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Our desire and our privilege is to come alongside you. We long to see you, as parents, be “thoroughly equipped for every good work.” We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of this conference. Feel free to bring friends. This event is for anyone seeking to *Parent on Purpose*.

Chris Gregory

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

March 29

- 9:30 *Infants:* S Coffey & J Foster
Creepers/Toddlers: D, J & O Bowers
Toddlers: M & M Krieg
- SS *Infants:* D Gaines, A Creamer
Creepers: S Evans, E Beatty
Toddlers: J & H Wade
- 6 PM *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

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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From the Director of Ministry to Youth & Their Families...

As many of you know, we have planned a conference for parents on April 25. The conference, called “Parenting on Purpose,” will deal with a number of specific topics (see below) but the overall theme will be *parenting intentionally*.

We all have hopes and dreams for our children. We want them to be followers of Christ. We long to see them develop into responsible, productive adults. We hope that they will often use good judgment and discernment. We want them to marry someone who will love and encourage them. Eventually, we want to see them become well-equipped parents themselves.

While we have these hopes and dreams, it is also true that we live in the real world. For many of us, life is just plain hectic. We work, we volunteer at the church, we coach, we drive a minivan full of kids half an hour across town to ballet practice (only to find that it was canceled at the last minute!). In the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it has never been easier to lose sight of the big picture. Conversely, it has never been harder to parent intentionally.

When we’re in the midst of this “hustle and bustle” it can be extremely helpful to stop, take a deep breath, and evaluate how things are going. Our prayer is that this conference will be one of those times for you. This will be a time to take a step back from the trees and look at the forest. A time to take a deep breath and examine how things are going at home. A time to remember God’s desire for you as a parent and for your children. A time to remember that *He* loves our children more than we do. Most of us desperately need to do this.

“Parenting on Purpose” will begin at 10:00 AM. During the conference we will discuss topics that affect all parents.

The conference will be divided into five sections. Dr. Caines will speak first about discipline. After a short break Ken Henry will speak about effective methods to use when communicating with your child. This will be followed by a complementary lunch.

Our final speaker, Tony Souder, will speak about the different ways to fuel your child’s passion for Christ. After this we will have a time dedicated to asking questions of our guests and sharing in general. The conference will end at 2:00 PM.

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YOUTH & FAMILY

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

This Friday is the Girls Lock-in / Guys Lock-out at 6:30 PM thru 9:00 AM Saturday morning. Bring a friend and a change of clothes!

Breakfast & Egg Hunt for Missions — Saturday, April 11, is the date for this annual event designed to raise money for the youth summer mission trip. A full breakfast is served from 9 - 10:15 AM at the church. The egg hunt follows at 10:30, for children age 2 through the fifth grade. The egg hunt will be set up in separate areas designated for differing age groups. You do not need to bring 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 Dr. Caines, Ken Henry and Tony Souder, director of the Chattanooga Youth Network. Registration begins March 29.

RUN FOR THE BORDER

Interested in a short-term mission trip this summer along the border of Texas and Mexico? CPC is putting together a group to travel to El Paso to work with our supported missionaries, Jeff and Heather Vaughn. The Vaughns minister with BEAMM (Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries) in El Paso and Juarez. Trip dates are June 19 through June 28. See Pastor Mullinax for a fact sheet.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Spring Seminar Reminder

The "God of All Comfort" seminar with Dee Brestin is Saturday, March 28, from 8:30 AM until 3 PM. Lunch will be provided.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A drop-in bridal shower will be given in honor of Kristin Gardner this 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our *FAITHFUL* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (p.32) and *Not All the Blood of Beasts* (p. 242).

Upcoming Concert

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

NURSERY NEEDS

We need rockers, swings with reclining seats that babies can sleep in, toys appropriate for 6-15 month olds (please no cloth toys), and contoured changing table pads. If you'd like to buy one of the table pads and donate it to the nursery they run \$22, and we need two. Large items can be donated or loaned. Just put your name on the rockers or swings, and let Heather know they are only on loan.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to the Frederick family in the death of Marie Frederick on March 14.

For Your Information...

NEW MEMBERS

Listed below are the names of those who joined CPC this month. Add their names and addresses to your membership directory. Check out their snapshots on the New Member Bulletin Board outside the Visitors Classroom. Help make these new folks feel welcome at CPC when you see them!

Roy & Donna Cooper
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Roy is a retired major crimes detective and Donna is a homemaker. They are newlyweds.

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.

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 wilkienursery@yahoo.com or 510-9297.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- * **Scott Toombs** — GA Tech (upper class)
- * **Carter Whittier** — Covenant College (upper class)
- * **Jacob Rogers** — Chatt. State (freshman)

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.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATION BANQUET

Come for a time of celebration and inspiration and discover how the work of Bible translation is bringing the firm foundation of God's Word to millions of people. The banquet is Monday, April 20, at 7 PM at the Holiday Inn at 1400 Market Street in Chattanooga. Tickets are complimentary. At the banquet you will be given opportunity to play a significant role in accelerating the work of Bible translation around the world through your talents and resources. To make reservations, please contact Lynne Swan at 423-472-8632.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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