

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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for her did not include marriage. And if that was God's plan, she would be content.

Many of the stories shared this past week were told in recognition of God's providential care, the simple faith of a man and woman who over a span of more than eight decades learned to be content in any and all circumstances, and the delight of this particular moment in time.

It was an amazing weekend. Truly amazing. A weekend spent in celebration of God's amazing grace.

Suni still owns her home here in Chattanooga. Therefore, even though they will officially reside in West Orange, NJ, we hope to see them regularly, especially when the temperatures begin to drop and the snow begins to fall.

Pastor Caines

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

July 26

9:30 *Infants:* S & T Helton
Creepers/Toddlers: P & L Spotts
Toddlers: M, C & R Stevenson

SS *Infants:* E Cary, B Lusk
Creepers: A & B Griffin
Toddlers: J Mauroner, B Fingerle, A Griffin

6 PM *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

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 Pastor . . .

I've never officiated at a wedding in which either the bride or groom were Korean, much less both.

I've never attended the wedding of two medical doctors.

And I've never even heard of a wedding in which both the bride and groom were older than eighty, and the bride was getting married for the first time.

But I have now.

Dr. Suni Choi, longtime member of CPC, and Dr. Chung Shik Kim were married this past Saturday evening. Linda and I had the privilege and honor of being a part of both the rehearsal and wedding festivities.

It was simply amazing.

Some day I'll know more of the story of this friendship that began in Korea over sixty years ago. When I do, I'll share with you whatever details I can.

But I can tell you this: the times of celebration were full of joy and happiness, marked by expressions of love and appreciation for these two wonderful people, and a hilarious delight in how God has brought these two people to this moment of being joined together as husband and wife.

During the rehearsal dinner and wedding reception, many marvelous stories were shared. Some made you laugh. Some made

you cry. All of these stories left you in awe of the God Who loves us and leads us step by step, sometimes in pleasant places, often through difficult circumstances, until suddenly we arrive at a place we never anticipated, where God inundates us with His unexpected blessings and pleasures.

These stories were delightful and entertaining. But they were also filled with memories of terrible suffering, excruciating pain and unimaginable loss.

Chung Shik's father was a Presbyterian minister in Pyongyang, who during the Korean war was imprisoned and eventually executed by the communists.

Suni's father, serving as a missionary to China, was also executed by the communists.

At the time of his father's death, Chung Shik was a student in Seoul. Chung Shik's mother and six younger children managed to escape from Pyongyang. Two months later, they arrived in Seoul, having completed a tortuous journey of some 150 miles.

Early last year, Chung Shik suffered the sudden loss of his wife to whom he had been married for almost fifty years.

Suni has lived alone most of her life. For many years, until she was in her sixties, she had prayed for a husband. She stopped praying that prayer, convinced that God's plans

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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 Tuesday, July 21, if you will be going.

MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday our worship focuses on our *MERCIFUL* God. We will sing *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* (p. 498) and *Christ of All My Hopes the Ground* (p. 518).

CONVERSATIONAL DINNERS

Conversational dinners are an opportunity for fellowship open to every adult of CPC (no children, please). The dinners meet once every two months, and each person or couple takes a turn hosting a group of eight adults. The groups are scrambled after each meeting.

If you are interested in being involved or if you wish to be taken off the rotation, contact Boo Mullinax at 855-8851.

The duties of the host or hostess involve contacting each member of your assigned group with date, location and dish assignment.

If any guests in your group are unable to attend, feel free to invite someone else—maybe a new member or visitor at CPC.

As a guest, always notify your hostess if you are unable to attend or happen to be running late.

Conversational dinners are a great way to connect with those outside your circle of friends.



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 Baiertl at sbaiertl@bellsouth.net or call her at 423-580-4376.

BABY SHOWER

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

CPC member Shirley Jones and Luther Allin were married July 12.

MEALS FOR MOMS

Meals for Moms is our ministry of encouragement to new moms. We have new moms and expectant moms for whom we would like to provide meals. Rhonda Shore, Camille Platt and Kate Lambeth have recently had babies. Linda Jones is expecting this month. If you can help by taking a meal to one of these families, call Lyndsey Bowman at 423-432-1526.

SYMPATHY

The church extends sympathy to Sally Forrester and her family in the death of her mother, Jill Payne, on July 14.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

For Your Information...

NURSERY NEEDS

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

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.

ADDRESS CHANGE & PHONE CHANGES

Please make the following change in your membership directory:

Suni (Choi) Kim
317 Saint Cloud Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052

Jeremy & Domekia Gaines
423-591-4393

LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

July 19	Dana Vandergriff's Baby Shower
	Membership Sunday
July 21	Session
July 26	Shepherding Groups Meet
Aug. 1	Ironman's Breakfast
	Laura Spalding's Wedding
Aug. 26	Wed. Night Suppers Resume
Sept. 19	WM Fall Seminar
Oct. 11	Church Picnic
Oct. 14-23	Haiti Mission Trip
Oct. 16-17	PresWIC Fall Retreat
Nov. 13-15	CPC Missions Conference
Dec. 6	Adult Choir Christmas Program
Dec. 13	Children's Choirs Christmas Program

*Dr. & Mrs. Jay A. Spalding
Request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

*Laura Elaine
to*

Thomas Gerald Zylstra

*Saturday the first of August
Two thousand and nine at
Half past one in the afternoon.*

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Cake reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

*Please RSVP by July 24th, 2009
at www.Laura-and-Tom.com*

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!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEWSLETTER?

Call the church office no later than
Tuesday at 10 AM.
Or you may email Ann at awalk-er@covenantchattanooga.org.