



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- 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**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Mission Committee Meeting
Schreiner/Herberich
Bridal Shower
- May 9**
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 10**
Ladies Bible Study
- May 12**
Men's Breakfast
Rent-a-Youth Work Day
- May 13**
Mother's Day
No Evening Service
- May 15**
Mothers Encouragement
- May 16**
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meets
- May 17**
Ladies Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- May 18**
Chicks 'n Chocolate
- May 19**
Rent-a-Youth Work Day
- May 20**
Farlett/Griggs
Bridal Shower
- May 23**
Last Wednesday Supper
Mission: Chattanooga Kickoff

In last week's article we began looking at the subject of "gardening" and what it takes to have hearty plants. What follows is the second installment.

A key teaching of Psalm 128.3 is that our children are to be like *olive plants around our table*. This picture of our children *around our table* conveys the idea of fellowship 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. It must be cultivated. Preparing the soil, careful planting, attention to growth and constant hoeing are all needed. Fruit such as loyalty and togetherness can be produced within the family. To last week's suggestions, the following are added:

- (10) *Be more concerned about Christian attitudes and character than you are about performance or other externals. Remember the goal is transformation, not conformation.*
- (11) *Include family members in family planning. Point out positive components of their contribution (even if their ideas are lame and you wouldn't do that in a hundred years).*
- (12) *Look at family members as a "human becoming" as well as a human being. We are all in process. None of us has arrived at perfection yet.*
- (13) *Freely express your love for every family member by word and action. Don't wait to be prompted by some achievement on their part that you then feel warrants your affection.*
- (14) *Be sensitive to the needs, feelings and fears of every family member. Look for what may be communicated without words.*
- (15) *Try to avoid the use of angry or exasperated words.*
- (16) *Make it easy and natural for every family member to approach you with problems and concerns. Work at maintaining*
- open and honest lines of communication.*
- (17) *Make your home a center for Christian hospitality where children are brought into frequent contact with vibrant Christians. Host missionaries and national Christians from other lands.*
- (18) *Develop family projects that involve every family member. Become especially involved in Christian activities, ministries, service opportunities as a family.*
- (19) *Forgive the sins and failures - past and present - of family members. Support one another through failures (this can be done without condoning mistakes/sins). Ask forgiveness when you wrong another family member. Model repentance, confession and restoration.*
- (20) *Correlate schedules to have time together. Schedule regular whole family times and guard those times zealously. Communicate to other family members the premium you place on your times together. Schedule special times ("date" nights, etc.) with each individual.*
- (21) *Refuse to use fear or manipulative guilt as a means of bringing others into conformity.*
- (22) *Express confidence in one another.*
- (23) *Make the Bible, not your own opinions, the standard for personal and family living.*
- (24) *Maintain a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Christ seen in you will draw you to each other.*
- (25) *Worship God as a family in your home and in the church.*
- (26) *Pray regularly for every family member individually and for your family as a whole.*

Again, following these guidelines will create an environment that will help you cultivate your family God's way...your children will be like *olive plants around your table*.

~Pastor Mullinax



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What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

April 29

Worship

Infants

Beth Griggs & Jeannie Ray

Creepers

Elizabeth Beatty
& Allison Millard

Toddlers

Nathan & Olivia Bowers

Floater

Julia Bowers

Sunday School

Infants

Courtney Arrington
& Peggy Bandy

Creepers

Susan & Anna Steere

Toddlers

Jeannie Hall
& Yvonne Owens

P.M.

No Evening Service-
Shepherding Groups Meet

April Coordinator:

Mindy Horton

BRIDAL SHOWERS

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 Perseverers Class. Megan is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

A bridal shower for Holly Schreiner, bride elect of Jon Herberich, is being given on Sunday, May 6 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Holly is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

Andrea Griggs	Inst. for Culinary Ed.
Jonathan Herberich	Covenant College
Drew Lazor	UTC
Bethany Miller	Florida State Univ.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

This year promotion Sunday is June 3. All school age children are promoted to the next class on that Sunday morning.

GRADUATES

We would like to recognize those graduating or those who have graduated since last May. Please contact the church office as soon as possible to include your graduate.

MUSIC CAMP

This year's Music Camp is June 4 - 8. The focus will be on the story of King Josiah: "Good Kings Come in Small Packages". Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center or on-line.

LADIES TEA

You are invited to CPC's Ladies Tea Saturday, May 5 from 11:00 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.

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 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.

TATERS AND TUBE STEAKS

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 call the church office today!

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Becky McGee on the passing of her husband on April 17.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Edyne Vatt on the passing of her father on April 19.

CPC MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

The CPC men's softball team will be playing the following games at either Gross or Beck Fields. See Josh Ray for more information.

May 1	6:15 p.m. vs. Ridgedale
May 1	7:15 p.m. vs. Morris Hill
May 7	8:15 p.m. vs. Clear Creek Coc-A
May 7	9:15 p.m. vs. Clear Creek Coc-A
May 8	6:15 p.m. vs. Brainerd-A
May 8	7:15 p.m. vs. Brainerd-B
May 15	8:15 p.m. vs. Lookout Valley
May 15	9:15 p.m. vs. Silverdale
May 22	8:15 p.m. vs. Ridgedale
May 22	9:15 p.m. vs. Morris Hill
June 5	6:15 p.m. vs. Brainerd-A
June 5	7:15 p.m. vs. Brainerd-B

Prayer Sponsors for our College Students

We need a few more prayer sponsors for our college students. The primary focus of this ministry is to pair an adult member of our church with each of our college students as a prayer sponsor.

Prayer sponsors are encouraged to pray regularly for their student as well as correspond with them via email or USPS occasionally. We have eight high school seniors graduating this Spring who will be needing a prayer sponsor. If you feel led to become a prayer sponsor or if you're already a prayer sponsor and would like an additional student, please email or call Jill Finley at southernjill@comcast.net or 706-891-5259.