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instruction from 1 Timothy. Although the time was short, God's truth challenged them in both their personal and ministerial lives. This conference has already begun to open many new doors for ministry in this city of 3 million. It will become a regular venue for ELI, and I expect our teaching there to have a strong impact on the churches in Accra.

We truly enjoyed God's presence throughout this trip. The Spirit's power was evident: protecting us on the road in Nigeria, aiding us as we taught, opening new opportunities for ministry and giving the students in each venue a willingness to listen to the Word. Thank you for praying.

Pastor Steere

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 15

- 9:30 *Infants:* E McEachern, E Herberich
Creepers/Toddlers: E & K Gaither
Toddlers: J & D Herberich
- SS *Infants:* D Lazor, B Parker
Creepers: S & K Close
Toddlers: T & Y Owens
- 6 PM *Combined:* L Grant, P Henry

March 22

- 9:30 *Infants:* L & A Reid
Creepers/Toddlers: T & A Horton
Toddlers: T & M Horton
- SS *Infants:* D Crawford, S Choi
Creepers: J Kesler, B Lusk
Toddlers: M & L Lander
- 6 PM *Combined:* Martof Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Tammy Higgins at 706-820-0491.

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THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Associate Pastor...

While my recent mission to West Africa is fresh in my mind, I want to share with you an outline of what God accomplished during our time there. CPC's commitment to training African leaders is bearing fruit in remarkable ways and is contributing to the growth of Christ's Kingdom throughout this region.

WEEK ONE: AKURE, NIGERIA—This was the final session of a Certified Course Instructor (CCI) program in which 35 men were prepared to teach the book of 1 Timothy to their fellow Nigerians. The CCI program exponentially expands the reach and influence of our teaching while placing the privilege of teaching God's Word in the hands of national leaders.

Each trainee received a full exposition of 1 Timothy and a teaching outline broken into thirteen lessons. Paul's first letter to Timothy speaks directly to many of the problems found in the church in Nigeria (and in W Africa in general), so we are confident God's truth will have a tremendous impact on those who will be taught. This training session is already bearing fruit as these men prepare for their "final exam" by scheduling their own conferences. Dr. Umukoro has reported that quite a number of conferences are in the planning stages.

WEEK TWO: KUMASI, GHANA—Three ELI instructors (Dr. Allen Monroe, Dr. Joel McCall and I) worked together in Kumasi, teaching in two locations simultaneously. The

Christian Education Forum brought together nearly 50 leaders from various denominations, while at the Shiloh Bible Training Center for Pastors 180 prospective and active pastors were taught. Every year the program at Shiloh trains 90-100 pastor candidates, by teaching them a basic Bible curriculum. These candidates come from a broad range of evangelical churches.

It was a very productive week as God's people heard His Word applied to their lives. Seeing how eagerly they embraced Biblical truth, even when it conflicted with their own practices, was stunning! As a direct result, ELI has been asked to send "visiting instructors" to Shiloh twice each year.

WEEK THREE: AFLAO, GHANA—This was a new venue for ELI, working with Baptist pastors from along the Ghana/Togo border. Joel McCall and I had a great time working through 1 Timothy with them. I think this was the first time some of them had ever heard expository teaching, and they were enthralled. The translation into Ewe, the local language, cut our time in half, but God's Word worked powerfully among them. Again, we were invited to return to continue our teaching of the Scripture.

WEEK FOUR: ACCRA, GHANA—About 60 senior church leaders met at the Prisons Interdenominational Church to hear the

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YOUTH & FAMILY

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

Girls Lock-in / Guys Lock-out— March 20-21 are the dates for this event. It begins Friday at 6:30 PM until 9:00 AM on Saturday morning. Bring a friend for the fun!

Breakfast & Egg Hunt for Missions — This annual event designed to raise money for the youth summer mission trip is scheduled for Saturday, April 11. A full breakfast will be served from 9 - 10:15 AM at the church. 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.

Parents Conference — "Parenting on Purpose" is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 10 AM - 2 PM. This free conference includes lunch. If you are a parent with a child in the 0-18 age range, this is for you. Topics include: discipline, communication and fueling your child's passion for Christ. Speakers will be Pastor Caines, Ken Henry and Tony Souder. Look for registration forms in the bulletin this Sunday.

LOST & FOUND

Several coats and jackets left at church are located in our Lost & Found in the rear stairwell of the education wing. If not claimed this month, all items will be given to charity. We still have many Bibles. Please check the Lost & Found for any items you have misplaced.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Fellowship Group

The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship group will meet Tuesday, March 17, at 10 AM at the church. Childcare is provided.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

A drop-in bridal shower will be given in honor of Kristin Gardner on Sunday, March 22, in the Perseverers' Classroom from 4:00 until 5:30 PM. Kristin is registered at Kohl's, Lowe's and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Please Note Change

The bridal shower scheduled for Laura Spalding has been moved to June 7.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our *HOLY* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Holy, Holy, Holy* (p.100) and *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (p. 334).

If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, the website www.cyberhymnal.org may be helpful.

Upcoming Concerts

This Sunday, March 15, *Brethren*, an all-men's group, will present a concert for our evening service. Todd Gaither is a member of this group. Please make plans to attend and invite a friend.

Palm Sunday, April 5, Chattanooga Christian School's Select Ensemble will present a concert during the evening service.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Abby Lyons** — Samford (upper class)
- * **Mary Stevenson** — UT (upper class)
- * **Cliff Mauroner** — UT (freshman)

For Your Information...

5K RUN

Gateway Bank's 10th Annual Run/Fun Walk for Communities in Schools (CIS) is scheduled for Saturday, March 21. Proceeds from this race benefit the school children of Catoosa County. The purpose of CIS is to bring resources to schools and families to help reduce the drop-out rate in Catoosa County. As a school nurse I call on CIS every year to help fund eye exams and glasses for at-risk students. This is a worthy cause. The course is certified by the Chattanooga Track Club and is described as relatively flat through beautiful Ringgold, Georgia. Registration opens at 6:30 AM; the run begins at 8:00; the one mile walk begins at 8:05. You can register on line at www.active.com. Thank you.

Polly Henry

LIBRARY

CPC's library, located on the first floor of the education wing, is open Sunday mornings following morning worship until 11:15 AM and Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:50. Volunteers are needed to allow for additional times on Sunday evenings and Tuesday or Thursday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Danielle Wilkie at wilkienuersery@yahoo.com or 510-9297.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

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

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

MEN'S GROUPS

The following groups are available each week. Each are "open." 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

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC



Mar. 15	<i>Brethren</i> Concert PM
Mar. 22	Bridal Shower - Kristin Gardner
Mar. 27-29	CYAM Retreat
Mar. 28	WM Spring Seminar w/ Dee Brestin
Mar. 29	Shepherding Groups Meet
Apr. 4	Ironman's Breakfast
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. 11	Missions Egg Hunt & Breakfast
Apr. 12	Easter—No SS or PM service
May 1	Canyon Ridge Golf Outing
May 27	Mission: Chattanooga Kickoff
June 7	Bridal Shower - Laura Spalding
June 8	Music Camp