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We also would like to sell our home before the June 1<sup>st</sup> start date. So be in prayer for us as we are in the midst of "fixing it up" to put it on the market. All this comes at a time when I'm trying to make sure the Covenant Corp program is solid enough for me to leave, and Tennyson is getting ready for her ballet recital. So, though we are grateful for the call, we are a bit overwhelmed.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for your love for us and for our family over the last four (almost five) years. It has been a pleasure working with your children and young people. In working with them they have blessed me, perhaps, far more than I have blessed them.

If you would like to keep up with us and our progress, then you can go to our blog site at <http://thecardens.blogspot.com>. Again, thank you for all the ways you have ministered to us.

Pastor Carden

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### Apr. 13

**9:30** *Infants:* S & T Helton  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* H & C Armao  
*Toddlers:* C Smith, E Musto

**SS** *Infants:* L & A Reid  
*Creepers:* S & H Schreiner  
*Toddlers:* T & M Schreiner

**6 PM** *Combined:* Fowler Family

### 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

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



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Assistant Pastor...*

*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." **Genesis 12:1 (ESV)***

I grew up in Chattanooga. I know the area, I know the people and I know the culture. I'm constantly meeting people who know other people I went to school with or are friends with, because Chattanooga is a small town. I'm also used to people making the family connection with my name and that of my father, my grandfather or my grandmother. It's a small world in Chattanooga, and that makes it easier to make connections. But that is all going to change.

The Lord has called us to ministry in the Atlanta area. It's a different world down there. It is much harder to make connections. I know fewer people and places. Though I lived in Atlanta for two years, this is a different part of Atlanta and very new to me. So I can feel a little bit of Abram's angst when the Lord called him to leave his hometown and extended family.

So why would we leave all that we know, the people I've grown up with and the familiarity and comfort of our hometown? Because the Lord has made it completely clear to both Tennyson and me that *Christ Community Church PCA* is where we need to be.

*Christ Community Church* has called us to their young and growing congregation of 75 families to minister to children and youth. It is a church with 80 children and 20 youth-aged children. Though Tennyson and I are saddened to leave our church family here at CPC, we are excited about the "pioneering spirit" of this 6-year-old church plant. Our passion is to be on the frontlines ministering to the next generation in the South's largest city. As Tim Keller has written, "Cultural trends tend to be generated in the city and flow outward to the rest of society."

Not only do we look forward to the prospect of being part of what God is doing in the city of Atlanta, but I also look forward to the prospects of ministry development. It has already been arranged by the pastor that I will be mentored by one of our denomination's foremost authorities on youth ministry and culture.

The greatest step of faith for us, however, is that for the first time, we must raise support. Because it is a "pioneering" situation (a young church, yet without a building), it will require a portion of my salary to be raised in support. Tennyson and I are willing to do this because we believe very much in what *Christ Community* is trying to do in Atlanta. Yet it is a step of faith for us.

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## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Eric Mullinax, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Zack Carden, Assistant Pastor  
Jeremy Gaines, Director of Music Ministries  
Mark Wilson, Dir. of Christian Education & Administration

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Senior high youth will meet this Sunday for fellowship following the evening service.

## IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast this 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.

## 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

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 can bring sandwiches or finger desserts for the reception, please plan to sign-up in the adult Sunday School classes this Sunday.

## 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. More details to come.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd Fellowship 2 meets Monday, April 14, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borchers' home.
- The Mothers Encouragement Fellowship meets Tuesday, April 15, at 10 AM at the church.

### 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. Thank you.

### Spring Seminar— April 19

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. Informational brochures regarding the seminar are available in the lobby.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, April 13, we will focus through worship on our *FAITHFUL* God. One of the hymns we will sing is "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

## SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Mark Wilson and his family in the death of his father, Robert Wilson, April 3.

# For Your Information...

## 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!

## ADDRESS CHANGE

Please make the following update in your membership directory.

Joey & Michelle Logterman  
554 South Crest Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37404  
423-314-8806  
mlogterman@comcast.net

## 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.

## FREE FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

There are oak logs available in the back corner of the parking lot near the dumpster for anyone who would like to pick them up and haul them off—first come, first serve. They have been cut to fireplace length. Contact Len Williams if you have questions.

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS

Remember: if you plan to attend the Wednesday supper, you need to register by noon on Monday. You may email the church at [wednightmeals@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:wednightmeals@covenantchattanooga.org).

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

## TUESDAYS IN APRIL

Interfaith Homeless Network of Greater Chattanooga (IHN) is a ministry which coordinates with 45 area congregations to provide evening shelter, meals and volunteers for assisting the homeless. During the month of April if you dine out on Tuesday evenings at any of the participating restaurants, please mention IHN to your server to have a percentage of your bill donated to Interfaith Homeless Network.

Participating restaurants:

Big River Grille	Table 2
Sticky Fingers	Carrabba's Italian Grille
Blue Water Grille	Outback Steakhouse
St. John's Meeting Place	Broad St. Grille
Back Inn Cafe	Easy Seafood Company
FoodWorks	Sushi Nabe

## **PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:**

- \* **Heather Adams — UTC (upper class)**
- \* **Suzanna Ker — UTK (upper class)**
- \* **Ginny Henry — College of Wooster (freshman)**

## LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Apr. 11	WM Hobby Night	
Apr. 12	Ironman's Breakfast	
Apr. 13	Deacons Meeting	
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 25	Graduate Recognition	
May 26	Office Closed - Memorial Day	
June 9-13	Music Camp	
June 1	Bridal Shower for Lauren Donaldson	
June 15	Music Camp Program PM	
June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico	