



The eNewsletter

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Looking Ahead...

- April 14**
Men's Breakfast
Youth Free Childcare
- April 15**
Georgevich/Mason
Bridal Shower
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
- April 17**
Mother's Encouragement
- April 18**
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meets
- April 19**
Ladies Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- April 20**
Chicks 'n Chocolate
- April 21**
Church Work Day
Rent-a-Youth Work Day
- April 22**
Jones/Ray Bridal Shower
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
- April 25**
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 26**
Ladies Bible Study
- April 28**
Rent-a-Youth Work day
- April 29**
Moye/Coffey Bridal Shower
Shepherding Sunday
- May 1**
Mother's Encouragement
WM Council
- May 2**
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 3**
Ladies Bible Study
- May 5**
Ladies Tea
- May 6**
Schreiner/Herberich
Bridal Shower
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble

From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

With the sun unhindered by clouds and the temperature having cooled, I was treated this morning to a spectacular view of Carter Hall sitting atop Lookout Mountain, its red roof and cream colored walls clearly distinguishable. (I know the color of Carter Hall's roof and walls because I called and asked Linda.)

Of course, some mornings you can't even see the mountain. Other mornings, even if the mountain is visible, Carter Hall is but a shadowy outline.

In Mark 8.22-26 Jesus places His hands upon a blind man twice in order to heal him. After Jesus' first touch, the blind man can see, but everything remains blurry and undefined. It is only after Jesus touches the blind man's eyes a second time that we're told "his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly."

Peter knew what it was to see and yet not be able to distinguish truth from error. As we talked about this past Sunday, on Easter morning Peter enters the tomb, sees it is empty, but does not understand or believe.

Some time that day, according to Luke, Jesus appears to Peter. Yet, in Luke 24.26ff when Jesus appears to the eleven, they are all — including Peter — described as being startled and frightened, thinking they see a spirit.

The Son has risen, for a moment the heat of opposition has cooled, but it will take time for them to see clearly that Jesus is bodily, physically, risen from the dead, and that therefore the One standing before them is not a ghost but, in fact, flesh and blood.

Even at the end of Matthew's Gospel, as Jesus appears to them in Galilee,

we're told in Matthew 28.17 that while they worshiped Him, some still doubted.

Do any of us have any problems understanding the disciples' inability to see clearly, even after repeated meetings with the risen Lord?

If you do have problems understanding the disciples' struggles, then you are either terribly insensitive to the human predicament, or your faith far exceeds my own.

How many times has the Lord "touched" our lives, and yet our vision remains cloudy? Doesn't Paul tell us in 1 Corinthians 13.12 that our present understanding is like looking into a dimly lit mirror and finding that we can barely make out our own reflection.

Paul also tells us in 1 Corinthians 13.12 that there is coming a day when we shall see face to face. On that day, we will no longer only partially understand God's purposes, but instead, we shall know fully.

Can you imagine? Can you? I have my ideas. I'm sure you have yours. But Paul reminds us, at the end of Ephesians 3, that God is "able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think."

Someday, the Son will descend, the heat of sin will be cooled, and tears will no longer cloud our eyes. On that day we will see clearly. And listen to this: John promises (1 John 3.2) that "when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is."

I really enjoyed the view this morning. But what I long for is the day when I shall see face to face, and shall know as I am known.

~Pastor Caines



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What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

April 15

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Reita Pierce

Creepers

Stephen & Mindy Haywood

Toddlers

Kristin Sotelo & Rachel Ely

Floater

Katherine Gaither

Sunday School

Infants

Jim & Connie Hildebrand

Creepers

Alayne & Alyssa Griffin

Toddlers

Luther & Shirley Allin

P.M.

Polly Henry & Jonah Gaines

April Coordinator:

Mindy Horton

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. Jason Coffey is speaking on "Where would God have us go from here?" Men, join us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

FREE BABYSITTING

The youth will provide free childcare on Saturday, April 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please register by Thursday, April 12 (today). All donations will support the Youth Mission Trip to Haiti in June. Contact Reba for more information

BRIDAL SHOWERS

A bridal shower for Amber Georgevich, bride elect of Stephen Mason, is being given on Sunday, April 15 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Class. Amber is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

A bridal shower for Brittany Jones, bride elect of Caleb Ray, is being given on Sunday, April 22 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Brittany is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE BANQUET

Volunteers in Medicine's annual Band-Aid Banquet is Monday, April 16 at Abba's House in Hixson. VIM is a faith-based clinic in Eastgate for the under-insured/working poor, where several of our members volunteer. MEF seed money was used to help launch this work. Contact Pastor Mullinax to reserve your place.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

On Friday, April 20 at 7 p.m. the women of CPC will be gathering to have a night of hobbies! Bring your favorite hobby or something you want to catch up on with a dessert or snack to share. RSVP to Mandi Johnson or Leanna Cathey.

CHURCH WORKDAY

A church workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There will be a continental breakfast before the projects begin.

WYCLIFFE BANQUET

You are invited to the Wycliffe's Associates 2012 Banquet. There you will see and experience how God can use you to begin Bible translation in the remaining 2,000 languages that are without a single word of Scripture and in our lifetime! The banquet will be held at the Chattanooga Choo Choo, Monday April 23 at 7 p.m. Contact Lynne Swan to reserve your spot.

WALK FOR LIFE

Choices is sponsoring a Walk for Life on Saturday, April 28. Information and sponsor/pledge brochures are at the Welcome Center. Contact Selah Cross with questions.

RENT-A-YOUTH

Do you need help around the house? Do you have yard work that needs to be done or in need of a babysitter(s)? Our youth have kicked off the "RENT-A-YOUTH" Fundraiser. This event is to help our students raise money for upcoming Summer Mission Trips or Summer Camps. If you would like to Rent-a-Youth(s), request forms are outside of Chris' office April 21 & 28 and May 12 & 19 are designated as work days, but feel free to request other days as needed. Contact Chris or Reba with any questions.

MISSION: HONDURAS

Dr. David Close is going on his annual mission trip to Honduras in June. If you are willing to donate unwanted sheets, blankets, etc. for those in Honduras, Dr. Close needs all items by April 25th.

TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family on Friday, April 27. The tubesteak dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in Coolidge Park. Stay for the Lookouts game at AT&T Park at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 max per family, the best entertainment value in town! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center or email/call the church office.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember our college students as you pray. Here are a few of the many we have:

Daniel Stevenson	MS State University
Emily Vatt	Chattanooga State
Abby Lyons	UTC
Sam Roop	Dalton State

THANK YOU

Dear Covenant Family,
What a blessing each of you have been. Andrew and I have been so humbled, blessed, and overwhelmed by God's love. We are not sure why all of this has happened, but it is such a comfort to know that God has a plan for this. We can't wait to see how God is going to use this for His glory! Andrew is a fighter and he feels your prayers! Thank you for your prayers, support, and love; we know it will continue. God Bless each of you! God is good!

Love, Andrew and Tori

Thanks a Million to all those who tirelessly and selflessly worked last week on the Passover Seder Dinner, Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, making the grounds look beautiful and the Easter Morning Worship Service. From printing programs, setting up and cleaning up the Colonnade, food preparation, weeding and mulching the grounds to the beautiful service which included music, singing and homilies; it all came together to bring Glory to Our Lord and God.

The CPC Family