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know that I while I loved his music, appreciated his stories, and was delighted by his handling of Scripture, I'm most impressed by the man.

Thank you to Jeremy and Domekia. Thank you to Todd Smith, the deacons, and all the others who helped take care of a hundred different details. Thank you all for a memorable evening. It was a great time. I believe the Lord was pleased. And somewhere Uncle Hank is smiling.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mar. 2

9:30 *Infants:* Edyne Vatt, G Brown
Creepers/Toddlers: Emily Vatt
Toddlers: H & B Lehmann

SS *Infants:* C & J Hildebrand
Creepers: L & J Bowman
Toddlers: Y & T Owens

6 PM *Combined:* K & P Henry

Mar. 9

9:30 *Infants:* J Kesler, H Harris
Creepers/Toddlers: D & J Duple
Toddlers: E Davis, C Weekley

SS *Infants:* E Herberich, K Orthner
Creepers: M & L Lander
Toddlers: J & H Wade

6 PM *Combined:* E & J Martof

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Mary Slade at 706-937-9298.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor . . .

Nearly 700 people attended the Michael Card concert this past Saturday evening. Perhaps half that number were visitors, and for many it was their first visit to CPC. What the far-reaching impact will be only the Lord knows. But it appears we accomplished our objective of offering our community the gift of a wonderful evening spent in celebrating the goodness of God through the music and words of a brother to whom God has given amazing gifts and a gentle, quiet spirit.

I can pay Michael no higher compliment than to tell you that after spending some time with him before and after the concert, what you see is what you get.

Let me tell you one story that says too much about me and a great deal about Michael.

We ate supper together in the old choir room. Domekia prepared a wonderful dinner, the food was great and the conversation around the table even better.

As we sat down to eat, I commented on Hank's wall mural. Forgive me, but for some reason I thought there was a need to explain to Michael the reason for the painting. I'm afraid I was condescending in my remarks about the quality of the painting, explaining to him that it was the work of our former associate pastor, a man dearly loved by one

and all, and because of our love for "Uncle Hank" we just didn't have the heart to even think about painting over his handiwork.

Please forgive me, but for some reason I thought it was necessary to explain to one artist the work of another. And I'm afraid the way I expressed myself suggested I was less than appreciative of the art decorating the wall of one of our Sunday school rooms.

Michael's immediate, quick, and sincere response, was to say simply, "I love it. I love it when the people of God are allowed to exercise their gifts and offer them up as a tribute to their Lord."

If that wasn't enough to "put me in my place," he then proceeded to comment upon various aspects of the painting. He loved the mist rising from the river. He thought the bears in the lower right-hand quarter were great, even if one them "looked a little bit like a pig." And then he observed that there was only one bird in the sky, right in the middle of the painting. Michael said, "I'm telling you there's a reason why there's only one bird in the sky. I wonder if it's meant to represent the Holy Spirit hovering over all of God's creation?"

I tell you that story not to celebrate the painting, or Uncle Hank, or Michael. I tell you that story so you will (Continued on back page)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Fellowship is this Sunday evening following the service.

High School Retreat This weekend is it! We will leave the church on Friday at 6:30 PM and return to the church on Sunday at 12:15 PM.

Breakfast & Egg Hunt An egg hunt and breakfast are scheduled for March 22. This event will help to raise needed funds for the Reynosa Mission Trip this summer. More details to come.

Volunteers are needed to stuff eggs for the Egg Hunt, March 22.

CYAM FELLOWSHIP

CYAM's (College and Young Adult Ministry) Chili Lunch is Sunday, March 9, in the fellowship hall directly following Sunday School. If you are in this age group, please come! If you know someone that is a college student and/or a young adult, please pass this info along to them. Lunch is provided; all you need to bring is yourself! CYAM meets on the second level of the new addition above the fellowship hall for Sunday School.

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What a New Generation Thinks About Christianity and Why It Matters . . . Groundbreaking Research from the Barna Group

Why have an ever-increasing number of 16-29 year olds walked away from Christianity? David Kinnaman, President of the Barna Group and author of *UnChristian* will address these issues at 7 PM Tuesday, March 4, at First Presbyterian in Chattanooga. Come and bring anyone who has an interest in reaching the 16-29 year old. Simply call 755-1366 and tell them you're coming. There is no cost. Sponsored by The Maclellan Foundation of Chattanooga.

MEALS FOR MOMS

Shelley Gritter is due March 8. If you can provide a meal for this mom and her family, please contact Gretchen Brown at 706-891-5968.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Love Your Kitchen Month

The WM has registered under "Covenant Presbyterian" at Target for the items needed for our kitchen. Purchase a gift for the CPC kitchen and bring your gift to the decorated table across from Schum Fellowship Hall during the month of February. The grand opening of these gifts is Wednesday, March 5, during the women's night together after supper.

Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd Fellowship I meets Monday, March 3, at 7 PM at Brenda King's home.
- The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship meets Tuesday, March 4, at 10 AM at the church. Mary Slade will share with the group. Childcare provided.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A shower will be given in honor of Wendy Rohr, bride-elect of Jeff Henry, this Sunday, March 2, from 3:30 - 5:30 PM in Schum Fellowship Hall. Wendy is registered at Macy's, Dillard's and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

TEAM REYNOSA MEETING

A very important meeting is scheduled for this Sunday, March 2, at 7:15 PM in the Visitors Classroom. All interested in participating in this summer's mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico are urged to attend.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, March 2, we will focus through worship on our **GOOD** God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Praise Him! Praise Him!" and "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

SEDER DINNER

The Passover Seder Service is Palm Sunday, March 16, at 6 PM. Because of limited space and all the preparation that goes into the dinner/service, registration is required. Look for reservation forms in this Sunday's bulletin.
