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appreciate how dependent he is upon your prayers. And so is Susan, as she pursues her vocation as a teacher and keeps the home fires burning.

I've been reading through the Psalter this past week. As you pray for Pastor Steere, pray in the light of these promises given in Psalm 72. "He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.... All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him" (8, 11).

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 8

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

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

6 PM *Combined:* M & A Walker

February 15

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

SS *Infants:* J Wilson, P May
Creepers: 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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THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor...

Tracy and Amy Wright are two of the newer members of CPC. Both Tracy and Amy sing in the choir. Tracy teaches music at Ringgold Middle School. For several years he directed music at a local church. A few weeks ago, Tracy played his soprano saxophone during evening worship, accompanying Jeremy as he sang.

Pastor Mullinax, Jeremy, and I met with Tracy a few weeks ago to ask him to consider leading music on Sunday evenings. Jeremy is responsible for the children's music program on Sunday evening. For the past few months he has led two hymns at the beginning of the evening service, and then hurried over to the fellowship hall to direct the children. In part, this has resulted in the evening service being somewhat less structured than we'd like.

Tracy has agreed to take on this responsibility. In fact, this past Sunday evening was his first. We sang a hymn, prayed, read responsively from the hymnal, sang another hymn, Tracy led us in worship by singing "What Wondrous Love Is This," Pastor Mullinax preached from Ephesians 6, and then worship closed with a hymn and a benediction.

I know that for many of you coming to church on Sunday evening has not been a part of your normal Sunday activities. I encourage you to join us. The opportunities we

have to gather together in corporate worship of our Lord are limited. Your pastors have limited opportunities to instruct, challenge and encourage you through the preaching and teaching of God's Word.

Everybody is busy. Everybody has a million things to do. I understand that. But I would like to encourage you to end the day as it began — in the worship of our Lord and the prayerful consideration of His Word of Truth. I also encourage those of you with younger children to take advantage of the opportunity on Sunday evening to involve them in our children's ministry.

During February, Pastor Mullinax will preach from Ephesians 6. In March, Pastor Steere will help us further understand God's providence as revealed in the unfolding history of His church. There will also be an evening of special music on March 15 — but we'll tell you more about that in a couple of weeks. On April 5 the CCS Select Ensemble will sing during the evening service.

Speaking of Pastor Steere, continue to remember him in your prayers. This week he is in Akure, Nigeria. The next three weeks he'll teach in three different locations throughout Ghana, including Accra and Kumasi. Having accompanied him on his last trip, I know some of the challenges he faces, and

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YOUTH & FAMILY

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

Youth Calendars are available on the CPC website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Simple meals are needed for our youth on the Sunday evenings they meet for fellowship following the evening service. If you would be willing to prepare a meal for our youth, please sign up on the bulletin board near the lobby. If you need more information, contact Susan Helton at jstahelton@bellsouth.net or 423.855.4433.

MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, February 8, our worship focuses on our *UNCHANGING* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory* (p. 122) and *How Firm a Foundation* (p. 94).

If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, the website www.cyberhymnal.org may be helpful. It has the words, a recording and sometimes the history of the hymn and hymn writer.

THANK YOU

I can't begin to offer enough thanks for your prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during my recent stay in the hospital. I am continuing to heal and grow stronger each day since my surgery. Jack West

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd Fellowship 2 will meet Monday, February 9, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borchers' home.
- Acts of Service Fellowship will meet Tuesday, February 10, 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. Her topic is "The God of All Comfort." Please plan to invite a neighbor or coworker. Register this Sunday in the lobby. The cost is \$20, and seating is limited.



IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast this Saturday, February 7, at 8:30 AM. Will Kesler will speak on *Men United in Christ*. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

DONATION STATEMENTS

If you have not picked up your 2008 giving statement, please do so in the lobby this Sunday.

CPC PRAYER CALENDAR

This devotional/prayer tool covers all CPC members, family concerns, ministries, missionaries, personal growth in grace and the world in a one-month cycle. You may pick up a copy of the *CPC Prayer Calendar* in the lobby.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

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

For Your Information...

MEN'S GROUPS

Please note the following men's groups are available each week. Each are "open," and you are encouraged to invite other men to participate with you. In addition to these group leaders, you may contact Will Kesler or Jason Coffey for more information about the Men's Ministry.

- Mon. 7 PM; Visitor's classroom; leader: Reid Swanson 423.867.1669
- Tues. 6 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Jason Coffey 423.313.5125
- Tues. 6:30 AM; Dr. Swan's office; Cleveland; leader: Larry Swan 423.472.8632
- Tues. 6:45 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Tracy Brown 423.493.9665
- Wed. 6:30 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Eddie Rahm 423.892.1477
- Wed. 6:30 AM; Jim Martof's office, EB Road; leader: Tom Lowe 423.400.8783
- Fri. 6 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Mike Fingerle 423.605.1405
- Fri. 8:30 AM; Brainerd Bapt BX bldg (Belvoir Ave); leader: Pastor Mullinax 423.899.5377

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."

FCA FUNDRAISER

On March 2, at 7 PM FCA's **Road-to-Victory Banquet** featuring Olympic gold medal swimmer, Josh Davis, and local coaches and students will be held at the Chattanooga Trade Center. A reception for top level sponsors is at 6:15 PM. Table sponsorships range from \$5000 to \$250. To make reservations call 423.877.3561.

PRAYER REQUEST POLICY

The Session would like you to be aware of our policy regarding publishing church-wide prayer requests. Our policy is to send requests only on behalf of the immediate family of church members, longtime attenders and our missionaries.

Therefore, we are not able to include requests for extended family members (cousins, etc.), close friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. When you have such a prayer request for friends or extended family, we recommend that you share it with your shepherding group, Sunday School class and your circle of friends.

Occasionally, we may publish the urgent needs of pastors or other folks within our presbytery.

You may contact Ann Walker in the church office if you would like to receive a printed prayer list weekly. These lists are also available in the church lobby each week.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Feb. 7	Ironman's Breakfast	
Feb. 22	Shepherding Groups Meet	
Mar. 15	Brethren Concert PM	
Mar. 7	Ironman's Breakfast	
Mar. 22	Bridal Shower - Kristin Gardner	
Mar. 27-29	CYAM Retreat	
Mar. 28	WM Spring Seminar w/ Dee Brestin	
Apr. 5	Palm Sunday CCS Select Ensemble 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	