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7. Short-term mission team participants are the seed bed for a future harvest of career missionaries. The vast majority of those who go into missions as a career are short-term veterans.
8. Such mission trips are simply life changing experiences for participants.
9. Churches that send teams regularly on short-term mission trips far exceed giving to international missions than those that don't participate.

So, you may ask how can I partner with our team as our team partners with Isaiah 55? Pray and give. Pray for all needed preparation for the team and productivity of the team in Mexico. Consider giving (\$) to help us with our team expenses and also, giving goods for our fund-raising yard sale, here at CPC on May 3. Thanks.

Pastor Mullinax

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Apr. 20

**9:30** *Infants:* D Gardner, E McEachern  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* B & C Miller  
*Toddlers:* B Firth, S Wade

**SS** *Infants:* A Wagner, S Nicely  
*Creepers:* J & B King  
*Toddlers:* M & B Mason

**6 PM** *Combined:* D & L Grant

### Apr. 27

**9:30** *Infants:* D & G Schreiner  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* L & L Rogers  
*Toddlers:* M & M Krieg

**SS** *Infants:* R Roop, D Gaines  
*Creepers:* J & J McNeely  
*Toddlers:* S & B Roop

**6 PM** *No Evening Service - Shepherding Groups Meet*

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Judy Foster at 423-645-1086.



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### *From the Associate Pastor...*

Heidi and Christine Armao; Nathan, Julia and Olivia Bowers; Emily Elwood; Jay, Bev, Kelsey, Jonathan, Zach and Daniel Fowler; Mark, Beth, John Mark and Eric Griggs; Jay, Susan, Taylor and Andrew Helton; Tori Henson; John and David Herberich; Hope Horne; Jamie Martof; Mark Miller; Eric and Boo Mullinax; Emilie Musto; Andrew Smith; Mike and Olivia Tawzer; Emily Vatt . . . WOW, what a great team! Of course, I'm a little biased. But, you should be too.

These folk will comprise CPC's summer mission team to Reynosa, Mexico. There the team will work closely with CPC-supported missionaries, Nolton (NoNo) and Kate Beale. The Beales direct Isaiah 55 Ministries, a grace-based ministry that evangelizes the communities of northern Mexico through the education of the deaf - an unreached and often neglected people group. A vital part of this mission is ministering to volunteer work teams as they join them in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Maybe this is the time to share again why I'm an unabashed advocate for such short-term mission teams. A lot of churches, including Covenant, have spent considerable amounts of time, energy, prayer and money in short-term mission trips. Some ask is it worth it? Do we get a good return on our investment? Couldn't we do better by sending those funds for such trips to finance national workers and mission projects without the expense and, some say, the ineffectiveness of

sending Americans who know little of the culture or the language? Doesn't this do more to satisfy our wishes for adventure than really to extend the kingdom of Christ? My response is that there are few better ways to invest people and money.

Some of my reasons include:

1. Such teams and individuals are a great source of encouragement to missionaries, who often labor in difficult cross-cultural assignments. Those teams bring needed fellowship and support.
2. Mission teams encourage national Christians as they see, meet, fellowship and work together with brothers and sisters in the Lord who have traveled great distances to minister to them and their people. This to me is the **PARTNERSHIP** that Paul speaks of in Philipians 1:5.
3. Such teams represent, just by their presence, not to mention their ministry in word and deed, an effective evangelistic witness to the unsaved.
4. Team members' view of God's wonder-filled work in the world is often broadened and thus their mission's perspective transformed.
5. Such mission trips tie the participants' hearts to the work there, fueling further ministry through prayer, on-going correspondence, contributions, return trips, etc.
6. Mission teams and individuals serve as a catalyst and energize congregations when reports and testimonies are shared upon the team's return.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior high & middle school youth will not meet this Sunday. Please join us at the reception for the Cardens following the evening service.

## MOTHERS OF GRADUATES

Mothers of high school and college graduating seniors, please see Brenda Mason if you want to make a picture board to honor your student.

Also, please notify the church office if you have a student who will graduate this spring or who graduated in December. We will recognize our graduates in the morning worship service on Sunday, May 25.

## RECEPTION

This Sunday, April 20, following the evening service there will be a reception in the fellowship hall for Pastor Zack and Tennyson Carden and their family.

If you signed up to bring sandwiches or finger desserts, please bring those to the kitchen prior to the evening service.

## YARD SALE ITEMS NEEDED

A huge yard sale will be held at CPC on Saturday, May 3, to raise funds for the mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico in June. Please keep this in mind as you do your spring cleaning. Be thinking of items you may have that you could donate to this effort. We are especially looking for tools, exercise equipment, baby clothes & baby items, sports equipment and furniture—no adult clothing please. You may bring your items to the church beginning Wednesday, April 30. Arrangements can be made to have larger items transported to the church.

## SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Dennis Bowman and his family in the death of his mother, Mildred Bowman, April 10.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Photos & Cards Wanted

The Women's Ministry is putting together a scrapbook for Zack and Tennyson. If you have any photos we could include, please either drop those in the WM mailbox at church, email them to Amy Wooten at wootenfam@catt.com or give them to either Danielle Wilkie or Amy Wooten. Also, we would love to have any letters or cards to include as well. We hope to include photos of Zack working with the younger children as well as the youth groups and adults. Please have those turned in by April 18.

### Spring Seminar— April 19

This Saturday is the spring seminar. Kathy Stair, our guest speaker, will discuss Biblical hospitality. Come between 8:30 - 9:00 AM to sign in and have coffee and a donut. The program will begin at 9:00.

### WM Council Meeting

The council will meet Tuesday, April 29, at 7 PM at the church.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, April 20, we will focus through worship on our GRACIOUS God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "And Should It Be That I Should Gain" and "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

### Music Camp

The dates for this year's Music Camp are June 9-13. Registration forms are available online at [www.covenantchattanooga.org](http://www.covenantchattanooga.org) under Music Camp.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, kind words and hugs regarding the death of my father. Your many expressions of kindness have been an encouragement and comfort for me and my family.

Mark & Patty Wilson and family

# For Your Information...

## WALK FOR LIFE 2008

There are lots of ways to spend a Saturday morning. You could sleep in, go out for breakfast, or watch cartoons. But if you're looking for an opportunity in which the whole family can be involved, then mark your calendar and take part in the AAA Women's Services Walk for Life on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at 9AM. AAA Women's Services is dedicated to helping women and men facing unplanned pregnancies by offering life affirming options. For more information on how you can participate, look for the brochures at the welcome center in the lobby this Sunday.

## OPEN HOUSE

A+ Women's Care, a pregnancy resource center located in LaFayette, Georgia, is having an Open House on Tuesday, April 29, noon to 6:00 PM, to celebrate their new location. The organization is also in transition to become a pregnancy medical help clinic (PHMC). The Walker County Chamber of Commerce staff and ambassadors will also be present at 12:30 PM for a ribbon cutting to begin this day of celebration. Refreshments will be served.

## 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. We will work from 8 AM until noon. A continental breakfast will be provided.

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership this Sunday afternoon, April 20. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.

## REYNOSA GOLF CHALLENGE

A golf outing is planned for Friday, May 2, to help raise funds for the Reynosa Mission Trip this summer. Golf will begin at 1:00 PM at Nob North Golf course in Dalton with dinner and awards to follow. The cost is \$50 per person. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Call or email Jeremy (jgaines@covenantchattanooga.org) for more details.

## LOST & FOUND

We have accumulated several jackets and other items. If your child is missing an item, please check the Lost & Found located in the stairwell across from the Coke machine in the education wing. Items left unclaimed will be given to Goodwill.

## PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- \* **Tim Lazor** — UTC (upper class)
- \* **Matt Mason** — GA Tech (upper class)
- \* **Sam Roop** — Southern Adventist (freshman)

## LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Apr. 19	WM Seminar	
Apr. 20	Carden Reception	
Apr. 26	Church Workday	
Apr. 27	Shepherding	
May 3	Ironman's Breakfast Mission Yard Sale	
May 10	Mother / Daughter Tea	
May 11	Reception for Jeff & Wendy Henry	
May 25	Graduate Recognition	
May 26	Office Closed - Memorial Day	
June 1	Bridal Shower for Lauren Donaldson	
June 9-13	Music Camp	
June 15	Music Camp Program PM	
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico	