

Zack is no longer our assistant pastor. And things will never be the same. How could they be? No one is going to step in with precisely the same gifts as Zack or do things the same as Zack did them.

But CPC will continue to be, as it has throughout its twenty-year history, a family-friendly church. We will continue to minister to our children and youth, as well as their parents. Precisely what that will look like I can't tell you, anymore than I could have told you what the music ministry would look like after Todd stepped down.

But we can see (and hear) what God has done. So like the Psalmist, remembering how God has blessed us in the past, we can with confidence await the days to come, eager to see how God will bless us.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

June 1

- 9:30 *Infants:* S Coffey, D Lazor
Creepers/Toddlers: E & E Vatt
Toddlers: M Arbuckle, C Weekley
- SS *Infants:* E Herberich, D Crawford
Creepers: M & J Logterman
Toddlers: L Choquette, M Haywood
- 6 PM *Combined:* J & H Harris

June 8

- 9:30 *Infants:* J Nelson, R Getz
Creepers/Toddlers: D & J Duble
Toddlers: M & C Stevenson
- SS *Infants:* J & C Hildebrand
Creepers: A & B Griffin
Toddlers: T & Y Owens
- 6 PM *Combined:* J & E Martof

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



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor . . .

Summer has finally arrived—not officially. But the days are warming up, and school is winding down. So I want to remind you of some changes to the church calendar and tell you about our search for an assistant pastor who will be directly responsible for our youth and their families.

Wednesday evening dinners have stopped for the summer, as well as most "regular" mid-week activities. *Mission: Chattanooga* will be in full swing beginning next week. Many opportunities for ministry both on and off campus are available. If you have questions, please call Pastor Mullinax or Deacon Bob Cary or Deacon Todd Smith. They'd be glad to give you the information you need to decide how you and your family can minister to the needs of others during the next few weeks.

One important activity continuing here at church is the gathering of friends and members of CPC for prayer. Deacon Doug McEachern will lead them in intercession for the church, both local and around the world, praying for circumstances and people whose situations and needs have been brought to their attention.

The Personnel Committee of the session, along with a search committee appointed by the session are busy receiving and reviewing inquiries about our need for a new assistant pastor for our youth and their families.

The members of the Personnel Committee are Elders Tom Schreiner, Ken Henry, Tom Lowe, Jerry King and Chairman of the Diaconate, Todd Smith. Assisting them in this important effort as members of the Search Committee are Geff Adams, Heidie Armao, Tracy Brown, Ken Henry, Tracy Horton and Lori Rogers.

Please, ask the Lord to give them wisdom as they advise the session about possible candidates. Senior and associate pastors are called by the congregation. Assistant pastors are called by the session, and therefore the session has immediate responsibility for the process – just as was true when we were looking for a director of music ministries.

I'm eager to see how God will lead. When Todd stepped down, many wondered if our music ministry would ever be the same. Of course, that was the wrong concern. Of course it would never be the same.

God has wonderfully answered our prayers in providing Jeremy to serve as our director of music ministries. And, in many ways, things are not the same. How could they be? Todd and Jeremy are not the same person. They have different gifts and abilities. But one thing that is the same is the zeal, desire and willingness to work hard to prepare us to bring our very best before the Lord in

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Middle School Pool Party at the Fugatt's house is this Sunday, June 1, after Sunday School. A van will take everyone to the Fugatts and return to church at 5 PM. This is a celebration to welcome the up and coming fifth graders and to say goodbye to our eighth graders. Everyone is asked to bring a snack; lunch will be provided. Please let the Fugatts know if you plan to attend(423- 855-5634).

NURSERY NEED

A volunteer is needed during Sunday school in the creeper nursery on June 22. Contact Heather Harris at 706-937-2603 or JE-H1224@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Mission: Chattanooga kicks off this Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Projects include: home repair, grounds keeping, visitation, childcare, kids Bible clubs, prayer group and clerical support for a missions organization. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Mullinax, Bob Cary or Todd Smith.

COMMUNION & DIACONATE OFFERING

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the evening service this Sunday. Please prepare your hearts.

A special diaconate fund offering is received. The funds supply financial resources for the ministry of mercy conducted by our deacons.

SWIM DAY



Swim day at the May's pool is each Thursday beginning June 5 from 11 AM until 4 PM. The invitation is open to anyone at CPC. *Parents, please remember that you are responsible for your children.*

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower will be given in honor of Lauren Donaldson this Sunday, June 1, from 4:00 until 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Lauren is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, June 1, we will focus through worship on our *JUST* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "The Mighty God, the Lord" and "Fairest Lord Jesus."

Music Camp

Music Camp is practically here!! If you have not already registered please fill out one of the forms in the lobby or print one online at www.covenantchattanooga.org under Music Camp. This year's program is entitled *Joseph and the Dream Team Extreme*.

Music Camp Volunteers

If you can help at Music Camp this year, email Jeremy (jgaines@covenantchattanooga.org) your times of availability for that week.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A new pictorial directory is in the works for this year. Dates for the sittings are July 10-12 and August 7-9. Sign ups for sitting appointments will be in the lobby this Sunday and the next two Sundays. Be sure to schedule your appointment one of these Sundays. Look for the bulletin insert this Sunday.

SS TEACHERS NEEDED

Beginning in June a teacher and a helper are needed in the 3-year-old class. A teacher in the kindergarten Sunday school class is needed and also a co-teacher in the middle school class. Contact Mark Wilson.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

This Sunday is Sunday school promotion and also graduate recognition and the reception.
