became a mighty preacher of the gospel and defender of the faith. He went from Ephesus to Corinth, and there he proved to be a great benefit to the believers. He debated publicly, refuting the Jews with powerful arguments. Using Old Testament Scripture, he convincingly explained to them that Jesus was the promised Christ (Acts 18.28).

All of this began with the wicked intentions of a pagan potentate. Claudius's persecution of the Jews and the Christians in Rome started a divinely superintended series of events that prepared a dynamic couple to minister in Asia and, Apollos, a Jewish convert from Egypt, to become one of the great preachers in Greece. Tracing and identifying God's goodness in our lives is a noble exercise. Even when we aren't privileged to see or understand the results, God is the One who causes everything to work for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8.28).

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule August 5

Front Desk

Sandy VanderGriend

Worship

Infants

Kallie Arbuckle
& Corinne Novak

Crawlers

Brian & Liam Lehmann

Toddlers

Holly & Ava Lehmann

Sunday School

Infants

Alayne Griffin
& Tammy Higgins

Crawlers

James Arrington
& Dory George

Toddlers

Jonathan & Kansas Bradley

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.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

Pastor Jones' Installation Service is Sunday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m. A reception to follow in Schum Fellowship Hall.

COVENANT KIDS

SLIDE back into Covenant Kids (for children ages 3 years old through 5th grade) on August 22. Fun water games, including a giant slip 'n slide and sprinklers, will be enjoyed during Covenant Kids' first session. Covenant Kids need to wear clothes that can get wet. Bring a towel and bring a change of clothes in a bag with their name marked on it. Parents, please bring your children to the Children's Wing to meet their teacher at 6:45 p.m. Class starts at 7:00 p.m. Parents can pick up at 8:00 p.m. from the classroom.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The CPC Children's Choir will begin on September 5, meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday night. The 4-5 year olds will meet in the Library and the 1st through 5th grade choir will meet in the Ladies' Classroom.

LEGACY CONFERENCE

The PCA's CDM Ministry is hosting a *Legacy Conference* on September 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at CPC. Join us in learning how to serve God's purpose in older adult ministry. Sign up at pcacdm.org/legacy-conference. Contact Pastor Bennett for more information.

YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF

CPC Youth and parents, please plan to attend our Youth Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, August 19, at 6:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall.

HELP US RECYCLE

We have placed blue recycle bins throughout the church facility. Please take a moment to help our facility staff and dispose of the appropriate trash in the appropriate bins.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following updates to your CPC Membership Directory:

Kristie Brock

Cell 423.680.2798

Dale Wykoff

Cell 423.503.4719

John & Christine Morrison (no landline)

Cell (husband) 423.463.6589

Cell (wife) 423.463.6588

NURSERY

CPC members willing to volunteer to serve in the Nursery, please make sure you are on the Nursery Volunteer List, as schedules for the Fall will be produced soon. To be added to the schedule rotation schedule, contact Crystal at cpcnursery@covenantchattanooga.org or call the Church Office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARD

This is a perfect time of the year to purchase school supplies for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Also a great time to buy flip flops, a wonderful item to include.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

Dear CPC Family, The kids and I want to thank you for your help with the move to our new home. It was a great blessing and encouragement to us. Thanks for your quick work, we were sitting comfortably in our home in a few hours. We are so thankful to be a part of a church who loves and cares for us.

~Sincerely, Angela Heisig