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The next morning it was no longer raining. But it was overcast, and the weather was turning much colder. As we headed south toward Roanoke, the wind picked up, and it began to flurry. Within just a few miles it was snowing so hard our visibility had been reduced to about fifty yards. But the temperature was just above freezing, and therefore, while it snowed all the way from Roanoke to just east of Knoxville, it never stuck to the road.

From Knoxville home it was free sailing, and the closer the horse got to the barn, the faster our car seemed to go. By four o'clock we were in Chattanooga.

So we thank you for your prayers. It was a quick but good trip. Linda's parents came back with us. They'll be here through Easter. Then they'll go to Asheville for a few days. Carol, Linda's sister, and her husband, Joel, will take them back to Moscow (PA that is).

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Mar. 16

**9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, R Pierce  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D & J Duple  
*Toddlers:* J Kesler & E Davis

**SS** *Infants:* J & K Bingham  
*Creepers:* J & L Bowman  
*Toddlers:* A & B Griffin

**6 PM** Seder Dinner

### Mar. 23 –Easter

**1st Half:** *Infants:* J Ray, R Getz  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* M & D Tawzer  
*Toddlers:* J & D Bowers

**2nd Half:** *Infants:* J & B Parker  
*Creepers:* T & A Horton  
*Toddlers:* T & M Horton

**No Sunday School or Evening Service**

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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### From the Senior Pastor . . .

For four and half years Pastor Carden has served as assistant pastor of family and youth. His deep love for Jesus and desire to serve Him is evident. He has proven to be an effective communicator of God's truths to the High School Sunday school class. And he has creatively and lovingly ministered to our children in various areas.

In response to God's leading in His life, Zack has decided to seek another call that will allow him greater opportunity to exercise the particular gifts that God has given him. He began this process in consultations with me and with the Session's encouragement.

Therefore, over the next several weeks Zack, Tennyson and their family may be gone on particular Sundays to candidate in different churches. Please, remember them in your prayers as they seek the Lord's leading.

Likewise, remember to pray for the Session as they appoint a search committee to find a new pastor of family and youth. And, while you're praying, remember the volunteers that are stepping up to the plate to assume responsibility for senior high and middle school youth, as well as the children's programs on Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

No two situations are ever the same, but in 1983 I found myself pursuing a call to become pastor of East Ridge Presbyterian Church when just a couple of months earlier I would

have told you that I would be in Simpsonville, SC for many more years as pastor of Davenport Road PC.

But the Lord had other plans. The Session of Davenport Road PC encouraged me to accept the call from ERPC. They were persuaded that my gifts fit better the needs of East Ridge than they did the work of Davenport Road PC.

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform" (*Trinity Hymnal*, p. 128, Cowper). What a wonderful truth. He's at work. We seek to know His ways. And as we do so, we are confident that in and through us He will perform wondrous things to His praise and glory, which will be for the temporal and eternal good of others.

Linda and I appreciate the prayers for us on the part of many of you as we traveled to northeast Pennsylvania and then returned home during the past several days. Here's a brief account of our return journey:

We left my in-laws Friday morning just a little after nine, hoping it would take no more than three hours to exit Pennsylvania and leave the snow behind. About half past twelve we stopped to eat lunch in West Virginia. So far, the only "weather" we had experienced was sunny, blue skies.

After lunch it began to rain heavily, but it had almost ended by the time we stopped for the evening in Lexington, Virginia.

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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

No Youth Activities this Sunday evening.

### Sign up to Feed the Youth on Sunday Evenings:

A new sign-up sheet is posted on the lobby bulletin board. You may sign up for a slot through the end of summer. If you would like more information, contact Susan Helton at 855-4433 or 718-8633.

## BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 23, a full breakfast will be served from 9 - 10:15 AM at the church. Donations for the breakfast will help offset the cost of our family-friendly mission trip to Reynosa Mexico this summer. The egg hunt at 10:30, for children age 2 through the fifth grade, will feature different age-appropriate areas for "hunting." You do not need to bring any eggs. Prior to the egg hunt we will have a story explaining the reason we celebrate Easter.

**Volunteers!!** Your help is needed with the Easter Egg Hunt. If you can help out at the Hunt on Saturday, March 22, or if you can stuff the eggs with candy and treats, contact Zack or email him at [zcarden@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:zcarden@covenantchattanooga.org).

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Sunday, Mar. 16, 6 PM — Seder Dinner
- Wednesday, Mar. 19 — No activities at CPC
- Thursday, Mar. 20, 7PM — Maundy Thursday service
- Sunday, March 23, 9:30 AM — Extended Easter Worship Service (No Sunday School /No Evening Worship)



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Fellowship Group

Mothers Encouragement Fellowship will not meet on March 18. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 1.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, March 16, we will focus through worship on our *MAJESTIC* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" and "All Glory, Laud and Honor."

## SEDER DINNER

Please note that our Palm Sunday evening Seder Dinner will begin promptly at 6 PM. It is important that those families attending be in their seats well before that time. Places have been reserved at each table for those who have volunteered to serve as "father" or "mother." If you registered, you may sit at any place other than those reserved for the "father" and "mother."

A love offering will be taken to cover the expense of this meal.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday evening, March 20, we will observe Maundy Thursday. Maundy originates from the Latin word "mandatum" meaning a command or mandate referring to Christ's command given the night before His crucifixion that His disciples should love one another (John 13:34). That night as they celebrated Passover, the disciples were told by Jesus that the bread of Passover would now represent His body, and the cup, His blood. Thursday at 7 PM we will celebrate our Lord's Supper and then participate in a tenebrae service denoting the growing "darkness" that would encompass the next two days before His glorious resurrection.

# For Your Information...

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

If you have not picked up your copy of the directory, those are available in the lobby. Regular attenders may obtain a directory by calling the church office.

### OFFICE MEMO

The church office will be closed for Good Friday, March 21.

### CPC SOFTBALL

If you would like more information about the men's softball team, contact Josh Ray at 423.227.4876. The season begins in April.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

### WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

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

**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.



### **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership this Sunday afternoon, March 16. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.

### MISPLACED BIBLE?

If you are missing your Bible, check the bottom shelf of the Book Shelf next to the Coke machine. We place all unclaimed Bibles in that location.

### 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>.

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

- \* **Charles Wykoff** — Covenant College (upper class)
- \* **Carter Whittier** — Covenant College (upper class)
- \* **Lindsay Gardner** — MTSU (freshman)

## LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Mar. 16	Seder Service
Mar. 19	No Wed. Activities
Mar. 20	Maundy Thursday Service
Mar. 21	Office Closed - Good Friday
Mar. 22	Breakfast & Egg Hunt
Mar. 23	Easter
	No SS or PM Service
Mar. 30	Shepherding
Apr. 6	Lord's Supper
	Baby Shower for Kate Lambeth
Apr. 12	Ironman's Breakfast
Apr. 13	Deacons Meeting
Apr. 19	WM Seminar
Apr. 27	Shepherding
May 3	Ironman's Breakfast
May 10	Mother / Daughter Tea
May 26	Office Closed - Memorial Day
June 9-13	Music Camp
June 15	Music Camp Program PM
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico

