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If I tried to thank everyone involved, I would forget to mention someone deserving of recognition.

I've given you a few names. There were many more who worked, prayed and fasted to make all this possible. I don't believe any of them did it so they'd get their name in the Newsletter. But I hope that each of them will know how grateful I am for all they have done.

More importantly, I believe the Lord was honored and pleased.

Now, I pray — and by God's grace will continue to pray — for God to bless the labors of their hands.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 8

9:30 *Infants: S Schreiner, S Forrester
Crawlers/Toddlers: E & J Martin
Toddlers: T & M Schreiner*

SS *Infants: K & S Orthner
Crawlers: L Caines, B King
Toddlers: L Orthner, S Spalding*

6 PM *Combined: M & A Walker*

February 15

9:30 *Infants: E McEachern, L Swan
Crawlers/Toddlers: A Wagner, J Hall
Toddlers: J & R Ray*

SS *Infants: J Wilson, P May
Crawlers: R & B Roop
Toddlers: E & E Vatt*

6 PM *Combined: C Wilkie, A Gaines*

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Gretchen Brown at 706-891-5968.

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From the Senior Pastor...

I was proud. And justly so.

I'm a proud man. Proud of my wife for being the godly woman she is. Together, we're proud of our children and the things they are accomplishing.

Sometimes the things we're proud of are big deals. Graduations. Weddings. Purchasing a home. The birth of our grandchildren. Raising godly families. Pursuing God's call.

Sometimes they're little things that might easily be overlooked. Loving gestures. Shows of compassion. Expressions of thanks. Doing what is right because it is right.

I've been a husband for nearly forty-one years. A father for almost thirty-eight years. And a pastor for thirty-seven years. This past weekend was one of my proudest moments as a pastor.

The Men's Ministry, quietly led by Will Kesler and Jason Coffey, sponsored a men's retreat at Johnston's Woods, a wonderful retreat center just south of Cleveland.

Many were praying and fasting in anticipation of this event. Others were taking care of all the details. Still, others were preparing to teach. All of those involved were hoping that maybe thirty to forty men might attend. The number was closer to ninety.

Some were as young as sixteen. Some were as old as eighty. Some were single. Most were married. A few have been members of

CPC from the beginning. Others have not yet officially joined our fellowship. It was a wonderfully diverse gathering of men.

None of the pastors of CPC were directly involved in this effort. Elders Ken Henry and Dee Hobbs did most of the teaching. They effectively communicated the opportunities, privileges and responsibilities that men have to help each other become the husbands, fathers and individuals that God can use to profoundly impact our church, community and world for the cause of Christ.

What they taught wasn't theory. It was based upon the clear teaching of Scripture and their own experiences and examples.

Only time will reveal the depth of the impact of this past weekend. By God's grace, the impact will be profound.

As I sat and quietly participated in the gatherings, I was proud. I experienced a sense of deep satisfaction. For me, it was a wonderful moment.

The Lord was honored. The brief times of worship were joyfully respectful of our great Savior and King. His Word was handled carefully. Profound truths were taught effectively. Men responded with quiet agreement, insightful questions, and genuine emotion.

It's no secret that I'm not particularly fond of retreats. But for me this was a wonderful moment in time.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

Middle school & high school youth will meet this Sunday following evening worship.

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 Wednesday, February 4.

Youth Calendars are available on the CPC website.

Volunteers Needed — If you would be willing to provide a simple meal for our youth on Sunday evenings, please sign up on the bulletin board near the lobby. If you have questions, contact Susan Helton.

MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, February 1, our worship focuses on our *INFINITE* God. One of the hymns we will sing is *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (pg. 92).

AED TRAINING

The AED training is this Saturday, January 31, at 8:30 AM. This training is open 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.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd Fellowship 1 will meet Monday, February 2, at 7 PM at Linda Lander's home.
- The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship will meet Tuesday, February 3, at 10 AM at the church. Childcare is provided.

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.

IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast Saturday, February 7, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Will Kesler. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please make the following change in your current membership directory:

David & Kate Lambeth
PO Box 21992
Chattanooga, TN 37424
423.385.5801

DONATION STATEMENTS

Your 2008 giving statement will be available again this Sunday in the lobby. Please pick up your copy if you have not already done so.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Heather Adams** — UTC (upper class)
- * **Chris Elwood** — Covenant College (upper class)
- * **Bethany Miller** — Florida State (freshman)

For Your Information...

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.

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 by typing into the site search "Caines."

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Feb. 7	Ironman's Breakfast
Mar. 15	Brethren Concert PM
Mar. 22	Bridal Shower - Kristen Gardner
Mar. 27-29	CYAM Retreat
Mar. 28	WM Spring Seminar
Apr. 5	Palm Sunday CCS Chorale Concert PM
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