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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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The bottom line for me is this: if I think it's not helpful, then it's probably not wise for me to participate. If I think for me it's sinful, then I must not participate. As far as you are concerned, because of your desire to please and honor the Lord, you must make the same decisions.

In many cases I can't make those decisions for you, and you can't make them for me. But I would suggest that if Scripture teaches us to avoid even the appearance of evil, then perhaps we should choose to be safe rather than sorry.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 13

9:30 *Infants:* B Griggs, S Forrester
Creepers/Toddlers: H & C & J Armao
Toddlers: D & T Holland, E Griggs

SS *Infants:* J & M Logterman
Creepers: K Sotelo, A Steere
Toddlers: M & L Lander

6 p.m. *Combined:* Fowler Family

March 20

9:30 *Infants:* E McEachern, S Knecht
Creepers/Toddlers: L Hobbs, C Stevenson
Toddlers: A & M Sanders, L Caldwell

SS *Infants:* R & B Roop
Creepers: E Martin, R Bingham
Toddlers: J & J McNeely

6 p.m. *Combined:* Rahm Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Boo Mullinax at 423.313.7534.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor. . .

Last evening I watched one of the three movies I wrote about three weeks ago, because they were recommended in *Christianity Today*.

I've now seen all three. None of them were great. *Get Low* was worth watching simply because of Robert Duvall's acting abilities.

But last evening I watched *Conviction*. Gratefully, Linda didn't watch it. She wouldn't have been a happy camper. She'd have been terribly offended by the language. I'm not proud to tell you that I wasn't.

The characters in the movies talked like people talk. I know that. You know that. How is it that Hollywood once produced great movies, dealing with significant issues, in which it wasn't necessary for people on the screen to talk like people on the street?

And I don't mean just run-of-the-mill cuss words. I'm talking about terribly offensive language and using our Lord's Name in cursing bad people and frustrating circumstances.

And this was a movie recommended by your pastor, whose only excuse is that it was first recommended in a leading Christian publication.

I've never known what to do about art. As a kid I loved looking at art books. I couldn't wait to find pictures of nude ladies that I was allowed to look at because the painting or sculpture was considered a work of art.

And then, Rhett told Scarlet what he really

thought, and before we knew it, Ozzie and Harriett were no longer sleeping in single beds — in fact they weren't even married.

I feel like the frog placed in a pot of water over an open fire. The water keeps getting hotter and hotter, but I don't notice, because I just naturally adjust to my environment.

I love movies. I love art. But sometimes I just don't have the courage to turn my back or walk out. I don't want to be thought a prude.

And yet I know what I'm seeing and hearing isn't doing me a lot of good. It may not be wrong. It may even be honoring to my Lord. But for some reason or other, I can't handle it. And for me, if it is sinful, and I choose to indulge, I am sinning.

We could have long and interesting debates about what is art and what isn't, about what should be acceptable and what shouldn't, but the truth is we're not all the same. I had a good friend who loved the movies but would not allow me to see certain films, because he knew "they get me out of sorts."

That was a good friend. He wasn't a Censor; he was a good friend.

Last night I didn't recommend Linda watch *Conviction*. Why? Because I know her and love her.

I thought it was a good movie filled with terrible language. I struggle to comprehend whether the story justifies the language.

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MUSIC NOTES

SUNDAY WORSHIP



This Sunday, March 13, our worship will focus on our Gracious God and we'll sing *Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim* (p.12 TH).

YOUTH & FAMILY

All youth will meet this Sunday evening, March 13 in the Youth Suite. Dr. Caines will be our guest speaker.

The middle school and high school Spring Retreat will be April 29 and 30. More details will follow.

CPC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Ladies, the Spring Seminar is almost here. It is on March 18-19, 2011. We are planning a Tasters Dinner for Friday evening--a time of genuine relaxation and fellowship. Bring a dish and its recipe to share.

Saturday's Seminar is focusing on the theme of "Women in His Story." Come and be encouraged that God is actively engaged in each of our lives. He knows us intimately and is working in us for His glory and our good.

Special Speaker: Lynda Brown

Focus Ministry: CPC's Nursery

Registration and Payment deadline: Sunday, March 13, 2011

Cost: Friday--no cost; Saturday--\$6, \$3 for those 12 and under

Time: Friday--6:30 p.m.; Saturday--10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. by pre-registration only.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LUNCH

Thursday, March 17 is the day we provide lunch for the surgery room at Memorial Hospital. Please contact the office if you can help provide sandwiches and/or fruit. Thank you.

CLOTHING SWAP

It's time to clean out your closets again! Bring items you do not wear, like or that do not fit, and swap them for something you can use. There are usually men's, women's, kid's, infant's and maternity clothes with the occasional household item thrown in. Even if you don't have anything to bring, come "shop." It will be Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Amy Wooten. If you want to donate items and don't plan to come, please email Amy at the address given below. Any items left will be donated to missions. Email Amy at mattwootenfam@comcast.net for directions.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

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

*Rev. & Mrs. John Herberich
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Emily Maria*

to

*Ngasha Ebenezer Chiundiza
Saturday, the Twelfth of March,
Two Thousand Eleven*

*Half after Three o'clock in the afternoon
Saint Mark's United Methodist
Church*

*701 Mississippi Avenue
Chattanooga, TN*

Light Refreshments to be served following the Service

SHOWER/RECEPTION

The entire church family is invited to a drop-in reception/shower for Ruth Caines and her fiancé, Gary Isaacs on Sunday, April 3 in Schum Fellowship Hall from 3:30-5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for everyone to meet Gary. Ruth and Gary will be living in South Africa, so they will not be able to take purchased items upon their return.

Here are some ideas for gifts:

1. Visa or American Express gift cards.
2. Gary and Ruth are also registered at two stores in South Africa, but if you purchase a gift on the websites, the gift will be listed in South African money (if anyone is interested in doing this, please contact church office for websites).
3. Money would also be a very appreciated gift in helping to set up housekeeping in their new home.
4. Your cards and notes will be a huge blessing as well.

Finally, Ruth said she would love to have recipes from her church family. You may drop these off at the office or send your recipe with any note you might want to add AND YOUR NAME to Amy Wooten at mattwootenfam@comcast.net. Amy will need these no later than March 23th!!!!

Spring Forward

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to set your clocks forward by one hour before going to bed this Saturday night.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Session will meet with anyone desiring membership Sunday, March 20. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

CYAM RETREAT

CYAM Spring Retreat is April 8-10 at the Flatt Farm. The speaker is Dr. Dan Steere. For information contact Jason Coffey at 423.313.5125.

CHURCH WORKDAY

Please join us on Saturday, April 9 beginning at 8:30 a.m. for a church workday. This is a great time of service and fellowship. All ages are welcome. A continental breakfast will be provided before work begins that morning.



LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Mar 15	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Mar 17	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Mar 18,19	CPC WM Spring Seminar
Mar 24	Clothing Swap
Apr 2	Men's Breakfast
Apr 3	Caines/Isaacs Shower Reception
Apr 5	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Apr 8-10	CYAM Spring Retreat
Apr 9	Church Work Day
Apr 16	Caines/Isaacs Wedding
Apr 17	Shepherding Groups
Apr 19	Mothers' Encouragement Group
Apr 19	Colors of Grace Concert
Apr 21	Memorial Hospital
Apr 21	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr 23	Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 24	Easter Sunday--no SS or PM service