



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...*

### **Looking Ahead...**

**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**

LAST 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

**August 21**

Session Meeting  
Women's Council Meeting

**August 23**

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

**August 24**

Men's Proverbs Study

**August 26**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School

**August 29**

Wednesday Night Activities

**August 30**

Ladies' Thursday Morning  
Bible Study

**August 31**

Men's Proverbs Study

**September 1**

Youth at Covenant College  
Soccer Game

Having been in Chattanooga now for three and a half weeks, we are beginning to feel at home. With increasing frequency we are able to drive from point A to point B without having to consult a Google map, which is a victory indeed.

Similarly, we have received a short visit from Alaskan friends, now living in Charleston, as their family drove through Chattanooga. Minnesota author and poet, Louis Erdrich, describes home as a dot on a stretch of landscape in which most railroad tracks are parallel, "old lacerations that we love," but they never touch. Every now and then, however, some of those railroad tracks cross each other and, as she says it, "home is the place they cross." And so it is that the Jones family now lives someplace where friends and family drive through as they travel from place to place. Nobody passes through Anchorage, and modern aircraft no longer needs to land and add fuel before reaching Tokyo. Chattanooga must be home if the tracks cross and friends can effortlessly stop for a visit, right?

The church is becoming our home as well. I confess that Karen and I struggle to navigate our way among the many activities in the life of CPC. The options are plentiful, but the pathways of sanctification (so to speak) are hard to pick out. As the new semester begins, we look forward to spending Wednesday evenings with our church family, taking-in the various opportunities for growth and fellowship. In the fall I will begin teaching regularly Sunday morning, but Wednesday evenings will be a time for Karen and I to spend time with our church family (though I'll occasionally substitute teach).

We are so thankful for Jeremiah and Abby and their team of Carl and Duncan (and others) who are knitting our students into a community. Under their energetic leadership the body of young people at CPC have made an impression on my children by being, well, themselves. As

Jesus unites a people to Himself in grace, He also unites them to each other in grace. The body of CPC students has graciously received our children, and we are very grateful.

This Sunday evening, August 12, is my Installation Service and I would appreciate your attendance. In my experience on the West Coast, installation services are a tremendous oddity. I recall one well-meaning friend in the church commenting that we install appliances, not people. A Service of Installation is an opportunity for a presbytery to officially install a minister into the church that has called him to be their pastor. This relationship between a presbytery that acts to install, and a congregation that acts to call, is very precious to us. On the one hand, CPC is a church with her own vision and ministry to East Brainerd and beyond, but on the other hand, CPC belongs to a caring presbytery in which elders from every church exercise their authority together. An Installation Service emphasizes this relationship.

Sunday evening, Rev. Shawn Slate will preach from Romans 1. Shawn is the pastor of Redeemer PCA in Knoxville, and the former Campus Minister at the University of Virginia. Rev. Dan Gilchrist will present me with my vows and pray to set me apart for ministry. Dan is the pastor of Chattanooga Valley PCA in Flintstone, GA. Shawn and I were seminary students together, both of us first-time dads trying to keep our heads above water. As an employee of the seminary, Dan was my colleague and very-gracious boss. I am honored to have these two men with me Sunday evening and hope that you can join us. You will also see a few familiar faces assisting in the service. Installation Services tend to be rather short. We'll finish our evening together with a reception to follow.

~Pastor Jones



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule August 12

**Front Desk**  
John Pearce

#### Worship

**Infants**  
Corinne Novak  
& Maggie Middleton

**Crawlers**  
Emily & Cami Calloway

**Toddlers**  
Charlotte & Grace Pippin

#### Sunday School

**Infants**  
Catherine Coffey  
& Maggie Wade

**Crawlers**  
Sarah & Betsy Wade

**Toddlers**  
Shirley Allin  
& Fiona Wade

#### INSTALLATION SERVICE

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

#### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Colleen Murphy is on Sunday, August 19, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Colleen is registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath & Beyond and she loves gifts cards.

#### COVENANT KIDS

SLIDE back into Covenant Kids (for children ages 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://pcacdm.org/legacy-conference). Contact Pastor Bennett for more information.

#### YOUTH FALL KICK-OFF

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

#### YOUTH LEADERS MEETING

Next Wednesday, August 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., all Youth Ministry Leaders are invited to the Youth Suite to celebrate the Lord's work with the CPC Youth. There also will be a look ahead at the plans for the next year.

#### SWIM DAY

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

#### DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory:

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#### NEW MEMBERS

Please make the following additions to your CPC Membership Directory.

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#### 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.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This is a perfect time of the year to purchase school supplies for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

#### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LUNCH

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. Next Thursday, August 16, we'll provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you are able to contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes, or fruit, please call or email the Church Office.