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when you can, for as long as you can and as often as you can. Childcare for small children will be available at the church, but children are encouraged to engage in these services with parents. Participation by all is heartily welcomed. Please help us meet the challenges of the opportunities to which as a church we are committed.

Again, most regularly scheduled Wednesday evening activities here at the church take a summer sabbatical. But please note that some groups will continue to meet regularly on Wednesday evenings such as the prayer group and choir.

Choose areas of service that you and yours would like to be a part of this summer and join us as we minister here and beyond our church campus in the Lord's name.

Pastor Mullinax

NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 11

9:30 *Infants:* A Creamer, B Vandergriff
Creepers/Toddlers: P & L Jones
Toddlers: L & P Spotts

SS *Infants:* S Forrester, P May
Creepers: J & R Ray
Toddlers: J & A West

6 PM *Combined:* M & A Walker

May 18

9:30 *Infants:* L Swan, E McEachern
Creepers/Toddlers: K Swanson, N Slade
Toddlers: E Brown, D Reynolds

SS *Infants:* B & K Smith
Creepers: A Wagner
Toddlers: R & P Lyons

6 PM *Combined:* Slade Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Mindy Horton at 706-375-5828.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Associate Pastor . . .

Summer is coming down upon us. But, when? Does summer begin at the conclusion of school? Or is it jump-started Memorial Day week-end? Do we even think of its beginning as of June 21 anymore? Or is summer really an endless state of mind, conjuring up thoughts of bare feet, cold watermelon and refreshing shade? It's all a little confusing to me.

But one sure thing about summer is **MISSION: CHATTANOOGA**. Our pattern here at CPC over the past several years has been for most of our Wednesday church activities to take a break, remembering the Sabbath principle that we rest from one thing in order to give ourselves more fully to another.

With the suspension of most Wednesday evening classes, our church has increased opportunities during the months of June, July and August for ministering in our community. **MISSION: CHATTANOOGA** is our effort to facilitate service and outreach opportunities for anyone and everyone — young, not-so-young, singles, individuals, couples, families — during the summer, in and around Chattanooga — home missions, if you will.

These scheduled opportunities are by no means exhaustive. Service and outreach ministries by our church and people have been taking place and will continue. **MISSION: CHATTANOOGA** is just a means for organizing our efforts a little more. Hopefully, peoples' participation in some

of these areas will not just be seasonal. Familiarity with some of these ministries with which we partner may lead to greater involvement year around.

We'll work with local ministries and agencies — AAA Women's Services, National Memorial for the Unborn, Volunteers in Medicine, Widow's Harvest, Hope for the Inner City, Community Kitchen. These are folks we know and have supported actively and financially.

We'll have cooking and craft classes at the church for the making of items to share with others. We hope to have a group doing kids' Bible clubs off campus. We'll have a "missions support" group for letter writing and working with our stamp ministry. We'll have visitation teams going out and a home repair / maintenance team for those who have such a need. We'll engage in short-term mission team support for groups who may be coming to Chattanooga this summer. And, undoubtedly there will be other needs and opportunities that God will providentially place before us.

These **MISSION: CHATTANOOGA** opportunities will be scheduled mostly on Wednesday evenings, beginning May 28, from approximately 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We'll also have some Saturday opportunities. Some may only be able to participate in shorter time increments and some not every week. That's fine. Come

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth will not meet this Sunday following the evening service.

COMPASSION SUNDAY - MAY 11

Compassion International (CI) is an evangelical Christian child development ministry dedicated to helping needy children around the world.

The ministry partners with local churches and church-related organizations in implementing programs for children in their communities.

These programs promote the holistic development of the children by providing for their core needs - spiritual, physical, economic and social. This Mother's Day, May 11, look for bulletin inserts and an informational table in the lobby to investigate how you might get involved.

During the evening service Lynne Swan will share briefly after a 4 – 5 minute video presentation on Compassion International ministries. John Herberich will preach that evening on the compassion of Jesus.

WANTED: STAMPS & PHONES

Please remember to save your foreign and domestic stamps that are in good condition. Money from the sale of these stamps is used to fund new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America.

Also we are collecting old cell phones to support of A+ Women's Ministries.

Drop stamps and cell phones off in the collection box outside of Pastor Mullinax office door.

NURSERY NEEDS

A volunteer is needed during Sunday school on May 18 and during the evening service on June 15.

A coordinator is needed for the month of July. Contact Heather Harris at 706-937-2603 or JEH1224@aol.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mother - Daughter Tea

The Mother-Daughter Tea is this Saturday, May 10, from 1 - 3 PM.

Fellowship Groups

- The East Brainerd fellowship 1 & 2 will meet Monday, May 12, at Jean Mauroner's home at 6:30 PM.
- The Brown/Quillin fellowship will not meet this month.

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower will be given in honor of Helen Mitchell, bride-elect of Ian Higgins, on Sunday, May 18, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Helen is registered at Target and Wal-Mart.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, May 11, we will focus through worship on our *LOVING* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."

Music Camp

The dates for Music Camp are June 9-13. Registration forms are available in the lobby or online at www.covenantchattanooga.org under Music Camp. This year's program is *Joseph and the Dream Team Extreme*.

Music Camp Volunteers

Adult volunteers are needed for Music Camp. If you would be willing to help out, please email Jeremy (jgaines@covenantchattanooga.org) your times of availability for that week.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership Sunday afternoon, May 18. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.

For Your Information...

PRAYER REQUEST POLICY

The Session would like you to be aware of the policy they have established regarding publishing church-wide prayer requests. Our prayermail policy is to send requests only on behalf of the immediate family of church members, longtime attenders and our missionaries.

Therefore, we are not able to include requests for extended family members (cousins, etc.), close friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. When you have such a prayer request for friends or extended family, we recommend that you share it with your shepherding group and Sunday School class. That way it will spread pretty far throughout your circle of friends within the church.

Occasionally, some exceptions are made to include the urgent needs of pastors or other folks within our presbytery.

This policy applies to the prayer requests we send via email, or regular mail to those who do not have email. You may contact Ann Walker in the church office if you do not use email and would like to receive a printed prayer list weekly. These lists are also available in the church lobby each week.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

- May 18 Bridal Shower for Helen Mitchell
Deacons Meeting
- May 21 Last Night for Wed. Suppers
Covenant Corp Party
- May 25 Shepherding
- May 26 Office Closed - Memorial Day
- May 28 Mission: Chattanooga Kick-off
- June 1 Graduate Recognition & Reception
Bridal Shower for Lauren Donaldson
- June 9-13 Music Camp
- June 15 Fathers' Day
Music Camp Program PM
- June 21-28 Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

We will honor our graduates during morning worship, June 1. A reception will follow during Sunday School.

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

Please notify us asap if your graduate is not listed below!

HIGH SCHOOL

Josh Adams	CCS
Joe Gaither	McCallie
Andrea Griggs	CCS
Johnny Herberich	CCS
Ian Higgins	Homeschool
Drew Lazor	CCS
Cliff Mauroner	CCS
Aaron Miller	CCS
Bethany Miller	CCS
Will Musto	CCS
Jacob Rogers	Grace Academy
Holly Schreiner	Homeschool
Tyler Smith	CCS
Ruth Stevenson	Homeschool

COLLEGE

Matt Arbuckle	PSI (Masters)
Bethany Parker Firth	UTC
Trey Lloyd	UTK
John Parker	TN Tech
Bekah Smith	Covenant
John Spalding	UTC

DEACONS MEETING

The deacons will meet at 4:30 PM on Sunday, May 18.

INVITATION:

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Henry invite you to a reception in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Henry this Sunday, May 11, 2008 from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall.