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will begin to publish both the NIV and ESV translations of the sermon text in the bulletin. Hopefully during the next year many of you will choose to purchase a copy of the ESV.

Obviously, some may choose not to do so. To aid our visitors and those who may not choose to purchase an ESV, we will be replacing our NIV pew Bibles with ESVs.

The Session knows that not all will understand or agree with the need for this change. Believe me, I understand. Some of you have written extensive notes in your NIVs. I have forty years of sermons based upon the text of the NIV. But the Word of the Lord does not change and the Session believes that in the long run this will be best for us as a congregation.

I didn't like leaving "my" house. But I now recognize my Dad and Mom were economically wise to build a series of homes. One day, I hope and pray we will all agree that the Session's decision was wise.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 10

9:30 *Infants:* S Schreiner, B Griggs
Creepers/Toddlers: M & J Schleger
Toddlers: E Griggs, H Harris, A Schreiner

11:00 *Infants:* D Gaines, N Cooper
Creepers: E & E Vatt
Toddlers: T & Y Owens

6 PM No Evening Service

July 17

9:30 *Infants:* E McEachern, S Knecht
Creepers/Toddlers: B & H Lehmann
Toddlers: R & S James, S Beatty

11:00 *Infants:* D & R Kemp
Creepers: S Coffey, E Beatty
Toddlers: G & B Lusk

6 PM No Evening Service

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Kay Gaitner at (423) 883-1488.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Pastor....

Our son David's family has recently moved into a new home. I'm not sure how the grandchildren are doing, but I know for me such changes were hard.

When I was seven, we moved from the only home I had ever known at 33 Crescent Ave. to a four-room apartment on Olden Ave. Extension. Daddy was building a new house for us at 72 Federal City Road, but it wouldn't be ready for several more months, and our "old" house, which Daddy had built five years before, had already sold. The only two things I liked about that apartment were the creek that ran behind it and a soft ice cream shop located just across the street.

When I went away to college, my parents moved again. Daddy had built a third house at 90 Bunker Hill Road. When I came home for Christmas, "my" house in which I had lived since the fourth grade was now occupied by strangers.

I don't do "change" well.

Now, after many months of study, debate, prayer and consideration, the Session has voted overwhelmingly (but not unanimously) in favor of a significant change for CPC.

In the early 70s, I purchased a New International Version (NIV) of the NT. By the mid 70s various books of the OT were printed. In 1978 the entire OT was made available. In 1984 the "final" edition of the NIV was printed, which is the translation we use at CPC.

I was raised on the KJV. Like many of you, I

Have memorized many passages from this classic translation. But for me, the NIV was a breath of fresh air, and it is from this translation that I have preached for the past thirty-five years.

However, from all the Session has read, it appears that the 1984 edition of the NIV will soon no longer be available. A new edition of the NIV began to be published in 2011. It is politically correct, removing many of the male pronouns for the supposed purpose of making them gender inclusive, including some references to God and Jesus. The 2011 NIV reflects a change suggesting the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, which we believe to be the very Word of God, is out of step with the times.

Ten years ago a new translation of the Scripture, the ESV (English Standard Version), became available. The ESV is more faithful than the NIV to the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, not only in its translation of pronouns, but in its overall approach to the original languages.

The ESV has been widely embraced by the PCA and other evangelical denominations. Many PCA literatures, including the SS materials we use here at CPC, quote the ESV, as do many of the books I have read that are written by evangelical writers such as John Piper, a reformed Baptist.

For these reasons and others, the Session has decided that CPC pastors will begin to preach and teach from the ESV by January 2013. In preparation for this change we soon

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YOUTH INFORMATION

Youth Yard Sale/Bake Sale: The youth will be sponsoring a HUGE yard sale and bake sale Saturday, July 10 from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. -rain or shine. They would love your old clothes, furniture, books, electronics and anything else you are willing to part with! Donations are accepted the week of July 5-9 and can be dropped off in Schum Fellowship Hall at the church. If any of the church ladies would like to donate to our bake sale, all desserts, breads, muffins, cookies and other goodies are accepted. If you are interested in renting a table for \$20 to sell your own things or have further questions, please contact Reba Gregory. Youth, if you are planning on helping, please come 45 minutes early and stay at least an hour afterwards to help set up and clean up. Thank You.

Mission Camp Macon: All adults and youth going to Camp Macon (July 10-16) need to fill out a registration form which is on the bulletin board outside of Chris's office. In addition, all youth need to attach a written/typed copy of their testimony to the registration form. Turn completed forms in to Chris Gregory ASAP.

Coffee Talk: There are no youth group meetings during the summer, but there will be Coffee Talk! Join Chris and Reba at their home for coffee and conversation from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on July 21 and August 11. Contact Chris or Reba for more information.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, July 16, at 8:30 a.m. The speaker is Aaron Messner from Covenant College. He will speak on practical ways of connecting with the younger men and keeping them connected with Christ and the body of Christ. As we hear *Calling All Pauls and Paul Wannabes* join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer. On August 6, Chris Gregory will be speaking and on September 17, BB Bell is scheduled to speak on current issues during the 10th anniversary of the 9/11.

SHOES FOR SOULS MINISTRY

We're collecting shoes to help the Homeless Foot Clinic on 11th St. Please bring used (in good condition) or new shoes, new socks (even diabetic socks/ and summer and/or winter socks) of all sizes, and foot supplies (powder, lotions, emery boards, large nail clippers, etc.) in order to assist the homeless. There are two collection boxes outside Mark Wilson's office. Contact Sherry Baierl if you have any questions at this e-mail sherry_baierl@memorial.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

July 9	Youth HUGE Yard Sale
July 16	Men's Breakfast
July 19	Session Meets
July 21	Memorial Hospital Lunch
July 21	Youth Coffee Talk
August 2	WM Council
August 6	Men's Breakfast
August 14	Back to School Bash
August 18	Memorial Hospital Lunch

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome these new members to our CPC family.

Gary & Diane Cosby
1330 Sunset Drive
Signal Mountain, TN 37377
(423) 866-3692

They have regularly attended CPC since last fall. They live on Signal Mountain and have grown children.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Please make these changes in your directory:

E-mail Changes:

Joyce Trask: futurejoyce@gmail.com
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jonathanedwards74@gmail.com
Bev Middleton:
middletonbeberly5@gmail.com

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SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool is each Thursday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are responsible for the supervision of your children and for clean up.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

This weekend, all items left in the lost and found area will be donated to the youth Yard Sale. If you are missing something, please check for your item before Friday. All lost and found items are placed in the stairwell across from the coke machine.

BABYSITTING

Free Babysitting for Moms: Each Wednesday through July, some of our young ladies are offering free babysitting from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. here at CPC. Space is limited so RESERVATIONS are necessary each week. If you would like to take advantage of this ministry, please contact Diana Bowers at 423-718-0366 by 7 p.m., Monday of each week. Children crib to age 10 are welcome.

STAMPS SUPPORT MISSIONS

Did you know that stamps from letters can be used as revenue for missions? Please place your saved foreign and domestic stamps, in good condition, in the collection container beside the door of Pastor Mullinax's office. These stamps are sent to a Christian retirement community in Florida for processing. The money from the sale of these stamps is then used to fund new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America. These stamps are being sorted and prepared to mail to Florida during Mission: Chattanooga, so please remember to bring them in as soon as possible!

