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At the end of this week many of our members and their children will travel to Reynosa, Mexico to work with the Isaiah 55 Mission, a ministry to the deaf children of that area. To assist you in your praying, here are the names of those who are a part of this team:

Heidi and Christine Armao; Nathan, Julia and Olivia Bowers; Emily Elwood; Jay, Bev, Kelsey, Jonathan, Zach & Daniel Fowler; Mark, Beth, John Mark and Eric Griggs; Jay, Susan, Taylor and Andrew Helton; Tori Henson; John and David Herberich; Hope Horne; Jamie Martof; Mark Miller; Eric and Boo Mullinax; Emilie Musto; Andrew Smith; Mike and Olivia Tawzer; and Emily Vatt.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

June 22

9:30 *Infants:* R Pierce, J Ray
Creepers/Toddlers: T & A Horton
Toddlers: T & M Horton

SS *Infants:* K & J Bingham
Creepers: J & L Bowman
Toddlers: M & L Lander

6 PM *Combined:* E & M Rahm

June 29

9:30 *Infants:* J Kesler, G Brown
Creepers/Toddlers: S Evans, P Brown
Toddlers: B & H Lehmann

SS *Infants:* F Lowe, L Caines
Creepers: K & S Close
Toddlers: J & H Wade

6 PM *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Kay Gaither at 706-866-1252.

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THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor...

Last week 170 children attended Music Camp. Sunday evening they shared with us what they had learned about the life of Joseph. By God's grace I pray that knowing Joseph's story, they will better understand their own. And therefore, when life becomes terribly difficult and seems horribly unfair, they will be able to rest in the knowledge that Joseph's Lord is their Lord, and that He is now working in and through their circumstances to accomplish His eternal purposes. By faith, they will know that when evil seemingly triumphs, in fact it is God's mysterious and yet good purposes which are prevailing.

As was true in Joseph's life, it often takes years before God's plan is understood and His purposes revealed. And in many cases it may not be until Glory that we finally see and understand. But here and now, by grace through faith, we can know that He is working all things together for the good purpose of making us more and more into image bearers of Him, that our lives might praise and glorify His Holy Name and be used by Him to bless others.

What more could we ask? What more could we want? He loves us. For us He suffers the horrible consequences of our rebellion against Him. In our place He suffers and dies. By grace through faith He delivers us from the pit. And then, He opens our eyes, unstops our ears, illuminates our minds, recreates our

hearts, and changes our wills, so that we find within us a passionate desire to know Him and to make Him known.

He tells us that because we live in a fallen world, we will suffer the consequences of its corruption, of our sinful foolishness, and of the sinfulness of others. And at times, these things will threaten to overwhelm us.

But, as with Joseph, so it is with us: that in our suffering we may be tempted to believe that evil has triumphed, but in fact those things that we must endure are part of the means by which our Lord is moving us closer to that day when all His enemies will be put beneath His feet.

Frequently it seems we are asked to defend what appears to be a meaningless position against an enemy whose continuous attacks threaten to overwhelm us; but we know that the battle is the Lord's, it is His commands we are to obey, and that no matter how long and bloody the conflict, victory is assured.

To all who have worked so long and hard this past week to teach and encourage our children – thank you! Thank you to Jeremy, Melissa and Mindy for their tireless efforts. And while I would thank all who served and taught, I want to thank especially all the middle school and high school young people who were so vitally a part of this endeavor.

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

The Senior High youth will meet this Sunday evening following the evening service.

Middle School White Water Trip

The date for the trip has been changed to Friday, July 11. The last day to order discount tickets for \$25 is July 6. See Tracy Horton for tickets and for information.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Your prayers are desired for our upcoming mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico and for each of the team members listed on the cover. We leave this Saturday, June 21, and return June 28. Please pray that our trip will be productive and for the health and safety of all those who are going.

MEN'S MINISTRY

The goal of the Men's Ministry at CPC is to promote discipleship and fellowship. We strive to do that in several ways but a primary vehicle for achieving that is through small groups or regular one-on-one meetings.

You are invited to join any of the groups listed below. Or if you'd like to be in a men's group, but aren't sure where to start, you may contact Will Kesler (423.893.7493) or Mark Wilson (423.899.5377) for more information about the Men's Ministry at CPC.

- Tuesday 6:30 AM; Dr. Swan's office; Cleveland; leader: Larry Swan (423) 472-8632
- Tuesday 6:45 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Tracy Brown (423) 493-9665
- Wednesday 6:30 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Eddie Rahm, (423) 892-1477
- Friday 6:00 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Mike Fingerle (423) 605-1405
- Friday 8:30 AM; Brainerd Baptist BX building (Belvoir Rd); leader: Pastor Mullinax (423) 899-5377

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Unclaimed Items

During construction many random items moved into the new Women's Ministry office (formerly known as Mark Wilson's office). If your Sunday school class or committee is still looking for a TV remote or crayons or a flower pot boot or even a collection can, please check the WM office. Thank you.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, June 22, we will focus through worship on our *UNCHANGING* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners."

A Night of Singing

This Sunday evening, June 22, join us for a service of music presented by the musical groups and soloists of CPC.

REMINDER: STAMPS & CELL PHONES NEEDED

Please remember to place foreign and domestic stamps that are in good condition in the collection container beside the door of Pastor Mullinax's office. The money from the sale of these stamps funds Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America. One of our Mission: Chattanooga teams this summer will prepare these to be sent off to the processing location.

Also if you have an old cell phone no longer in use, donate it here at the church to support A+ Women's Care. Place cell phones in the collection container beside Pastor Mullinax's office door.

For Your Information...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each of the Sunday evenings that our youth meet we try to provide a simple meal for them. We need your help! Buy and prepare a simple meal such as tacos, pizza, nachos, etc, and you will be reimbursed for your purchases. A sign-up sheet listing available dates is on the bulletin board located by the stairs just off the lobby. If you have questions, contact Susan Helton.

BREAKFAST WITH RUTH GRAHAM

Scenic City Women's Network presents their Fourth Annual Praise Breakfast on Thursday, June 26, from 7-9 AM at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Ruth Graham will speak. Tickets are \$25; a table for 8 is \$200. Order your tickets today at www.scwn.org or call 423.698.6262.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Mission: Chattanooga is happening each Wednesday at 6:30 PM throughout the summer. Everyone is welcome. Each Wednesday 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.

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at CPC Wednesday, July 23, from 4-8 PM.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Donaldson
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Lauren Elizabeth Donaldson

to

Adam Thomas McCrary

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCrary
Saturday, the fifth of July
two thousand and eight
at six o'clock in the evening
Covenant Presbyterian Church
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MISPLACED BIBLES

If you have mislaid your Bible, check the bottom shelf of the Book Shelf next to the Coke machine. We have a large number of unclaimed Bibles.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

June 21-28	Mission Trip to Reynosa, Mexico
June 22	<i>A Night of Singing</i> PM
June 29	Shepherding
July 4	Office Closed
July 5	Donaldson/McCrary Wedding
July 6	Lord's Supper No PM Service
July 10-12	Sitting Dates for Pictorial Directory
July 12	Ironman's Breakfast
July 23	Bloodmobile
Aug. 7-9	Sitting Dates for Pictorial Directory
Aug. 27	Wed. Suppers resume

