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Michael Card is a gifted songwriter and singer. He is a member of a PCA congregation in Nashville and author/composer of hymn #42 in the Trinity Hymnal.

The concert will be entertaining. It will also be evangelistic. Mr. Card will present the Gospel in a clear and biblical manner. So I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity.

Call the church for tickets. *Operators are standing by!* I just thought I'd remind you about what is taking place here Saturday evening, February 23. Because sometimes – at least for me as of late – it's just hard to remember the details.

-Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Feb. 10

**9:30** *Infants:* M Horton, K Fisher  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* P & L Jones  
*Toddlers:* M & T Bacon

**SS** *Infants:* L Caines, P May  
*Creepers:* R & P Lyons  
*Toddlers:* E Beatty, J Mauroner

**6 PM** *Combined:* M & A Walker

### Feb. 17

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, J Wilson  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D Reynolds, L Hobbs  
*Toddlers:* K & E Gaither

**SS** *Infants:* S Forrester, R Roop  
*Creepers:* B & S Roop  
*Toddlers:* A Wagner, K Jennings

**6 PM** *Combined:* B Mullinax, C Wilkie

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Tammy Higgins at 706-820-0491.

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# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Senior Pastor . . .*

Linda's car needed routine maintenance. So Monday morning I drove to our mechanic's, parked the car, got out, took three or four steps toward his office door, and then realized – I had driven there in my own car, not Linda's.

At least, I didn't go in and ask for the work to be done, only to be informed that it wasn't yet time for my oil to be changed and tires rotated.

I'm happy to tell you that all I did was smile to myself, look around to see if anyone was watching, get back into the car, drive home, go into the house, explain to Linda what I had done – I think I heard her stifle a giggle – get the keys to her car, and then drive it to the shop.

I can offer you a thousand justifications for why this happened, but you know why this happened.

I'd like to tell you that my mind was distracted with thoughts of gratitude to God for our wonderful time of worship Sunday morning, for the glorious music that lifted my heart to the King's throne room, for the sobering and exhilarating celebration of the Lord's Supper, for the encouraging sermon Pastor Mullinax preached from Galatians 5 Sunday evening. That's what I would like to tell you, but I know it wouldn't be true.

Or perhaps, on a much more mundane level, I could explain to you how my mind was filled with happy thoughts about the Giants (yea Eli) defeating the nasty Patriots (boo Tom) in the Super Bowl. But that wouldn't be true either.

Because the truth is, I just wasn't thinking. I knew what I was supposed to be doing – taking Linda's car in to be worked on – but I just wasn't paying attention to the details. I think we all know why I did what I did Monday morning. It isn't something I would have done ten or twenty years ago. I don't need to offer any further excuses or explanations. We all know why I ended up Monday morning at East Ridge Alignment with the wrong car.

Well, just in case you're losing sight of the details, I want to remind you that Saturday evening, February 23, Michael Card will be in concert here at CPC.

Remember, we aren't charging admission, but you must have a ticket. Admission is free, but you'll need a ticket to get in.

We'll take up an offering to help alleviate expenses. But the Session is using money out of the MEF to underwrite the cost of this concert to provide you with an opportunity to invite a neighbor, a relative, a friend, a fellow worker, a classmate, etc. – to invite someone to your church on a Saturday evening for this special event.

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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

**High School Fellowship** – Sunday evening, February 10, following the evening service, high school youth fellowship at the Carden's home.

**The middle school youth retreat** is this weekend. No Sunday evening activities for middle school youth.

**Chaperones!** We are looking for a few men and women to be chaperones for the High School Retreat February 29th-March 2nd. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Carden.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The missions committee will meet this Sunday, February 10, at noon in the fellowship hall.

## MEXICO MISSION TRIP MEETING



An organizational meeting for the Mexico mission trip is this Sunday, February 10, at 7 PM in the visitors classroom. If you are interested in learning more about this trip, please join us. See Pastor Mullinax if you would like a fact sheet. The trip is scheduled for June 21-28.



## IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast this Saturday, February 9, at 8:30 AM. Ernie Brown will speak on "Life-on-Life Discipleship." Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and notes sent during my recent surgery on my foot. I hope to be back to church soon.

Elaine Daniel

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd Fellowship II meets Monday, February 11, at 7:00 PM at Kathleen Borchers' home.
- The Quillin/Brown Fellowship will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 AM at Betty Quillin's home.

### Ladies Night – Hobby Night

Ladies, this Friday evening, February 8, you are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for hobby night. Bring anything you have to work on from handiwork to writing note cards. Come between 6-11 PM and stay as long as you wish. Bring your own snacks. You do not have to be a crafter to join us. If you need a night out, come join us.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, February 10, we will focus through worship on our *UNCHANGING* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

### Michael Card Concert

Michael Card tickets are still available. Please let us know ASAP if you need tickets. The concert is February 23 at 7 PM.

## DEACONS MEETING

The deacons will meet this Sunday afternoon, February 10, at 4:30 PM.

## NURSERY NEEDS

Two to four volunteers are needed for March 23, Easter, during worship in the toddler nursery. And we need one volunteer during church and two during Sunday school on March 30 also in the toddler nursery.

If you are currently not on the schedule and would like to volunteer to serve on a regular basis, please contact Heather Harris at 706.937.2603 or jeh1224@aol.com.

## For Your Information...

### BANQUET

The 2008 Fellowship of Christian Athletes "Road to Victory" banquet will take place at the Chattanooga Convention Center on Tuesday, February 19, at 6:30 PM. Tennessee Titans running backs' coach Sherman Smith will be the featured speaker. FCA (Jay Fowler) is a CPC supported ministry to student-athletes and coaches throughout Chattanooga and southeast Tennessee. Contact Pastor Mullinax if you'd like to be a part of the evening. [This is a fundraising event, and you'll be asked to consider monetarily supporting the ministry.]

### SERMONS ON THE WEB

If you would like access Pastor Caines' recent sermons in MP3 format, use the following web address: <http://www.covenantchattanooga.org/sermons.aspx>.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We will publish a new membership directory in February. If you have phone, address, or email changes since the last directory, please call the church office or email [awalker@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:awalker@covenantchattanooga.org).

### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Remember: if you plan attending the Wednesday supper, you need to register by NOON EACH MONDAY. You may email the church at [wednightmeals@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:wednightmeals@covenantchattanooga.org). If you plan to attend every Wednesday, please fill out the permanent registration form in the lobby.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership on Sunday afternoon, February 17. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.

### WELCOME

CPC welcomes to its missions support family the Haitian American Friendship Foundation (HAFF) and Heidi Meiners. HAFF is an evangelical mission to help Haitians improve their own lives spiritually, economically and socially – all to the glory of God. CPC has sent two teams to Haiti to work with HAFF, and a third is scheduled this fall. To learn more go to [www.haff.org](http://www.haff.org).

Heidi Meiners is a teacher at the International Christian School of Budapest, Hungary. Heidi is well known to the Perseverers Sunday school class (they've supported her for a few years) and related to some CPC members (...guess who). Check out the bios posted on the mission boards between the Visitors Classroom doors to get more information.

### **PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* **Tim Lazor** — UTC (upper class)
- \* **Kenton Martin** — UTK (upper class)
- \* **Sam Roop** — Southern Adventist Univ. (freshman)

### **LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC**

Feb. 23	Michael Card Concert	
Feb. 24	Shepherding	
Feb. 29	High School Retreat	
Mar. 2	Lord's Supper	
Mar. 16	Seder Service	
Mar. 19	No Wed. Activities	
Mar. 20	Maundy Thursday Service	
Mar. 21	Office Closed	
Mar. 22	Breakfast & Egg Hunt	
Mar. 23	Easter	
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa Mexico	