



The eNewsletter

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Looking Ahead...

- April 20**
Chicks 'n Chocolate
- April 21**
Church Work Day
Rent-a-Youth Work Day
- April 22**
Jones/Ray Bridal Shower
- April 25**
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 26**
Ladies Bible Study
- April 27**
Taters and Tubesteaks
- 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
Session Meets
- May 3**
Ladies Bible Study
- May 5**
Ladies Tea
- May 6**
Schreiner/Herberich
Bridal Shower
- May 9**
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 10**
Ladies Bible Study
- May 12**
Men's Breakfast
Rent-a-Youth
- May 13**
Mother's Day
No Evening Service
- May 15**
Mothers Encouragement
- May 16**
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meets

From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

As the weather gets warmer and warmer, I've noticed more folk working in their spring gardens. Tillers have been removed from their winter resting places. The soil is being turned, fertilizer and compost added, and tender shoots are being planted. Soon we'll begin to enjoy some choice items from our gardens or local roadside produce stands... like okra, crowder peas, squash, tomatoes, sweet corn and cantaloupe. I'm hungry just thinking about these things!

Good gardens and their produce take effort. A key teaching of Psalm 128 is that our children are to be like *olive shoots around our tables*. This psalm is often called the family song, and the picture of verse 3, *your children will be like olive shoots around your table*, conveys the idea of fellowship, fruitfulness and loyalty. It suggests that building our families God's way involves developing family cohesiveness and togetherness.

This kind of togetherness and family spirit involving our *olive plants* doesn't just happen. You can't wish it into existence. It must be cultivated. Preparing the soil, careful planting and constant hoeing are necessary. God-honoring and man-benefitting fruit can be achieved within the family by:

- (1) *Making Christ the focal point of your family relations.* Commitment to Christ should bind the family not only to the Savior, but to each other.
- (2) *Communicating realistic optimism and expectancy to every person.* Don't express by word or action that you have given up on any family member, or that you are resigning him or her to failure.
- (3) *Valuing the opinion of every family member and giving all family members time to express themselves and their ideas.* Allow for a free exchange of thoughts without condemnation or ridicule.
- (4) *Projecting the positive feeling that all*

family members complement and complete one another.

- (5) *Building a museum of positive family memories.* Play games with your children. Involve them in your activities. Introduce them to and teach them about your hobbies. Enjoy each child individually. Keep a memory (treasury) box or scrapbook for the family or each child. Develop family traditions. Take advantage of prime times. Do the unusual with your children. Make big deals of special occasions. Create special occasions when there are no special occasions.
 - (6) *Developing family pride.* Talk about the strengths and accomplishments of various family members. Be each other's cheerleader.
 - (7) *Becoming authentically like Christ and displaying in your life the fruit of the Spirit.* It's hard not to respect and be attracted to someone of whom this is true.
 - (8) *Determining fair family discipline guidelines... and consistently employing them.*
 - (9) *Losing the coarse joking at the expense of a family member.* Good-hearted, light barbs may be permissible, but crude and wounding jabs are not.
- Look for installment two of suggested ways to cultivate olive plants next week.**

Please continue to pray for Pastor and Linda Caines. They are in South Africa for a couple of weeks. There, they will visit some CPC supported missionaries and ministries. Render will have some preaching/teaching opportunities. But, the main reason for their visit will be to see daughter Ruth, her husband Gary Isaacs, and their new baby, Lily... grandchild number 23!

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

April 22

Worship

Infants

Eva Herberich
& Susan Helton

Creepers

Elizabeth Beatty

Toddlers

Mindy Horton
& Katherine Fisher

Floater

Scott Beatty

Sunday School

Infants

Joanna Wilson
& Sandra Nicely

Creepers

Sue Spalding
& Reese Bingham

Toddlers

Drew & Angela Heisig

P.M.

The Martof Family

April Coordinator:

Mindy Horton

BRIDAL SHOWERS

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.

A bridal shower for Megan Moye, bride elect of Michael Coffey, is being given on Sunday, April 29 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Megan is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

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

Please join us this Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. until noon for the church workday. There will be a continental breakfast before the projects begin.

WYCLIFFE BANQUET

You are invited to the Wycliffe 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.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The monthly birthday and anniversary calendar is available at the Welcome Center.

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" Fund-raiser. 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 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:

Megan Toombs	Houghton College
Meredith Toombs	Houghton College
Stephen Mason	Chattanooga State
Josh Adams	UTC

LADIES TEA

You are invited to CPC's Ladies Tea Saturday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for an adult is \$8 and children under 10 are \$4. A nursery is available for those who sign-up. Registration forms are available at the Women's Ministry Table in the lobby.