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and bless others. If this be true, what more could we ask than to know that He is using us, and will use us up to bring all of human history one step closer to that day when every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is LORD.

What a great two weeks it has been. Thank you, LORD. Thank you for all who worked so hard so that we might join the heavenly host in offering to You to the worship, glory and praise that is rightfully yours.

And now, O LORD, in sickness and health, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, glorify Yourself, bless others, and give us the confidence to know that you will give us the strength to carry out Your divine appointment.

~Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 1

9:30 *Infants:* G Brown
Creepers/Toddlers: E & L Mantel
Toddlers: N Bowers, K Sotelo, O Bowers

SS *Infants:* J Wilson, K Gaither
Creepers: A Wagner, C, G & H Morrison
Toddlers: C Weekley, J Bowers

6:00 PM Combined: Tracy Brown Family

May 8

9:30 *Infants:* L Fosgate, E Herberich
Creepers/Toddlers: A Millard, E Beatty
Toddlers: D & K Lambeth, C Gaither

SS *Infants:* P May, S Wade
Creepers: S Evans, R Bingham
Toddlers: P & A & K Liner

6:00 PM Combined: P Henry & L Caines

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



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor . . .

It's been quite a two weeks. Gary and Ruth's wedding. The visit of the Isaacs. The celebration of Maundy Thursday and Easter.

It's been a time of celebration and of tears, a time of rejoicing and of meditation, and a time of dancing and of weeping.

How astonishing is the story of our Lord's passion. How humbling is God's love for us. How stunning is our ability to love Him. How wonderful is the gift of love that makes a man and woman one flesh.

Life is filled with challenges, tests, disappointments, as well as moments of delight, joy and intense happiness. Its ups and downs can be bewildering. At times it's hard to keep one's balance.

Then come those moments of clarity when we remember once more that God reigns, that we can rest in Him, that we can know with confidence He is working all things together to accomplish what is good and best.

We need such moments of clarity, because far too often our immediate circumstances insinuate that the God we serve is neither all-loving nor all-powerful.

How did the disciples feel as they watched Jesus being forcibly removed from the Garden by the Temple guards? How did Paul feel as he pleaded three times for the LORD to take away his "thorn in the flesh"? How did Epaphroditus, Paul's brother, fellow worker and fellow

soldier (Philippians 2.25-29), feel as he struggled with a life-threatening sickness?

How difficult were the circumstances of Paul's life for him to write as he does in 2 Corinthians 4.7-10? "We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body."

Do I want Jesus to be seen in me? Yes. Is the pattern of 2 Corinthians 4.7-10 what I would choose? No. But, in truth, almost all of us have known experientially, to some degree or other, such realities. Hard pressed. Perplexed. A sense of abandonment.

Which is why the celebration of our LORD's passion is so important. He suffered. He died. He was buried.

BUT . . . He rose again, triumphant over sin, death and the grave. Because of His life and death, the penalty for our sins is paid, and we, by grace through faith, are forgiven! And now, because He lives, we can face tomorrow.

His ways may not be the ways we would choose. Our thoughts may not line-up with His. But we can know that He is working in and through our circumstances to glorify Himself

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MUSIC NOTES



Come join us June 6-10 for the best week of the year! Music, drama, snacks, recess, Bible, crafts, cotton candy, snow cones and more will keep you busy all week! Cost is \$25 for the week.

Registration forms are available in the church lobby and on the church website.

Adults and Youth: Want to volunteer for Music Camp? Please find a volunteer form on Jeremy's bulletin board, fill it out and place it in the envelope provided.

YOUTH & FAMILY

The MS and HS youth will be joining East Ridge Presbyterian at Greenway Farm in Hixson for a day of high ropes adventure. The MS is April 30 and the HS is May 7. If you are interested in this day of fun, contact Chris for more information or reservations.

SAWS BRUNCH

A brunch and small program is provided for single women and widows this Saturday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Schreiner at 423.838.0548.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Ken Henry will be the speaker at the Men's Breakfast next Saturday, May 7. Join us at 8:30 a.m. for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

THANK YOU

Dear church family,
We are grateful for your generosity towards us. When times come and we need help you always take care of us, we truly feel like we belong to you. We would not be on the field doing what we were doing if it were not for Covenant Presbyterian. Amie is rested. We have six teens living with us and are preparing to start work as youth ministers in June. God has faithfully given us a love for the teens and the people here. Thanks for giving us the joy of serving here.

~Charlie and Amie Brown

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Please make these changes in your address books:
Gerald & Donna Schreiner: dgschreiner@catt.com

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ministry Opportunity: Pre-assembled casseroles are stored in our church freezer for families in need and shut-ins. Please help us keep our freezer full and ready. Detailed instructions and suggested recipes are available on the WM bulletin board in the nursery hallway.

PCA Women's Conference: *Amazing Grace 360* in Atlanta October 7-9 will address the theme of a *grand and glorious look at the full-orbed grace of God in our lives*. The early registration fee of \$145 does not include lodging or meals. Registration forms are available on the WM table in the lobby and are due May 25. Prayerfully consider attending this event. If you are not sure but think you may be interested in going, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.

WM Connection: The Women's Ministry newsletter is available on the WM table in the lobby. Please pick up a copy to learn of upcoming women's events at CPC.

WEDNESDAY SUPPERS

Only three more Wednesday night suppers left. **SHEPHERDING GROUP** clean up duties for the month of May: Henry, J. Gaither, and Gaines. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know you can help.

GRADUATES

We would like to recognize those graduating or those who have graduated since last May. Please contact the church office as soon as possible to include your graduate. All picture boards are due May 1.

TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a fun night out with the family on Friday, May 6. Join us from 5:30 p.m. at Coolidge Park for dinner and stay for the Lookouts game at 7:00 p.m. that night. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 max per family. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.