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lessons, fleeting time and failing memories make this rare without memorials of some kind to prompt our remembrance. As Joshua led the people of Israel into the Promised Land, they encountered what looked like an insurmountable barrier in the form of the River Jordan at flood stage. God parted the river and allowed the people to pass through on dry ground. God knew His people's tendency to forget even miracles, so he had Joshua instruct twelve men to set up stones of remembrance (Joshua 4:5-7).

There are many different ways of setting up memorials to God's faithfulness, and they don't have to be set in stone. But, may God help us to be alert for His redemptive hand in all our trials and find ways to commemorate His blessings. Your children and your children's children will reap the rewards.

Pastor Mullinax

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### August 24

**9:30** *Infants:* S Forrester, J Wilson  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* E Vatt, K Fisher  
*Toddlers:* P & L Jones

**SS** *Infants:* E Cary, K Swanson  
*Creepers:* T Higgins, M Horton  
*Toddlers:* M & B Mason

**6 PM** *Combined:* E & B Mullinax, J Gaines

### August 31

**9:30** *Infants:* D & G Schreiner  
*Creepers/Toddlers:* E & J Martin  
*Toddlers:* C & D Platt

**SS** *Infants:* C & S Whittier  
*Creepers:* D & E Reynolds  
*Toddlers:* D Thurman, J Hall

**6 PM** *No Evening Service:* Shepherding Groups Meet

**Please note:** If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Tammy Higgins at 706.820.0491.



# THE NEWSLETTER

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### *From the Associate Pastor...*

Less than a hundred years ago, cotton was still king in the South. Entire regions almost completely depended upon this one crop. Southern farmers began to realize the precariousness of a one-crop economy as rumors reached them of a boll weevil epidemic spreading from Mexico into Texas and heading their way. Sure enough the boll weevil reached LA (lower Alabama, not the city of angels) by 1915, destroying that year's cotton crop and causing a regional depression.

One farmer from Enterprise, Alabama proposed a solution. He convinced the farmers of Coffee County to diversify their crops, specifically encouraging them to plant peanuts. At the same time, George Washington Carver, an African-American scientist working at nearby Tuskegee Institute, was researching and popularizing new uses for the peanut, so the crop sold well. The diversification was good for the soil, which had been depleted by years of cotton crops.

In hindsight, the residents of Coffee County recognized that the boll-weevil epidemic had been one of the best things to ever happen to their economy. They decided to commemorate this epidemic in a way that many have considered odd. They placed a monument to the boll weevil in the middle of downtown Enterprise. Today locals proudly claim that the Enterprise boll weevil monument is the only known monument dedicated to a pest.

In spite of its unconventional nature, the boll weevil monument is a source of inspiration to me, representing people who were able to recognize that a disaster in their midst turned into an unanticipated blessing. They did not give themselves the credit for ingenuity, because they might never have considered crop rotation if they had not been forced. They graciously praised that which had cursed them and learned to consider the boll weevil a "friend" in disguise.

When that which we view as disastrous strikes in our lives, it is natural to feel persecuted. Why me? What have I done to "deserve" this? We are tempted to give up, convinced that there is no way to surmount the obstacles we face. Or, we might be tempted to react in defiance in an attempt to prove our toughness to the world. But there is a third option; we can respond in humility, waiting to see how God might use tribulations for our good to bring us closer to Him. When we especially see the good coming out of evil, we should respond in thankfulness. Each example of God's grace turning hardship into holiness should give us further confidence to trust Him when the next blow comes, as it inevitably will.

But there is another lesson I learn from the Enterprise monument. It is the lesson of passing down the redemptive lessons we learn to future generations. Although we may have good intentions about passing down our important life

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## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Covenant Corps

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.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

Our Wednesday suppers resume August 27. The meal is served between 5:45 - 6:40 PM. The menu for the first night is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and brownie trifle. The cost is \$4 per adult and \$2.50 for children, ages five to eleven. Children four and under are free. The maximum per family is \$15.

## CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET

A+ Women's Care will hold their fifth annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, September 25, at 7 PM at the Collonade. A silent auction will be held between 5:30 and 7:00 PM. You can sponsor a table of eight for \$250. Individual seats are \$35. For more information call 706.639.1889 or go to [www.aplus.womenscare.org](http://www.aplus.womenscare.org).

## HOPE FOR THE INNER CITY

The Board of Directors of Hope for the Inner City is pleased to invite you to join them for dinner and a program with Dr. John Perkins at Brainerd Crossroads. Dr. Perkins is an international speaker and teacher on racial reconciliation, leadership development and Christian community development. You can sponsor a table of eight for \$400. Individual seats are \$50. For more information call 423.698.3178 xt. 102 or go to [hope4.org/page/banquet](http://hope4.org/page/banquet).



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY Fall Kick-off

Following the supper on Wednesday evening, September 3, CPC women will meet together to kick off the fall schedule. Ladies, plan to attend to find out the opportunities that will be available to you this fall.

### College Ministry

Thanks to all the adult volunteers who have committed to praying for our college students this year. **However, we still need about 14 more volunteers so that each student is covered.** This is an important ministry and encouragement to these young people and their families. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, contact Brenda Mason at 423.855.7457 or [bren854@comcast.net](mailto:bren854@comcast.net).

### Conversational Dinners

Would you be interested in a regularly scheduled dinner meeting with 7 other adult members or regular attenders of CPC? This can be any combination of couples and/or singles. The purpose is to develop relationships with new members and others in the church. The scheduled dinners will most likely meet monthly. The host couple will provide the main dish with the others contributing to the meal. If this is something in which you would be interested, contact Boo Mullinax at 423.855.8851 with your comments or questions.

## MUSIC MINISTRY Sunday Worship

This Sunday, August 24, we will focus through worship on our **FAITHFUL** God. Two of the hymns we will sing are "Though Troubles Assail Us" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

### Children's Choirs Volunteers

Senior high youth are needed to assist with the children's choirs. If you are interested, please let Jeremy know.

# For Your Information...

### FCA EVENT

On Monday, September 1, at 8 AM, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) will hold their annual 5K Race/Walk at Chattanooga State. This is a great family event. There is a 1K option for the kids. Early registration is due by August 25 or you may register the day of the race between 6:30 - 7:00 AM. Brochures are available in the lobby. For more information call race director Chad Varga (423.875.3642) or Bev Fowler (706.937.2869).

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

CONTACT of Chattanooga is a faith-based crisis call center with offices located on Vance Road across from AAA Women's Ministry. They need volunteers to work at least 2 shifts each month. CONTACT is offering on-site training for anyone interested in being a volunteer "counselor." For more information, call 423.899.5719.



### REMINDER

Give your cards and gifts of encouragement for Courtney Arrington to Carrie Harper. She will send them each week. Place any items or cards in the box in the receptionist's office. Suggested items include snacks, chocolate, magazines (interior decorating), gift cards (Target, Walmart, Panera, Starbucks, Papa John's Pizza, Subway). These are all businesses near the hospital. Cash donations will be put on a Visa gift card.

### THE BOOK SHELF

Looking for something to read? Good books are available for you to purchase here at the church. Check out the Book Shelf located next to the Coke machine.



## LOOKING AHEAD AT CPC

Aug. 27	Wed. Suppers resume	
Aug. 31	Shepherding	
Sept. 1	Office Closed-Labor Day	
Sept. 14	Joint Service at Trinity Pres. Cleveland	
Sept. 19-20	WM Fall Retreat	
Oct. 4	Ironman's Breakfast	
Oct. 5	Men's & Women's Separate Services PM	
Oct. 12	Church Picnic (Hassle Acres)	
	No evening service	
Oct. 26	Joint TVP Service at CPC	
Oct 29	Haiti Mission Trip	
Nov. 14-16	Missions Conference	
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Service	
Nov. 27-28	Office Closed	
Dec. 12	WM Christmas Dinner	
Dec. 14	Children's Choirs Christmas Program	
Dec. 21	Adult Choir Christmas Program	
Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols Service	