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the Lord, Who throughout all of human history, has revealed His intention to save His people from sin's curse and power.

In the garden, God promised that one day a Man would born of woman, whom the evil one would attack, but Who in turn would crush the serpent's head beneath His feet. Zechariah tell us His Name is "The Branch." Furthermore, the prophet reveals to us that He will be both Priest and King. And that in a single day, He will remove the sin of the land. And then, He "will be king over the whole earth" (Zechariah 14.9).

And that is "The Gospel According to Zechariah."

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### April 5

- 9:30 *Infants:* Y Cornell, B Griggs  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* C Weekley, A Millard  
*Toddlers:* E & JM Griggs
- SS *Infants:* J & C Hildebrand  
*Creepers:* M & B Parker  
*Toddlers:* L Choquette, B Fingerle
- 6 PM *Combined:* Elwood Family

### April 12

- 1<sup>st</sup> half *Infants:* J Ray, D Gardner  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* J & H Harris  
*Toddlers:* M & C Stevenson
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> half *Infants:* D & C Platt  
*Creepers:* J & H Harris  
*Toddlers:* M & P Johnson
- No SS or Evening Service

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Peg May at 423-894-1538.

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# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Senior Pastor...*

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper twice this coming week — Sunday morning and Maundy Thursday evening. Easter Sunday morning, April 12, our worship will be extended, as we rejoice knowing He rose from the dead, victorious over sin and the grave, and therefore, by grace through faith in Him as Savior and Lord we are forgiven, embraced and empowered.

(Please note carefully: there will be no Wednesday evening activities April 8th, and no Sunday School or evening service Easter Sunday, April 12th.)

Our focus this Sunday morning, Palm Sunday, will continue to be, "The Gospel According to Zechariah."

The prophet tells us about a coming King, who rides into Jerusalem upon the foal of a donkey (Zechariah 9.9). He comes to proclaim peace to the nations and to reign "from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth" (9.10; Ps 72.8). By the blood of His covenant He sets the prisoner free (9.11).

In Zechariah 3.8-9, we learn that the LORD Almighty's Servant, the One whose name is "The Branch," will remove the sin of the land in a single day.

This coming Servant is symbolized by Joshua, the High Priest of Zechariah's day. Joshua, the High Priest, is shown having placed upon his head a crown formed from the

silver and gold of Babylon (6.11). He is the High Priest. But He is also the King.

Zechariah lived hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. The Scripture tells us that the people of Zechariah's day, and even the prophet himself, did not understand these prophecies as clearly as we do.

Peter tells us in 1 Peter 1.10-11 that "concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow."

So why do we spend time looking at "The Gospel According to Zechariah" when we have the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? It's so we will appreciate the astonishing fact that all of history is an unfolding of God's redemptive plan.

One day, all of creation will be liberated from its bondage to decay (Romans 8.21). New heavens and a new earth will be set into place. And there, all who by grace through faith have embraced Jesus as Savior and Lord, will live forever. And throughout all eternity they will glorify and enjoy God in all they do and say, think and feel.

This wasn't the pipe dream of one prophet. This is the sure and certain word of

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## YOUTH & FAMILY

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

### Breakfast & Egg Hunt for Missions

This annual event to raise money for the youth summer mission trip is Saturday, April 11. A full breakfast is served from 9 - 10:15 AM at the church. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Donations will be accepted. 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.

**Parenting 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. Look for registration forms in the bulletin this Sunday.

## CHURCH WORKDAY

Join us for spring cleaning Saturday, April 18. We need your help with several projects around the church—inside and out. 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. All ages are welcome!



## EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 12, our morning service at 9:30 AM will be an extended time of worship & celebration of our Lord’s resurrection.

There will be no Sunday school or evening service.

## WOMEN’S MINISTRY Fellowship Groups

- Mothers Encouragement Fellowship will meet Tuesday, April 7, at 10 AM in the parlor.
- The East Brainerd Fellowship groups 1 & 2 will combine this month and meet Monday, April 13, at 7 PM at Kathleen Borcher’s home.

## THANKS!

The Women’s Ministry council sincerely thanks everyone who helped put together a wonderful Spring Seminar!!

## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our MAJESTIC God. Two of the hymns we will sing are *Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna* and *All Glory, Laud and Honor* (p. 235). If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, check out [www.cyberhymnal.org](http://www.cyberhymnal.org).

### Concert

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

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday evening, April 9, we will observe Maundy Thursday. Maundy originates from the Latin word “mandatum” meaning a command or mandate referring to Christ’s command given the night before His crucifixion that His disciples should love one another (John 13:34). That night as they celebrated Passover, the disciples were told by Jesus that the bread of Passover would now represent His body, and the cup, His blood. Thursday at 7 PM we will celebrate our Lord’s Supper and participate in a tenebrae service denoting the growing “darkness” that would encompass the next two days before His glorious resurrection.

## OFFICE MEMO

There will be no Newsletter next week, April 8.

# For Your Information...

## IRONMAN’S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman’s Breakfast this Saturday, April 4, at 8:30 AM. The speaker is Reid Swanson and his topic is “Things You Can’t Say in Church.” Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

### SPRING GOLF

Elevate your game . . . to 2300 feet! This CPC golf outing is planned for Friday afternoon, May 1, at the Canyon Ridge Club, located atop Lookout Mountain. Space is limited. Registration is required. Please only one guest per CPC member. The cost is \$40. See Pastor Mullinax for details and to reserve your place.

### 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.

### 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.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership Sunday afternoon, April 19. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

### COMMUNION / DIACONATE OFFERING

The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service this Sunday. Please prepare your hearts.

This is also a time when a special diaconate fund offering is received. The funds supply the financial resources for the ministry of mercy conducted by our deacons, primarily assisting CPC family members who are in need.

### 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

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
Apr. 18	Church Workday
Apr. 26	Shepherding Groups
May 1	Canyon Ridge Golf Outing
May 2	Ironman’s Breakfast
May 27	Mission: Chattanooga Kickoff
June 7	Bridal Shower - Laura Spalding
June 8	Music Camp

