

## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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CPC's team (Jason & Michael Coffey, Mark Miller, Curtis & David Owens, Eric Mullinax, Meredith Hobbs, Anna Steere) worked particularly on a house building project and a VBS outreach program in a poor neighborhood east of El Paso, where a future church will be planted.

To hear more about this team's trip to the Southwest . . . along with reports from: Zack Carden and his work with Christ Community Church in Acworth, Georgia; David Close and his (and daughter Kelly's) recent medical missions trip to Honduras; Lewis Reid and his past two weeks' stint leading youth mission teams in Chattanooga . . . join us this Sunday evening, July 12.

Pastor Mullinax

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### July 12

- 9:30** *Infants:* G Brown, J Ray  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* S & M Haywood, M Collison  
*Toddlers:* M Bond, L Caldwell, D Gardner
- SS** *Infants:* B Mullinax, D Crawford  
*Creepers:* M & B Parker  
*Toddlers:* E Beatty, A Millard
- 6 PM** *Combined:* Fowler Family

### July 19

- 9:30** *Infants:* E McEachern, B Griggs  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* A Creamer, S Mills  
*Toddlers:* JM & E Griggs
- SS** *Infants:* D & R Kemp  
*Creepers:* D & E Reynolds  
*Toddlers:* J & J McNeely
- 6 PM** *Combined:* Tracy Brown Family

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



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## From the Senior Associate Pastor . . .

"Are we there yet?" That persistent inquiry is usually heard (more than once) from young children on long journeys. Such a question is not reserved for our kiddos. It certainly was on the mind, if not the lips, of the CPC missions team that recently drove to El Paso, Texas, to work with Jeff and Heather Vaughn.

The Vaughns, CPC-supported missionaries, are part of the *Border Evangelism And Mercy Ministries* (BEAMM) team ministering in the "twin cities" of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and El Paso, Texas. BEAMM was formed through a mutual agreement between *Mission to North America* (MNA) and *Mission to the World* (MTW), the two mission agencies of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Typically, MNA focuses on church planting and enabling within the US and Canada. MTW focuses on church planting and ministry outside of these two countries. Because of the uniqueness of the US / Mexico border region, it was determined that the resources of both agencies were essential for ministry there.

The US / Mexico border is one of the longest borders between any two countries in the world. A hundred years ago the border region was vaguely defined with sparse populations and for the most part didn't attract much attention. Commerce and people flowed freely along the fairly undefined border.

A century later the border defines a place where two distinct civilizations face each other and overlap. Border crossings, while still fairly easy, have been complicated by events such as the destruction of the World Trade Center buildings on September 11, 2001. Security into the US has been tightened, yet US industry is eager to take advantage of the ample supply of inexpensive labor and incentives made available by the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Today, millions of people live and interact along this 2,000-mile boundary between these two neighbors that are so close and yet so different.

There are seven sets of major "twin cities" on the US / Mexico border: Brownsville & Matamoros, McAllen & Reynosa, Laredo & Nuevo Laredo, El Paso & Ciudad Juarez, Nogales & Nogales, El Centro & Mexicali and San Diego & Tijuana. The PCA's BEAMM teams are promoting church plant movements by establishing a network of churches in each of these border cities. BEAMM is establishing training programs for ordained and lay people in each region of the border to equip the body of Christ to be able to teach and serve others. BEAMM is also helping the church networks to promote mercy ministries within their communities such as: English as a Second Language (ESL), skills training, counseling services, and job placement.

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## YOUTH & FAMILY

**Six Flags Trip** The middle school and high school youth will be going to Six Flags with the youth from East Ridge Presbyterian on Tuesday, July 28. We would love to have the rising 6th graders and their parents, if possible, join us. Admission is \$25. Bring a bag lunch. Or you can bring lunch money if you prefer. Please let Chris know by July 21 if you will be going.

## IRONMAN BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Ironman's Breakfast this Saturday, July 11, at 8:30 AM. Our speaker, Richard Mauroner, will address the topic of handling stress. Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion, and prayer.

## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our **GOOD** God. We will sing *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul* (p. 57) and *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (p. 521).

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.

## DEACONS' MEETING

The deacons meet this Sunday at 4:30 PM.

## 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.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY PresWIC Fall Retreat

The PresWIC Fall Retreat at Fall Creek Falls is Friday, October 16 - Saturday, October 17. Please register with payment by August 10. Registration forms are available in the lobby.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Sherry Baierl at [sbaierl@bellsouth.net](mailto:sbaierl@bellsouth.net) or call her at 423-580-4376.

## SHOWERS Bridal

A bridal shower will be given for Sarah Swan this Sunday, July 12, from 4:00 until 5:30 PM in the Perseverers classroom. Sarah is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

## Baby

A baby shower will be given for Dana Vandergriff on Sunday, July 19, from 3:00 until 5:00 PM in the Perseverers classroom. Dana is registered at Target and Babies R Us.

## EVENING SERVICE

This Sunday, July 12, our evening service will be one of reports and testimonials. Those who have recently returned from mission trips will give reports including the El Paso mission team. Also Zack Carden will be with us to report on his work at a PCA church plant in Atlanta.

## NURSERY NEEDS

Nursery coordinators are needed for the months of August, December, & February. Contact Heather Harris at 706-891-8754 or [JEH1224@aol.com](mailto:JEH1224@aol.com).

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The session will meet with anyone desiring membership on Sunday afternoon, July 19. Call the church office (899.5377) to schedule a time.

## For Your Information...

### STAMPS, CELL PHONES, EYEGLASSES & TOILETRIES

We continue to collect postage stamps to assist in raising money for new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America. Cell phones are also being collected to assist with the ministry of A+ Women's Care. And we are accepting donations of new toiletries and old eyeglasses. These will be sent to HAFF to assist with their ministry to the people of Haiti. You may drop off any of these items at Pastor Mullinax's office. Thank you!

### FREE MOVIES

Each Tuesday throughout July the City of Ringgold offers a free family movie day at 11 AM at the Ringgold Depot. Call 706.935.5290 for reservations. Popcorn & drinks available at \$1 for both.

### SERMONS ON THE WEB

If you would like access Pastor Caines' recent sermons in MP3 format, use the following web address: <http://www.covenantchattanooga.org/sermons.aspx>.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

July 11	Ironman's Breakfast
	Suni Choi's Wedding
July 12	Sarah Swan's Bridal Shower
	Deacons' Meeting
July 12-17	HS Youth Mission Camp
July 19	Dana Vandergriff's Baby Shower
	Membership Sunday
July 21	Session
July 26	Shepherding Groups Meet
Aug. 1	Laura Spalding's Wedding
Aug. 26	Wed. Night Suppers Resume
Oct. 11	Church Picnic
Oct. 14-23	Haiti Mission Trip
Nov. 13-15	CPC Missions Conference
Dec. 6	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 13	Children's Choirs Christmas Program

### MEN'S GROUPS

Please note the following men's groups are available each week. Each are "open," and you are encouraged to invite other men to participate with you. In addition to these group leaders, you may contact Dee Hobbs or Mark Wilson for more information about the Men's Ministry.

- Mon. 7 PM; Samson Society; Visitor's classroom; leader: Reid Swanson 423.867.1669
- Monday, 7:30 PM; Dead Theologian Society Barnes & Noble (Starbucks) at Hamilton Place leader: Nathan Bowers, (423) 260-5950
- Tues. 6 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Jason Coffey 423.313.5125
- Tues. 6:30 AM; Dr. Swan's office; Cleveland; leader: Larry Swan 423.472.8632
- Tues. 6:45 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Tracy Brown 423.493.9665
- Wed. 6:30 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Eddie Rahm 423.892.1477
- Wed. 6:30 AM; Jim Martof's office, EB Road; leader: Doug McEachern 423.894.5708
- Fri. 6 AM; Wally's restaurant, downtown; leader: Mike Fingerle 423.605.1405
- Fri. 8:30 AM; Brainerd Bapt BX bldg (Belvoir Ave); leader: Pastor Mullinax 423.899.5377

### SUPPORT FCA

The Betty Probasco FCA Golf Classic sponsored by Krystal will be held Monday, July 20, at the Lookout Mountain Golf Club. If you would be interested in sponsoring a team or need more information call, 423.877.3561.

### BUDGET REPORT

Year-to-Date as of 6/30/09	
General Budget Giving	\$496,914
Budget Requirement	565,626
Shortfall	(68,712)