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I pray that the Lord will richly bless you, accomplishing in and through you more than you can ever ask or imagine.

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

And perhaps one of these morning, instead of snowing, the trumpet will sound, the arch angel will give a shout, the Lord will descend, we shall see Him as He is, and we will be like Him in all our thoughts, words and doings.

And then, throughout all eternity, we will (all) sing with clear voices His praises.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mar. 30

9:30 *Infants:* S Coffey, J Nelson
Creepers/Toddlers: M Stevenson & E Herberich
Toddlers: E Reynolds, J Hall

SS *Infants:* D Lazor, S Choi
Creepers: L & J Bowman
Toddlers: E Brown, M Haywood

6 PM **Shepherding Sunday - No PM service**

Apr. 6

9:30 *Infants:* B Griggs, J Foster
Creepers/Toddlers: D & J Bowers
Toddlers: D Trask, N Slade

SS *Infants:* D & R Kemp
Creepers: D Thurman, S Spalding
Toddlers: S & M Haywood

6 PM *Combined:* E & M Rahm

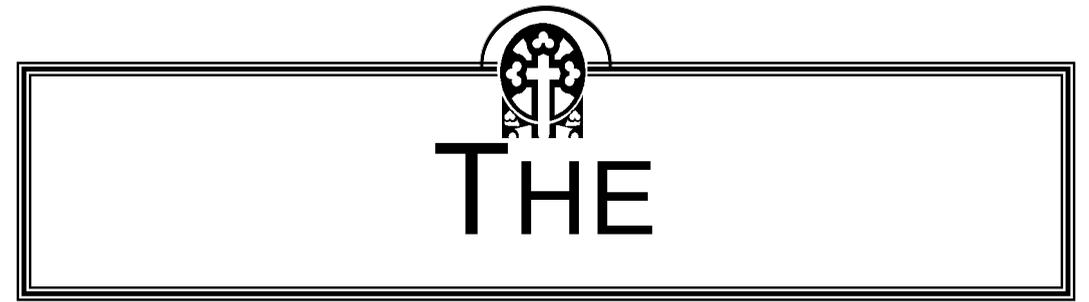
Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Mary Slade at 706-937-9298.

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From the Senior Pastor . . .

I can't remember ever before looking out our kitchen window during breakfast on the Monday after Easter and seeing snow fall from the sky.

I also can't remember the last time Easter came as early as the 23rd of March. If I'm doing my calculations correctly, I believe March 22nd is the earliest possible date for Easter, since, as many of you know, Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Whatever the date or weather, it was a wonderful time of worship and celebration this past Sunday morning.

I want to express my thanks to Jeremy and Pastor Mullinax for all their hard worship in putting together the worship service. I want to thank Ann and the rest of the office staff for their printing of a beautiful bulletin. And I also want to thank Alayne, Melissa, Todd, the choir and the other musicians for offering up their talents in praise of our risen Lord.

And for all of you who joined the choir at the end of worship to lead us in the singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus* – thank you, thank you, thank you.

As we talked about on Sunday morning, in the beginning God created man and woman to serve as image bearers of Him. One way we image Him is through our ability to write, play and sing music that honors Him while encouraging and enlightening our hearts and minds.

Sunday morning, as we sang about the Lord God omnipotent reigning, I thought about Tevia in the musical *A Fiddler on the Roof*. If you've seen the play, you may remember that when his family and community are threatened with another pogrom, Tevia suggests to God that this would be good time for the Messiah to come.

Of course, sadly, what Tevia failed to understand is that the Messiah has already come, and His Name is Jesus.

But as I stood beside my wife singing the music of Handel and the words of the Old Testament, I found myself suggesting to the Lord that this would be a good time for Him to come again.

He didn't return, but He was there. Powerfully present, as believers joined together, not only at CPC, but in many other places of worship throughout our community, as well as around the world, to sing of His victory over sin, death and the grave.

And how eager it makes us for the day when the kingdoms of this world will visibly become the Kingdom of our Christ and of our God.

Thank you one and all.

May the Holy Spirit enable us to focus upon the task at hand as we live our lives from day to day. May we strive in the strength that He provides to know Him and to make Him known through all we do and say.

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

No Youth Activities this Sunday evening.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

This Sunday, March 30, shepherding groups will meet at various times and locations. Your elder will contact you about the details. If you are not in a shepherding group, contact the church office. There will be no evening service on Sunday.

IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast Saturday, April 12, at 8:30 AM. Speaker John Herberich's topic is "Closer than a Brother." Join us for a great time of food, discussion, fellowship and prayer.

BETHANY

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Bethany is looking for families to foster, adopt or mentor local youth through an initiative called "Faithfully One-by-One" in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. The goal is to recruit, train, assess and support families from Chattanooga area churches to "look after orphans in their distress" (James 1:27). In June Bethany will offer training required by the state of Tennessee for foster and adoptive homes. If you would like more information call 622-7360 or email mrausch@bethany.org.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Laura Hall** — UT (upper class)
- * **Nancy Henry** — Tufts (upper class)
- * **Audrey Griggs** — Auburn University (freshman)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fellowship Group

The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship meets Tuesday, April 1, at 10 AM at the church. Childcare is provided.

Spring Seminar

This year's spring seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 19. Kathy Stair, our guest speaker, will discuss Biblical hospitality and real ways for overcoming our own hesitations and misconceptions about hospitality. The cost is \$10 and will include lunch. You may register this Sunday in the lobby.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower will be given in honor of Kate Lambeth on Sunday, April 6, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the parlor. Kate & David are expecting a baby girl. Kate is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, March 30, we will focus through worship on our *ETERNAL* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Lead On, O King Eternal" and "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder."

CHURCH WORKDAY



Join us for spring cleaning Saturday, April 26. We could use your help with several projects around the church - inside and outside. Some will be minor cleaning items requiring no prior experience, and some will involve specific skills and tools. More details to follow!