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I then will teach Biblical Leadership at three conferences in Ghana: to a group of 90 pastoral candidates at a Bible Training Centre for Pastors in Kumasi, to a new venue of Baptist pastors in Aflao, and then to a group of prison ministers (mostly Anglican) in Accra.

I'll be home for the month of March and then return to Africa in early April. First, I'll speak at the national conference of the Agape Evangelical Church in Ghana. The next week I'll be training 20+ Ghanaian equippers to teach Biblical Leadership. The final week I will be in Uganda, speaking at the Silver Jubilee of the Full Gospel denomination.

All of this is now YOUR ministry too. As I go on your behalf, I ask for your prayers.  
Pastor Steere

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### January 25

- 9:30** *Infants:* A & L Reid  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* M & C Stevenson  
*Toddlers:* M Arbuckle, S Wade
- SS** *Infants:* D & R Kemp  
*Creepers:* P Plucker, M Johnson  
*Toddlers:* P Johnson, L Choquette
- 6 PM** No Evening Service—Shepherding

### February 1

- 9:30** *Infants:* S & T Helton  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* S Gritter, L Hobbs  
*Toddlers:* P & L Jones
- SS** *Infants:* A Wooten, E Cary  
*Creepers:* M & B Mason  
*Toddlers:* R & P Lyons
- 6 PM** *Combined:* T Brown Family

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Judy Foster 423.645.1086.



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Associate Pastor...*

In John 15:16, the Lord said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will remain." Although He was speaking to the disciples, these principles apply to all of us as followers of Christ: Christ chooses us and places us where He wants us to be ("appointed"), so that we can bear lasting fruit for His Kingdom.

Susan and I have enjoyed the blessing of being part of CPC for the past three years because God's truth is preached here, God's people are active here, the Holy Spirit's power is evident here, and Christ's Kingdom is advancing as a result. We have come to know the character and vision of CPC as a Kingdom-oriented church, and we have been encouraged by your friendship, your openness and your commitment to living as a covenant community. We have been thankful to serve God together with you and honestly expected nothing more. So Christ's appointment surprised us – but what a wonderful surprise! Truly, "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places." Ps. 16:6

This fact that we have come to know each other beforehand makes your call to serve as associate pastor a very special privilege and a high honor. Thank you. I am humbled by the enthusiasm with which both the

Session and the congregation embraced this call, and I ask for your continued prayers as I take up this new role.

But I want you to understand at the outset that this will not be the typical pastor/congregation relationship. In essence, CPC has enlarged the international component of its Kingdom work by calling me as a missionary/pastor. But since my work Equipping Leaders International involves the mentoring of pastors and leaders overseas, it requires me to be absent for extended periods of time. That's the atypical part of this call – my pastoral work at CPC will primarily involve our brethren overseas.

So, as your associate pastor, I want you to know what my schedule looks like for the early part of 2009:

In February, I will spend a week in Nigeria at the Servant Leadership Institute, working with Dr. Gideon Umukoro. I hope to complete the training that will enable 30-35 Nigerian equippers to teach Biblical Leadership from 1 Timothy. (This is the same group of men that Pastor Caines and I taught last August.) Each of these men will commit to teach at least two Biblical Leadership conferences per year to their fellow countrymen, greatly multiplying the impact of these truths.

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## YOUTH & FAMILY

**Middle school & high school youth** will not meet this Sunday due to shepherding.

**Winter Retreat 09**—"The Mountain Top Experience" Retreat is scheduled for February 13-15 at Sugar Mountain, NC. This is open to all middle school and high school youth as well as their families. We will stay at Camp Holston in Banner Elk. The cost is \$180. Space is limited. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside Chris Gregory's office. Registration and a \$50 deposit is due by February 4.

**Youth Calendars** are available on the CPC website.

## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, January 25, our worship focuses on our **SOVEREIGN** God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* (pg. 310) and *This Is My Father's World* (p. 111).

## AED TRAINING

Dr. Larry Swan will offer hands-on training in the use of our church's AED on Saturday, January 31, beginning at 8:30 AM at the church. This training is open only to those with current CPR certification who would be willing to respond to an emergency on CPC's campus. Contact Polly Henry if you have questions. Contact Mark Wilson if you plan to attend.

## THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY

Pastor Caines has written a book entitled *The Most Excellent Way* based on the sermons he preached on I Corinthians 13. If you would like access to the book, it can be found on the website [www.monergism.com](http://www.monergism.com) by typing into the site search "Caines."

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY Pictures Please!

If you have pictures of CPC events from 2008, please email those to Amy Wooten or put them in the WM box in the mailroom. Amy's address is [wootenfam@catt.com](mailto:wootenfam@catt.com).

## WM Spring Seminar

Ladies, make plans now to attend the Spring Seminar scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Our speaker, Dee Brestin, has authored several study guides that have been used by many of our women. Her topic is "The God of All Comfort." Please plan to invite a neighbor or coworker. Register this Sunday in the lobby.

## Wednesday Opportunities

- Babs Leach and Sandi Schreiner have begun a new study by Dee Brestin, *The Friendships of Women*. They meet in one side of the Perseverers class.
- Eva Herberich continues her study on the *Power of a Praying Mother*. They meet in Pastor Mullinax's office.
- The knitting group will work on some mercy projects. This group meets in the parlor. For more info contact Carol Beaty.

If you have questions regarding these groups, feel free to contact any of these women. You are welcome to join a group at any time.

*Dear CPC Family,  
We would like to express our thanks to the members and friends of CPC for your generous gift this Christmas to the staff love offering. Thank you very much!*

*CPC Staff*

## For Your Information...

### IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

Men, mark your calendars now. Our next men's breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, February 7. The speaker will be Will Kesler. Plan to bring a friend and join us.

### NURSERY COORDINATORS NEEDED

Nursery coordinators are needed for April and May. The coordinator is responsible to call and remind everyone on the schedule and to check the nursery on Sunday morning to make sure that the workers are there. Contact Heather Harris at [jeh1224@aol.com](mailto:jeh1224@aol.com) or call 706.937.2603.

### SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Steve Clonts and his family in the death of his father, Leslie Clonts, on January 16.

### OLD GEEZERS HOOP LEAGUE

Are you over 30 and on the out-of-shape side of things? You are just what we are looking for!! This basketball league cranked up Thursday, January 8, but it is not too late. Join us at East Ridge Presbyterian from 7 until 9 PM each Thursday through March 12. If you have questions, contact Pastor Mullinax.

### BIBLE READING PROGRAMS

The new year is always a good time to begin a planned read-thru-the-Bible program. A very popular and time-proven aid is available in the lobby. Free.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership Sunday afternoon, February 15. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

### NEW MEMBERS

Listed below are the names of those who joined CPC this month. Add their names and address to your membership directory. Check out their snapshot on the New Member Bulletin Board outside the Visitors Classroom. Help make these new folks feel welcome at CPC when you see them!

Greg & Becki Lusk  
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The Lusks have been visiting CPC for several months. They have 3 preschool-age children. Greg is an electrical engineer, and Becki is a stay-at-home mother.

### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- \* **Laura Spalding** — GA Tech (upper class)
- \* **Sam Roop** — Dalton State (upper class)
- \* **Johnny Herberich** — Covenant College (freshman)

### LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Jan. 23-24	Ironman's Retreat
Jan. 25	Shepherding
Jan. 31	AED Training
Feb. 1	Lord's Supper
Feb. 7	Ironman's Breakfast
Mar. 27-29	CYAM Retreat
Mar. 28	WM Spring Seminar
Apr. 9	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 10	Good Friday—Office Closed
Apr. 12	Easter—No SS or PM service
May 27	Mission: Chattanooga Kickoff
June 8	Music Camp

