



The eNewsletter

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Looking Ahead...

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

Women's Council Meeting

August 22

Wednesday Night Activities
Kick-Off

August 23

Ladies' Thursday Bible Study

August 24

Men's Proverbs Study

August 26

Morning Worship
Sunday School

August 29

Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

August 30

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study

August 31

Men's Proverbs Study

September 1

Youth at Covenant College
Soccer Game

September 2

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School

September 3

Church Office Closed

September 4

Mother's Encouragement
Group

September 5

Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

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

"During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel - and God knew." (Exodus 2.23-25)

There are four things that we learn about God in these verses. Exodus 2 tells us that He heard, He remembered, He saw, and He knew.

We've chosen to walk through Exodus with the youth this fall on Wednesday nights for several reasons. Firstly, we want to begin a pattern of looking through a book of the Pentateuch once a year. We learn there about the law of God, and about how He initiates relationship with His people. His law instructs us about what it looks like for us to be in relationship with a holy and omnipotent God. Secondly, Exodus gives us a chance to show the connection between the testaments. It's important for all of us, young and old alike, to see the Bible as one story. Finally, we see throughout Exodus God's plan for the redemption and deliverance of His people. The hope of Jesus Christ shines through the pages of Exodus. He is the lawgiver greater than Moses. He is the paschal lamb. He is the one who leads us through the wilderness to the mountain of God.

Which brings me back to the verses above. This is *our* story. What does it look like for you and I, in the midst of our daily grind and painful wanderings, to know that the God of heaven and earth hears us? He does. How much more does He hear us with our great intercessor, the son of God, seated at the right hand of the almighty?

Not only that, but when He hears us, He remembers a new covenant made with us. This was a covenant ratified with the precious blood of Christ, blood which Peter likens to "that of a lamb without blemish or spot" (1 Peter 1.19). This covenant guarantees for us not just a land to possess, but a sonship that makes us co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8.17). Additionally, God sees and knows the sufferings of His people, but He doesn't stop there. It's one thing to receive a card when you're sick in the hospital. How much sweeter it is though, to be visited, to be seen, to have tender hands bind up your wounds.

Of course, that's what God did. In the next chapter, the sovereign Lord tells Moses, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them..." (Exodus 3.7-8). This is what Christ did for us on the cross. He descended into death so that we might, with Him, be raised to new life.

The people of Israel were delivered so that they might be brought into a worshiping relationship with God in the land He promised them. Their presence there was to be good news for the nations. It was meant to show them the glory and love of God. As Christians, our presence in our homes, our communities, and our vocations is meant to point those around us to the good news: our God is glorious and he loves us. Let us be so marked by the deliverance of our God.

You are heard before the throne. You are remembered. You are seen and known. Christian, you are delivered.

~Jeremiah Hill



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule August 19

Front Desk

Catherine Coffey

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Volunteer Needed

Crawlers

Ava Lehmann
& Rachel Baiert

Toddlers

Matthew & Jonmark Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Vangie Wykoff
& Colleen Murphy

Crawlers

Josh & Diana Perrel

Toddlers

David & Rebekah Gernhard

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.

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. The field will host a massive Slip 'N Slide Kickball Game for kids and parents alike. After the game, there will be a time for youth and parents to hear about events, teaching, and discipleship in the fall.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers resume on August 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All Wednesday Night Activities will also resume, except Children's Choir, which begins September 5.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Aug 22	Barbecue
Aug 29	Taco Bar
Sept 5	Philly Cheesesteak and Oven Fries
Sept 12	Spaghetti and Caesar Salad
Sept 19	Baked Chicken and Chees Grits
Sept 26	Butter Chicken
Oct 3	Baked Potato Bar
Oct 10	Chicken Enchiladas
Oct 17	Lasagna
Oct 24	Chicken Divan
Oct 31	Pigs in the Blanket
Nov 7	Chili
Nov 14	Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory:

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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. Cost is \$65, through September 10, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Contact Pastor Bennett for more information.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

The CPC's Marriage Retreat is November 2-4 at Oak Haven Resort in Sevierville, Tn. The cost is \$195 a couple which includes 2 nights and 5 meals. This year the speaker is Dr. Dan Zink from Covenant Theological Seminary. Dr. Zink will be discussing *Intimate Allies: Cultivating a Purposeful Marriage*. Registration forms are available in the Lobby. Please return the forms and payment to Jon or Heather Harris.

ONE CONFERENCE

The 2018 PCA Women's ONE Conference is scheduled for October 5-6 at New City Fellowship. The cost is \$75 for registration prior to August 24 and \$100 for registration between August 24 through September 21. Please talk with Heather Harris if you would like to attend but need some WM scholarship help.

SWIM DAY

Today is the last Swim Day at the May's pool for the summer. Thanks, Tom and Peg for hosting us another summer!

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.