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confidence becomes when we know that He is our God, and we are His people. How profound the challenge becomes when we understand that He has chosen us to serve as His royal priesthood, as citizens of His holy nation, declaring His praises through all we do and say.

Again, during the last two and a half weeks of August, all the pastoral duties of the church will be Pastor Mullinax's. I'm grateful for the confidence I have in his God-given gifts. Working in tandem with Mark and Jeremy, I know God will use him to serve you well.

Pray for all of us. Pray for Dr. Steere as he shepherds me through the meeting of this great challenge, privilege and opportunity. Remember Linda and Susan in your prayers. And I will promise to pray often for all of you.

So that's what I'll be doing. These are the challenges that lay before me. May God be pleased to use this time for His glory.

Pastor Caines

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### July 13

**9:30** *Infants:* L & A Reid  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* M & T Bacon  
*Toddlers:* D & O & J Bowers

**SS** *Infants:* K & S Orthner  
*Creepers:* D & E Reynolds  
*Toddlers:* L Orthner, A Millard

**6 PM** *Combined:* Elwood Family

### July 20

**9:30** *Infants:* S Gritter, E McEachern  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* D, O, MA Tawzer  
*Toddlers:* B Firth, S Wade

**SS** *Infants:* D & R Kemp  
*Creepers:* J & J McNeely  
*Toddlers:* M & S Haywood

**6 PM** *Combined:* Fowler Family

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

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# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Senior Pastor...*

Linda's Uncle Tom Cross once told me, "If you don't tell the people what you're doing, they won't know what you're doing." With that thought in mind, I want to tell you why you won't see me around much during the next two months.

Beginning tomorrow, July 10, the Session has granted me a three-week academic leave. My objective is to finish, once and for all, a book I've been writing and rewriting (and rewriting) on I Corinthians 13, entitled "A More Excellent Way."

Many of you are aware of this project. Some of you aren't. In the early 90's I preached for many (many) weeks a series of sermons based upon Paul's description of love. In I Corinthians 12 and 14 Paul talks about spiritual gifts. All believers are gifted by God at one time or another with a supernatural ability to accomplish God's particular purposes for them and others. God gives us these gifts to glorify Himself, to minister to one another, and to make Himself known to others. We don't all have the same gifts, which is why we need one another. The church performs its God-given task through its various members exercising their gifts. For the Body to function as God intends, each part must do its work – a work for which God supernaturally equips, empowers and enables His people.

But to each and every one of His people God gives the grace of love. We do not all have the same gifts, but we are all the recipients of God's grace. And by the grace that saves, we are given the grace to love in a manner reflecting God's love for us. When we love Him and one another as He has loved us, we enter into that "more excellent way" that God uses to turn this world right side up.

So, please pray for me as I attempt, again, to complete the task of editing (for the last time) the fourteen chapters of this book. Of what use it will be for the church is in God's hands.

I will worship with you on the 13th and 27th. Pray for Pastor Mullinax, because on his shoulders will rest most of the pastoral duties of the church during these three weeks, including the weekly preaching and teaching of God's Word.

I'll be back in the saddle the first two Sundays of August. But then the following three, I will accompany Dr. Dan Steere as we teach for one week in Nigeria and then for a second week in Ghana. It will be my privilege to assist him, teaching and training some of the church leaders in these two countries in the truths of covenant theology and their applications to the lives of the churches and people.

It is absolutely critical that we understand who we are and Whose we are. How great our

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## FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

The senior high youth will meet this Sunday following the evening service.

**Volunteers Needed** Each of the Sunday evenings that our youth meet we try 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.

## TATERS & TUBESTEAKS — JULY 25

Join us on Friday evening, July 25, for a night of food and fun. We will meet at Coolidge Park between 5:45 - 7:00 PM for grilled hotdogs & sausages, chips, cookies and soft drinks. Then at 7:15 PM we will take in a ballgame at AT & T Field where the Lookouts will play the West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx. The cost is \$5 per person with a \$15 maximum per family. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the lobby.

## SUNDAY EVENINGS

This Sunday evening, July 13, we will hear a report from the missions team on their recent trip to Reynosa, Mexico.

On Sunday evening, July 20, Teresa Snow a missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ will give a brief report of her work. Also that evening will be a time for an eclectic look at past and present day hymns along with the history behind them.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Sunday Worship

This Sunday, July 13, we will focus through worship on our GOOD God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place."

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

## HANDBELL MEETING

This organizational meeting is for anyone who may be interested in being part of our newly-forming handbell choir. This choir is open to anyone middle school age and up. We will decide on the best time for holding practice. If you are interested, join us in the Perseverers classroom on Sunday, July 20, at 4:30 PM.

## IRONMAN'S BREAKFAST

In Psalm 145, David glorifies God for His mighty acts and wonderful works. This Saturday morning, July 12, it will be your opportunity to do the same. Come prepared to offer a 2-3 minute testimony about a specific demonstration of God's grace and mercy to you or to your family. I'll be leading, but you will be speaking. Join us at 8:30 AM.

Pastor Caines

## BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at CPC Wednesday, July 23, from 4-8 PM. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the lobby.

## For Your Information...

### 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.

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY APPOINTMENTS

If you did not sign up for a sitting appointment for the new directory, you will receive a call soon from Patsy Pressley who is with Olan Mills. She will schedule an appointment for you. If you need to contact her, you may do so at 476-6265 or [patsypressley@yahoo.com](mailto:patsypressley@yahoo.com). The dates for the sittings are listed in the "Looking Ahead at CPC" box.

### 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.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Two helpers are needed in the 2 year old class beginning in September. Contact Mark Wilson if you would like to help.

### DEACONS MEETING

The deacons will meet this Sunday, July 13, at 4:30 PM on the second floor of the office wing.

### OFFICE MEMO

Please keep us current on any email changes that you have. Email is an important tool we use to keep the CPC family informed. So remember to call us (899-5377), or email those changes to [office@covenantchattanooga.org](mailto:office@covenantchattanooga.org). Thank you!

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

## LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

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
Sept. 19-20	WM Fall Retreat
Oct. 19	Shepherding
Oct. 26	Joint TVP Service at CPC
Oct 29	Haiti Mission Trip