



# The eNewsletter

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

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

#### **September 13**

Ladies' Thursday Morning  
Bible Study  
Parent Council Meeting

#### **September 14**

Men's Proverbs Study

#### **September 15**

PCA Legacy Conference

#### **September 16**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Ray Baby Shower  
Dindoffer Bridal Shower

#### **September 18**

Mother's Encouragement  
Group  
WM Craft Kinship

#### **September 19**

Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

#### **September 20**

Ladies' Thursday Morning  
Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch  
Clothes Swap

#### **September 21**

Men's Proverbs Study  
High School Glow Bowling

#### **September 22**

WM Hiking Kinship

#### **September 23**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School

#### **September 25**

WM Swap Kinship

#### **September 26**

Wednesday Night Activities

#### **September 27**

Ladies' Thursday Morning  
Bible Study

#### **September 28**

Men's Proverbs Study

#### **September 30**

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Uthlaut Baby Shower

#### **October 1**

Ladies' Monday Night  
Hebrews Study

The Apostle John was an old man when he wrote these words: "We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." (1 John 4.19-21)

It had been many years since John had walked with, spoken to, and ministered alongside Jesus on earth. As he placed pen to paper...more likely reed to papyrus...decades had passed since the day he had seen His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. So much had transpired since that terrifying Friday when the noonday sun became black as a starless night and Jesus had entrusted John with the care of His mother. Years had rolled into years since that golden Sunday morning he and Peter had raced to the tomb to find it empty as the women declared. More than two score had passed since Pentecost when John, Peter, Mary, and their friends were filled with the Holy Spirit and saw thousands of conversions in a single day.

John knew what it was to walk in the flesh with Jesus whom he could see. He, also, knew what it was to walk in faith, leaning on the Spirit of Jesus whom he could not see. While the other disciples, one by one, had been scattered, then most probably martyred, John lived on, ministering actively and faithfully into old age.

John's love for Jesus certainly matured with age. His devotion for the Savior ripened with time, as he allowed Jesus' love to fill his heart and govern his actions. Now, as an old man, under the inspiration of the Spirit, he writes to his "little children" (1 John 2.1), handing down the truth to a new generation of Christians. The new message is the old message: "God is love." (1 John 4.8) The new way of living is the old way of living: "Love one another." (John 13.34)

John instructs us that the one who loves God lives with God, and the one who lives with God begins, even now, to "look like" God (1 John 3.2). How can we begin to resemble God? Jesus, "the exact representation of His being" (Hebrews 1.3) tells us to turn the other cheek, to go the second mile, to give more than we are asked to the needy one, to pray for your persecutors, and to love the unlovely. (Matthew 5.38-48)

RC Sproul, the late reformed scholar, commented that "in the New Testament, love is more of a verb than a noun. It has more to do with acting than with feeling. The call to love is not so much a call to a certain state of feeling as it is to a quality of action."

Jesus' heart broke for His people. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (Matthew 23.37)

Our Savior didn't wait for us to clean up our act before He was willing to die for us. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5.8b)

Some argue that the opposite of love is hate, but that which stands defiantly contrary to biblical love is not hate, but self-love. We see in Jesus the opposite of self-love. Self-love is tantamount to self-aggrandizement, self-service, and self-worship. Christ's love, on the other hand, dies to self. When Jesus teaches us to "die daily" (Luke 9.23-24), we no longer belong to ourselves. We are free to love Christ – and to love sinners (like us) who are all around us as Jesus did.

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule September 16

**Front Desk**  
Sherry Baierl

#### Worship

**Infants**  
Esther McEachern  
& Volunteer Needed

**Crawlers**  
Jonah & Isaiah Harris

**Toddlers**  
Elijah & Ezra Harris

#### Sunday School

**Infants**  
Polly Henry  
& Volunteer Needed

**Crawlers**  
Heidie Armao  
& Dory George

**Toddlers**  
Anna Yonkofski  
& Heather Morrison

### BABY SHOWER

A baby shower in honor of Brittany Ray is Sunday, September 16 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Brittany is having a girl and is registered at Amazon, Children's Fair, and Target.

### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower in honor of Elizabeth Dindoffer (bride-elect of Adam Herberich) is Sunday, September 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Elizabeth is registered at Amazon and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

### LEGACY CONFERENCE

The PCA's CDM Ministry is hosting the *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). Cost is \$65, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Contact Pastor Bennett for more information.

### MOTHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

The first meeting of Mother's Encouragement is Tuesday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. MEG meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Connie Hildebrand will be leading discussions this year.

### CLOTHES SWAP

The CPC Clothes Swap is Thursday, September 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wade or Amy Wooten.

### HIGH SCHOOL GLOW BOWLING

High School Youth, join your friends for a fun evening of Glow Bowling. Meet at SpareTime on Friday, September 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wear neon colors and glowsticks will be provided. Cost is \$12.

### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. On Thursday, September 20, 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.

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory:

Jared & Sarah McCurry  
7481 Blazing Star Court  
Ooltewah TN 37363

### HONORING THE SACRIFICE

The *Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation* is hosting their annual Golf Tournament on Monday, October 15 at Black Creek. Please check out their website for more information and registration details.

### MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in becoming a member of CPC, please contact the Church Office to set up an appointment.

### NURSERY NEED

The Nursery has an immediate need for paid workers during Thursday Morning Bible Studies. If this is something you or someone you know would be interested in, please contact Crystal Middleton at [cpcnursery@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:cpcnursery@covenantchattanooga.org).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers are from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4 and \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. Children 4 and under eat for free, and the maximum family donation is \$15.

For the month of September, the following Shepherding Groups have clean-up duty: J. Coffey, J. Hildebrand, T. Lowe, M. Walker, and M. Lander.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

Sept 19	Baked Chicken and Cheese 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 a Blanket
Nov 7	Chili
Nov 14	Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta
Nov 21	Thanksgiving - no meal
Nov 28	Soup and Bread
Dec 5	Chicken Pot Pie
Dec 12	Beef Burgundy