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Having handbells presents a wonderful opportunity to enhance our worship of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask you to prayerfully consider helping this ministry get off the ground. If you can help cover any of the \$2500 cost of repairing the bells and are so compelled, please do so. This was not expected, and therefore was not budgeted. Any help in establishing the handbell program is greatly appreciated.

It's been a busy summer for the music program. I pray it gets busier soon.

Jeremy Gaines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

July 6

- 9:30** *Infants:* D Gardner, J Foster
Creepers/Toddlers: H & C Armao
Toddlers: B Canada, K Cooper, E Vatt
- SS** *Infants:* D Gaines, M Parker
Creepers: C & D Platt
Toddlers: B Fingerle, E Beatty
- 6 PM** *No Evening Service*

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 Director of Music Ministries...

This has been a busy month for the music program here at CPC.

Music Camp was a ton of fun for the 170 children we had attend this year! To handle that many children, we had over 60 teachers and volunteers here during the week helping in many ways. Thank you to all who helped Music Camp remain excellent.

This past Sunday evening various soloists of the church presented *A Night of Singing*. We are blessed to have many talented musicians in our church. We will definitely have more "nights of singing" in the future.

God has blessed the music ministry here in another way. Here's how:

Many of you may know Tracy Wright, a regular visitor of our church and band director at Ringgold Middle School. Tracy and I have talked for over a year about handbells and where to find a set for a reasonable price. A four-octave set of new handbells costs \$13,000. We were looking for something a little cheaper. After following a few leads, our handbell journey seemed stalled at the end of a dead-end street.

Having put the idea to bed in my own mind, I received a call from Tracy asking me to come down to his band room. He had something he wanted to discuss with me.

When I arrived, Tracy told me that he had found a set of handbells. Tracy and I met with the choral director and the principal to discuss how best to handle the transaction. Since the school had not used these bells in 10 years and they were in need of repair, the only thing they asked in return was the possibility of having a concert in our sanctuary at some future date. I agreed and was then struck by God's mysterious ways; only after I thought there was no conceivable way to find bells at a reasonable price, did God give us bells at no cost.

After having the bells examined by the Schulmerich handbell representative, it was determined that in order to have the bells restored to proper playing condition it would cost approximately \$2500. This will ensure that these bells stay in an excellent state for years of ministry opportunities.

Once the bells are repaired, a handbell choir will be formed. This choir will meet regularly and present music in worship about four times a year and in the Christmas concert. In January we will begin using the bells with our older children's choir to teach them how to play bells as well as how to read music and rhythms. Through bell ringing, the musicianship of our younger members can be developed.

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FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

No youth meetings this Sunday evening due to shepherding groups meeting.

Middle School White Water Trip

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

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

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

Please do not forget that each Wednesday evening throughout the summer an array of ministry projects are available in which you and your family may be involved. The time is 6:30 PM. A prayer group also meets at 7:00 PM.

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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 13	Reynosa Mission Team Report PM
July 23	Bloodmobile
July 20	Teresa Snow Update PM
July 27	Shepherding
Aug. 7-9	Sitting Dates for Pictorial Directory
Aug. 27	Wed. Suppers resume
Oct. 26	Joint TVP Service at CPC
Oct 29	Haiti Mission Trip

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, June 29, we will focus through worship on our *PATIENT* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Be Still My Soul."

If you would like to hear these hymns and use the words in preparation for worship, the website www.cyberhymnal.org may be helpful. It has the words, a recording and sometimes the history of the hymn and hymn writer.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Ronda Lyons and her family in the death of her father on June 20.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

If you have not signed up for a sitting appointment for the new pictorial directory, please do so this Sunday. Sign-up sheets are located at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Shepherding groups will meet this Sunday, June 29. Your elder will contact you concerning the details. If you are not currently involved in a group and would like to be, contact the church office.

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at CPC Wednesday, July 23, from 4-8 PM. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

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.
