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When the conference began the next day, it quickly became obvious why the enemy was making such an effort to hinder our arrival. The thirty-five men attending were enthusiastic about hearing the Word and excited to be equipped to teach the truths of 1 Timothy.

These ELI course instructors will begin teaching 1 Timothy all over Nigeria within the next couple of months. This is a portion of God's Word that provides the antidote to much of what's wrong within the Nigerian Church: poor leadership, selfishness, greed and doctrinal error.

Pray for these men as they teach. Pray that God's Word will do God's work. Pray for a mighty work of the Spirit in Nigeria. And thank you for praying for me.

I am now in Ghana, preparing to teach this same material in a Bible school to over one hundred students and faculty.

Pastor Caines / Pastor Steere

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### 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

### February 22

- 9:30 Infants: G & D Schreiner  
Creepers/Toddlers: C, G, & K Smith  
Toddlers: B & H Lehmann
- SS Infants: S Nicely, L Brown  
Creepers: D & E Reynolds  
Toddlers: J & A West
- 6 PM No Evening Service: Shepherding

**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 . . .*

Pastor Steere is now in Ghana. He wrote the following about the work in Nigeria. Having been there with Dan last August, I'm am neither shocked nor surprised by what Dan writes . . .

"The paperwork for this vehicle is not complete. You will have to turn back to the police station until that is done. Do you understand me?" the armed policeman barked.

"How long will that take?" I asked.

"Two to three days," he replied.

Travel in Nigeria is . . . challenging. Traffic laws are routinely disobeyed; roads are in disrepair; day-long traffic jams are common.

Then there are the police. As we were leaving Lagos, the police waved us over hoping to extort contributions from hapless drivers. Seeing an "oyeebo" (white man) in the car seems to encourage them, since it is believed that all white men are rich.

As soon as they approached our car, Gideon tried explaining to them that we were pastors and missionaries on our way to a conference. As he talked, I prayed.

Having failed to get any money from Gideon, several of the policemen came to my window to "explain" their ridiculous charges.

I believe the Holy Spirit encouraged me at that moment. I told them, "I am here in Nigeria to do the work of the Lord Jesus Christ! Our conference starts tomorrow and a delay of two

to three days will force us to cancel that conference. Are you telling me that you are deliberately hindering the work of the Lord Jesus Christ?"

Startled, one of the younger policemen stepped back and said he would speak to his superiors. "You do that," I said, "and I'll be talking to the Lord Jesus Christ while you do!" He walked away, and I proceeded to pray out loud, "King Jesus, rule over this situation! O Lord, change the hearts of these men! Do not allow the evil one to disrupt the work You have sent us here to do!"

After what seemed like hours of arguing amongst themselves, the two younger policemen came back to the car, handed Gideon his papers and told us we were free to go. One of them reached out his hand to shake mine and said, "I am a Christian. Will you pray for me?" Still holding his hand, I prayed that Jesus Christ would bless him and that the Lord would establish His Kingdom in Nigeria. It turned out that he had been arguing in our defense the whole time. Then, shaking the hand of the one who had been so full of bluster, I prayed for him as well, that the Lord would change his heart. Gideon eased back into the car, and we drove off.

How can I thank you enough for your prayers on my behalf? I hope you can see from this incident that your part in this ministry is absolutely essential.

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## YOUTH & FAMILY

Middle school & high school youth will not meet this Sunday.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, February 15, our worship focuses on our *PATIENT* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* (p. 302) and *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* (p. 600).

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

## MISPLACED BIBLES

We have quite a collection of Bibles. If you have misplaced your Bible, please check the bookcase next to the Coke machine in the education wing. Thank you!

## FCA BANQUET

The 2009 Fellowship of Christian Athletes "Road-to-Victory" Banquet featuring Olympic gold medal swimmer, Josh Davis, and local coaches and students will be held at the Chattanooga Trade Center on Monday, March 2, at 7 PM. 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.

## 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 Group

Mothers Encouragement Fellowship will meet Tuesday, February 17, at 10 AM. 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.

## WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

If you have not joined us on Wednesday evenings for our fellowship supper you are missing out — no cooking and great fellowship! Supper is served from 5:45 until 6:40 PM. The suggested donation for adults is \$4; for children ages 5-11 \$2.50 and children under 4 eat free.

Check out our menu below:

Feb. 18	Chicken Noodle Casserole
Feb. 25	Lasagna
Mar. 4	Pinto Beans and Cornbread
Mar. 11	Spaghetti
Mar. 18	Chili
Mar. 25	Breakfast
Apr. 1	Chicken & Rice
Apr. 8	No Wed. Activities
Apr. 15	Ham
Apr. 22	Spaghetti
Apr. 29	Taco Salad
May 6	Hamburgers/Hotdogs
May 13	Chili

## PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- \* **Laura Hall** — UT (upper class)
- \* **Nancy Henry** — Tufts (upper class)
- \* **Josh Adams** — UTC (freshman)

# For Your Information...

### ADDRESS CHANGES

Please keep us informed of any address, phone or email changes. You may email us at [awalker@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:awalker@covenantchattanooga.org). Thank you.

### THE BOOK SHELF

Looking for something to read? Good books are available for you to purchase here at the church. Check out the Book Shelf located next to the Coke machine.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A nurse is available between worship and Sunday school each Sunday in the receptionist's office to check blood pressure.

### HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Please call the church office to notify us of anyone who is in the hospital.

### STAMPS, CELL PHONES & EYEGLASSES

We continue to collect postage stamps to assist in raising money for new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America. Cell phones are also being collected to assist with the ministry of A+ Women's Care. And now we are accepting donations of old eyeglasses. These will be sent to HAFF to assist with their ministry to the people of Haiti. You may drop off any of these items at Pastor Mullinax's office. Thank you!

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Call the church office no later than  
Tuesday at 10 AM.  
Or you may email Ann at [awalker@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:awalker@covenantchattanooga.org).

### 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.

### CPC KITCHEN

If you use the kitchen or any items from the kitchen for an event here at the church such as a shower or dinner, please remember to wash up and put away all things that you have used. You are responsible to clean up any mess that you make.

### RECYCLE!

Blue recycle containers are located throughout the church for plastic and paper products.

## LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Feb. 22	Shepherding Groups Meet	
Mar. 7	Ironman's Breakfast	
Mar. 15	Brethren Concert PM	
	Bridal Shower - Laura Spalding	
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. 8	No Wednesday Activities	
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	