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Many music activities are starting back in the next couple of weeks. If you haven't been involved in the music programs of the church now is a great time to start.

The Sanctuary choir will sing this Sunday in the worship service, and practice will begin Wednesday evening, August 6, at 7:00 PM. If you are looking for a time of fun, encouragement, and singing praise to God then come join us.

Handbell Ensemble begins this Sunday, August 3, at 4:30. If this is a group you are interested in joining, please contact me as soon as possible.

Children's choirs will begin again on Sunday, August 17, at 6:00 PM. There is need for adult helpers for the choirs. If you can assist, please let me know.

Music is a gift to both those who give and receive it. Come be a part of the music ministries here at CPC as we lead God's people before His throne.

Jeremy Gaines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

August 3

9:30 *Infants:* L Swan & D Gardner
Creepers/Toddlers: M & M Krieg
Toddlers: L & P Spotts

SS *Infants:* S Nicely, P May
Creepers: R & B Roop
Toddlers: J Mauroner, L Hobbs

6 PM *Combined:* T & P Brown

August 10

9:30 *Infants:* S & H Schreiner
Creepers/Toddlers: C, G & K Smith
Toddlers: R & P Lyons

SS *Infants:* S Nicely, P May
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Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Tammy Higgins at 706.820.0491.



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From the Director of Music Ministries...

Take a music bath once or twice a week for a few seasons, and you will find that it is to the soul what the water bath is to the body.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

In the journey and adventure that is called parenting, many books and pamphlets are written to help a parent down the proper path. Never in any book or pamphlet I have read does it speak of 3:00 AM car rides to pick one's child up from a marching band field trip.

Meka handles all of the late night and early morning issues with Kale. There is good reason. I sleep like a rock. If I have to get up early, I usually set the clock at least two hours earlier so that I can function properly.

Picking Avery up at 3:00 AM was on me though. I dreaded the thought all day. I slept restlessly knowing the alarm would soon wake me. Alas, at two o'clock, it did.

I hit the snooze.

At 2:10 it woke me up again.

I hit the snooze . . . again.

At 2:20 it again interrupted my slumber.

Delaying the inevitable no longer, I rose and began the process of getting out the door. Making it to the car, I sat down and fastened my seatbelt only to realize...

I did not have the keys.

Unfastening myself and staggering back to the house, I was greeted by my wife at the door with the keys and a chuckle.

As I drove the ten minutes to the school, my mind was numb and cloudy. I determined that the radio was needed to keep me company or I might end up in a ditch. I turned on "Music Through the Night," a Moody Broadcasting show that plays in the wee hours of the morning.

As the radio played, songs from the past and present flooded the airwaves and my soul. Almost immediately I felt refreshed by the words of hymns and choruses sung in praise of God. Those songs, more than any pastor's words or cup of coffee, ministered to me in my time of need.

I can't begin to count the number of times in my life when songs have been brought to mind at the exact time they were relevant. Songs that strengthened, corrected, nurtured, taught, and refocused me. The Psalms were written to be sung, and one main reason, I believe, is so they would be remembered in one's daily walk.

Sometimes I picture David as a shepherd boy, out in the hills alone in the wee hours. He sang songs to God, for God, and of God. But those same songs gave him the same peace that I received in the early morning hours in my car.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY

Twilight Pool Party for the middle school youth is planned for this Sunday evening at Hassle Acres. The vans will leave CPC at 7:05 and return the kids around 8:40 PM.

Senior high youth will meet this Sunday evening for fellowship after the service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday School

Two helpers are needed in the 2-year-old class beginning in September. A husband/wife team would be ideal, but the most important thing is a willing heart. Contact Mark Wilson if you would like to help.

Covenant Corps

Teachers and helpers are needed beginning September 3 in our Wednesday night children's program, Covenant Corps. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Mark Wilson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPIC

Dr. Tim Sisemore, a member of CPC and child psychologist, will be teaching his book *Our Covenant with Kids* in the Kingdom Seekers classroom starting August 17. Books are available for \$10. Contact Jon Harris (706.937.2603 or JEH1224@aol.com) regarding books and questions.

COMMUNION / DIACONATE OFFERING

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

This is also a time when a special diaconate fund offering is received. The funds supply the financial resources for the ministry of mercy conducted by our deacons, primarily assisting CPC family members who are in need.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies, be sure to mark your calendars now for the Women's Ministry Fall Retreat scheduled for September 19-20. You may register in the lobby this Sunday.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, August 3, we will focus through worship on our *LIVING* God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Thine Be the Glory" and "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want."

Important Dates

Sunday, August 3 — Sanctuary Choir resumes meeting at 9 AM and Handbell rehearsal begins at 4:30 PM. *(note: this is a change in the previously publicized date.)*

Wednesday, August 6 — Sanctuary Choir resumes practice at 7 PM.

Sunday, August 17 — Children's Choirs resume meeting at 6 PM.

Children's Choirs Volunteers

Several adult helpers with children's choirs are needed this year. If you are interested in assisting, please let Jeremy know.

Handbell Donations

We have received some of the donations needed to cover the cost of refurbishing our handbells but we are still about \$1600 short. If you would like to contribute, make your check payable to CPC and indicate on the memo line: "handbells."

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership on Sunday afternoon, August 17. Call the church office (899-5377) to schedule a time.
