



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

November 2

Men's Proverbs Study
Marriage Retreat

November 3

Marriage Retreat
Daylight Savings Ends

November 4

Lord's Supper Celebrated
Sunday School
Marriage Retreat
Instrumental Ensemble

November 5

Ladies' Monday Night
Hebrews Study

November 6

Mother's Encouragement
Group
WM Council Meeting

November 7

Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

November 8

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study

November 9

Men's Proverbs Study
Youth Retreat

November 10

Men's Breakfast
Youth Retreat
Hiking Kinship Group

November 11

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Youth Retreat
Missions Committee Meeting

November 12

Ladies' Monday Night
Prophets Study

November 14

Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

November 15

Ladies' Thursday Morning
Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
Parent Council Meeting

November 16

Men's Proverbs Study

I would like to exhort all of us to encourage our pastors. It may be that a reminder to encourage pastors is especially a reminder for pastors. The ministry of a pastor is such that being worthy of imitation is actually a critical part of his calling. There is an awkwardly large number of instances in Scripture where Paul insists that people in the church imitate his own life and walk (1 Corinthians 4.6; 11.1; Philippians 3.17; 1 Thessalonians 1.6; 2 Thessalonians 3.7). It is nearly earth-shattering to read these examples as a pastor; I wonder, "Is my own faith and walk worth imitating?" It is beyond humbling to consider that every pastoral admonition for holiness actually rebounds on the pastor as a question: "Is that admonition for holiness reflected in my own faith and walk?" If not, Hebrews 13.7 then becomes an indictment to a pastor: "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith."

I trust that in God's gracious regard for the church, He blends the lived example of pastors with the biblical sensitivity and mercy of the church body in such a way that our imitation of our pastors is truly an imitation towards holiness. We might say that worthy imitation of a pastor is worthy only in so much that it is an imitation of Scripture. Paul is clear that the Christians in Thessalonica were imitators of Christians in Judea, because of the fact that they followed the word of God, *as the Word of God* (1 Thessalonians 2.13-14).

All this to say that you should imitate

your pastors in their own encouragement of pastors. My fellow pastors here at CPC have been a tremendous encouragement to me these past few months.

In Tara Westover's book, *Educated: A Memoir*, she illustrated from her Idaho childhood a time when her family attempted, for several weeks, to rehabilitate an injured owl discovered in their front yard. "The owl grew restless. When it began to refuse food, we opened the back door and let it escape. It wasn't fully healed, but Dad said its chances were better with the mountain than with us. It didn't belong. It couldn't be taught to belong" (164). Our Pastoral Staff is so good at encouragement. We lift one another up, listen to one another, refuse to be offended, submit to each other, emphasize the best, err on the side of patience, and teach one another that each of us, by God's precious grace, *belong*. Even a new pastor from the other side of the country belongs.

You need to know that our pastors truly delight in encouraging one another, especially amidst great change in the life of our church. I have been the recipient of such encouragement from Eric, Jake, Dan, Jeremy, and Jeremiah. They have taught me that I belong, and I have sought to do likewise, and this will continue. As you have already proven to be a great source of encouragement to your pastors, please continue to imitate them by encouraging them more and more!

~Pastor Jones



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule November 4

Front Desk

Joanna Watne

Worship

Infants

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Crawlers

Meg & Lilly Wooten

Toddlers

Babs Leach & Josiah Cook

Sunday School

Infants

Russ & Bev Roop

Crawlers

Julia Gracy & Edie Martof

Toddlers

Matt & Kristy Arbuckle

YOUTH RETREAT

The High School and Middle School Youth Retreat is November 9-11 at Ponderosa Bible Camp. The youth are leaving the church at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 9 and returning at noon on Sunday, November 11 (this is a different return time than originally stated). Please be in prayer for the 69 students signed up to attend, along with the 13 chaperones.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men of all ages to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 10 at 8:30 a.m. Mark Wilson will be speaking on *God's Search and Rescue Operation*. Nursery provided for up to 36 months old.

TURN CLOCKS BACK

Daylight Savings is ending. Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night. Spring forward, Fall back!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

It's time to order *Offering Envelopes* for 2019. These envelopes are used for regular giving. Please email your order to Carol Beatty at cpcbookkeeping@covenantchattanooga.org and let her know if you want weekly, twice a month, monthly, or quarterly envelopes. Order forms are also available at the Welcome Center. Orders are due by Monday, December 3.

GRATEFUL GOBBLER

Annually, people from all walks of life gather together for the *5k Grateful Gobbler Walk, Run, Stroll* held on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 a.m., beginning and ending at Coolidge Park. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the Maclellan Shelter for Families, an emergency homeless shelter located on site at the Community Kitchen. To register, please visit www.gratefulgobbler.org.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts (no liquids, candy, gum, toothpaste, or war toys) to deliver to the needy children around the world at Christmas time. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. Please write a note to the child to include with the gifts. Boxes will be packed on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Classroom.

Collection boxes are outside of the Parlor and outside of Pastor Mullinax's office.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

We are collecting staples and canned goods to help those in need. If you are going through a hard time this year, or if you know someone that is, please contact an Elder or the Church Office. The Pounding is an encouragement to those experiencing hard times and a great witness to a watching world when we love and support one another. Delivery date is November 17. Please contact Joyce Trask at futurejoyce@gmail.com for details.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Wednesday Night Suppers are from 5:30 p.m. to 6:40 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 November, the following Shepherding Groups are responsible for clean-up duty: D. Elwood/M. Wilson, K. Henry, D. Hobbs, T. Smith, H. VanderGriend, and J. Wykoff.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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