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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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France), veteran missionaries who work closely with CPC supported missionaries in France, Pete & Ruth Mitchell.

5) **Emily Morris** (MTW/Free Church, Scotland) "our" Emily has recently been approved to work in a two year missionary internship in Fort William, Scotland.

Please mark your calendars and make every effort to be a part of these important events in the life of CPC. Childcare will be available at all activities.

Another sense of **expectancy** is from Chris Gregory's and my upcoming trip to Haiti, immediately following the missions conference. There we will rendezvous with my son, Kyle, who is involved in on-going post-quake building projects. We plan to visit HAFF and lay some groundwork for a youth-oriented team to go there next year. Your prayers are appreciated for this trip.

Pastor Mullinax

NURSERY SCHEDULE

November 6

9:30 *Infants:* K & M Wilson
Creepers/Toddlers: D & E Reynolds
Toddlers: K Fisher, M Horton, W Gaither

S.S. *Infants:* P Bandy, P May
Creepers: A Steere, R Bingham
Toddlers: D & A Heisig

6 p.m. *Combined:* Elwood Family

November 13

9:30 *Infants:* L & A Reid
Creepers/Toddlers: C Weekly, A Millard
Toddlers: D & T Holland, S Beatty

S.S. *Infants:* S Coffey, E Beatty
Creepers: B Leach, R Bingham
Toddlers: G & B Lusk

6 p.m. *Combined:* Tracy Brown Family

Please note: If you are unable to find a replacement for your nursery duty, call Cayce Weekley at 423.843.5008.



THE NEWSLETTER

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From the Senior Associate Pastor....

As I sit down this Monday afternoon to write the Newsletter article, I am hosting a couple of welcomed emotions: a sense of fullness, and a sense of expectancy.

The sense of **fullness** comes from just looking out my window at the beauty of this gorgeous fall day. Through the brilliance of turning leaves and the crisp autumn air, nature is surely declaring God's glory! I love this time of the year and there's no other place I'd rather be.

Also, last night's combined Reformation Celebration worship service was such a rich and satisfying experience. Being together with so many good friends, enjoying the wonderful singing, the diversity of people leading in the service and the powerful preaching of the Word all have left me with a wonderfully full feeling and a foretaste of heaven.

I'm also excited and have a sense of joyful **expectancy** about our upcoming missions conference, November 11-13. Our conference activities will take place from Friday evening through Sunday evening. This year's theme is *An Inheritance of Nations*, taken from Isaiah 55.5. God, through His Son and the proclamation of His gospel, is bringing nations into His fold. We'll hear just how the Lord is doing that in all parts of the world.

Friday evening, November 11, an international dinner kicks off the conference. Please bring an "international" dish to share, and **please** arrive by 6:15 p.m. so that we can begin serving promptly at 6:30 p.m. Around 7:15 p.m.,

a short evening program will begin in Schum Fellowship Hall.

At 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, we'll gather for a light breakfast. The focus of our time together Saturday will be prayer. We'll literally pray around the world...for our people and God's work...from Chattanooga to Ukarumpa, PNG...from Slovakia to the Solomons. During the prayer time children, ages 3 through fifth grade, will be dismissed for their "African Safari". Les & Mary Anne Harris (AIM missionaries) will share as they explore God's work in central Africa.

On Missions Conference Sunday, November 13, activities will be familiar. Rev. Les Harris will preach in the 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services. All middle school through adult Sunday School classes are suspended from their normal courses in order to give our missionary guests opportunities to speak in combined classes.

Along with the Harrises, our missionary guests will be:

- 1) **NoNo & Kate Beale** (Isaiah 55 Ministries, Reynosa, MX), many of you have worked closely with the Beales through the years.
- 2) **John & Leigh Craft** (Reformed University Fellowship at UTC), missionaries to our local university campus.
- 3) **Drew & Ann Grisham-Jennings** (Peace & Hope Intl., Bolivia) well known young couple to many here at CPC, going as career missionaries to Bolivia.
- 4) **Jamie & Jacki Gildard** (MTW-Marseilles,

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YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Rake & Bake Bowl:

Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the youth will be raking up leaves for the elderly and baking for the needy in our community. Be sure to bring a rake and gloves.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Bruce Spencer invites friends from CPC to a reception celebrating his 80th birthday on Sunday, November 6th, at the Hickory Creek Townhomes Clubhouse from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. No gifts, please. For information call Bruce at 423.892.5042. This is not a surprise!

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

On November 11-13 the annual CPC Missions Conference will focus on Isaiah 55.5, *An Inheritance of Nations*. Joining us for the conference is Les & Mary Anne Harris (*Africa Inland Mission*), NoNo & Kate Beale (*Isaiah 55 Ministries, Mexico*), Jamie & Jacki Gildard (*MTW, France*), Emily Morris (*MTW, Scotland*), John & Leigh Craft (*RUF at UTC*) and Drew & Ann Grisham-Jennings (*Peace & Hope International, Bolivia*). There will be an international dinner on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and a light breakfast served at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Memorial Hospital Luncheon

In recognition of your ministry, you are cordially invited to a Thanksgiving and Sharing Luncheon hosted by Memorial Hospital. Please call the church office by November 14 if you would like to attend the brief program and entertainment provided at the Memorial Hospital Community Rooms Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FALL BACK

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday evening, November 5.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts to deliver to needy children around the world at Christmastime. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. *Brochures about OCC will be in the bulletin and in the lobby this Sunday.* These include stickers to be placed on the boxes marking age and sex of the child. You can participate several ways:

- **Fill a shoe box** for a specific sex/age child (2-4, 5-9, 10-14). OCC requests the use of Wal-Mart or Dollar store's plastic boxes which are shoe box sized as they are more durable. Also, if you are able to write a note to include in your box, it would be a great blessing to that child as they have been known to prize things like letters and pictures well into adulthood. Collection point is the Ladies Sunday School classroom across from the Coke Machine.
- **Donate items** for shoe boxes and empty shoe boxes. Sample items: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, small toys, combs, socks, school supplies, hard candy (no chocolate - it melts), etc.
- **Donate money** - OCC requests \$7 for shipping per box. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, and put OCC on the memo line. Drop it in the offering plate no later than November 13.
- **Wrap and stuff boxes** on Saturday, November 19, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School classroom. *November 19 is the deadline for boxes and items.*

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Catherine Grant will be held on Sunday, November 13, in Schum Fellowship Hall from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Catherine is registered at Williams & Sonoma, Belk and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

PRAYING FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Cliff Mauroner	Jessica Duble
Emily Morris	Kelley Close
Ruth Stevenson	Bobby Fugatt

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Please make these changes in your directory:

Email/Phone Numbers:

Josh & Renee Ray: rayfam4@epbf.com

New Address:

- ◆ Pius & Natalie Mutubwa
Joyce*, Tegra*, Benedicte*, Gloire*
2011 E. 33rd Street
Chattanooga, TN 37407
- ◆ Bill & Mary Caudle
6468 Village Lake Circle
Chattanooga, TN 37412

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and is served until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation is \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11 and children under 4 eat for free. The maximum family donation is \$15. There will be no meal November 9 due to the mission conference. The entree for Nov. 16 is Chicken-N-Rice.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of November: E. Brown, King, Henry, J. Gaither. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know you can help.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

"What did you expect?" Redeeming the Realities of Marriage with Paul Tripp will be held at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church. The conference is November 18 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. and November 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 for couples, \$20 for individuals and \$15 for students. Childcare is provided upon request. Please register on-line at www.LMPC.org.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Nicole May will be held on Saturday, November 12, at the home of Kelly Orthner at 5:00 p.m. Nicole is registered at Baby R Us and Target.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

It's time again for our annual collection of nonperishable food items to share with those in need. Please bring your donations of canned goods and staples and place them in the box outside Mark Wilson's office by November 19. Monetary donations are always welcome and are needed to purchase perishable items (turkey, ham, etc.) on the day of delivery. If you know someone in need, or if you yourself could use a hand this year, please contact the church office or an elder. As a church body, we are abundantly blessed. 1 John 3.17-18 "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." May God lead us to share generously and cheerfully according to the abundance with which He has blessed us.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, November 5, at 8:30 a.m. Pastor Caines will speak and the title is "Not On My Watch." Join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 5	Men's Breakfast
Nov 6	Fall Back-Time Change
Nov 6	Celebrate Lord's Supper
Nov 9	NO Wednesday Night Supper
Nov 11-13	Missions Conference
Nov 12	Nicole May Baby Shower
Nov 13	Diaconate Meeting
Nov 14	Catherine Grant Bridal Shower
Nov 15	Mothers Encouragement Group
Nov 17	Ladies Bible Study
Nov 17	Memorial Hospital Lunch
Nov 19	Youth Rake & Bake
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Praise Service
Nov 24-25	Office Closed for Thanksgiving