



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Director of Music Ministries...

Looking Ahead...

- May 5** Ladies Tea
- May 6**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Mission Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Schreiner/Herberich
Bridal Shower
No Youth Group
- May 9**
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 10**
Ladies Bible Study
- May 12**
Men's Breakfast
Speaker: Bill Higgins
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
- May 27**
Shepherding Sunday
- May 28**
Memorial Day-Office Closed
- May 30**
Mission: Chattanooga
- June 2**
Men's Breakfast
- June 3**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Promotion Sunday
Fosgate/Hatcher Bridal Shower

I have become addicted to Starbucks caramel frappuccinos. I really do not know how this happened. I have never liked coffee.

I tried to drink it in college, but then I realized that it was pointless to try to drink something that to me tasted so disgusting. No matter how much junk I put into it, it was still awful.

My wife has always been fond of the brewed bean water. I used to ask her to brush her teeth after drinking a cup to avoid the smell. She would lovingly, but also begrudgingly acquiesce to my somewhat selfish request. There seemed to be a wall that kept a wonderful fellowship between my wife and myself from happening- and that wall was made of java.

It had been over ten years since I had tasted the beverage that I so loathed. It was time to partake again.

It was still awful.

Friends would meet at Starbucks for conversation and I would sit and drink air. That is, until I saw the frappuccino.

Now I have always considered myself a man's man, a man who does not eat quiche, someone with whom the Duke would feel comfortable sharing a can of beans on the prairie. Somehow, I can't see John Wayne drinking a frappuccino. Still, I was intrigued by this frothy concoction that looked more like a milkshake than coffee. Men drink milkshakes. I can try this. So I did.

I still wasn't there. I was determined, though, to make this work so I could experience this special camaraderie of coffee drinkers.

Starbucks is an amazing establishment built on the Burger King slogan for success, "You can have it your way". You can add just about anything to your cup of Joe that can be imagined. The great thing for me as someone who manages my sugar intake is almost all of their ingredients to add can be found in a sugar free form!

For several months I would arrive at my laboratory once or twice a week to slave at my new experimental formula with Igor,

the barista behind the counter. "Let's use light frap mix today." "How about two extra pumps of caramel syrup?" "Four?" "Six?"

Igor and I slaved for weeks on finding a mix that was acceptable to me and still could be called coffee. Igor (I think her real name was Jill, but that's no fun, is it?) was happy to do this because each of my experiments seemed to cost around five dollars. Still, if I was to achieve my goal of breaking the java wall down between my wife and myself, this was a price that must be paid.

Finally, around November Igor and I found my perfect potion. It is a ten pump venti caramel frappuccino with light whip and an extra shot of frap roast...and may I say that it is ADORABLE! How was I going to let my wife in on the secret? But of course! Take her for coffee.

Meka and I had a wonderful time at the local brew house. Our conversation was deep and centered around nothing to do with our children. Since that time over a year and a half ago we have had many other such opportunities to just sit and listen to one another's thoughts while enjoying a cup of Joe...or Josephine, as my wife has named my drink.

So what's the point of all this? Men, look for opportunities to have quality time with your wives. Figure out what stands in the way of that and find a way through it, over it or around it. Love your children, but love your wife more.

The picture given in Scripture of marriage is Christ and His relationship with the Church. Our desire should be to crave those times of simple fellowship with our wives as much as Christ desires for us to be close to Him. We can't ever reach that platinum plus level of success, but we can intentionally set aside hindrances and build bridges in order to strive towards that goal. Meka and my relationship has grown stronger because of...coffee.

So, now I am addicted to Starbucks caramel frappuccinos. What do you not like that you could love for your wife?

~Jeremy Gaines



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What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

May 6

Worship

Infants

Sandy Coffey
& Sandi Schreiner

Creepers

Heidie, Christine
& Jenny Armao

Toddlers

Derek & Tiffany Holland

Floater

Andrew Schreiner

Sunday School

Infants

Nancy Cooper & Peg May

Creepers

Kelly, Madeline
& Abigail Jennings

Toddlers

Babs Leach
& Debbie Gardner

P.M.

Elwood Family

May Coordinator:

Camille Platt

BRIDAL SHOWERS

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.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

Holly Schreiner	Covenant College
Tyler Smith	Covenant College
Cliff Mauroner	UTK
Alex Bowers	Chattanooga State

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.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. Bill Higgins will be this month's speaker. Plan on joining us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

Islam & Christianity

Sunday School Class May 6, 13 and 20
Schum Fellowship Hall
Moderator / Teacher: Frank Sindler

Frank and Cindy Sindler have worked for more than 20 years in Muslim ministry (DC, Africa and the Middle East). God's providential hand has been evident throughout, beginning with Frank's unlikely conversion to Christ after growing up in a Jewish family. It is truly God's hand that has moved them to give their lives for reaching Muslims. Frank now serves as the Enterprise area director for strategic ministry throughout the Muslim world. He works with emerging churches, national leaders, MTW regional directors, team leaders and US churches to build deeper, more effective partnerships and to develop innovative ways to help accelerate the growth of the Church in the Muslim world.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day therefore, there will be no Evening Service.

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.

THANK YOU

Scott and I are so extremely grateful for the gracious care of our family that we received while I was hospitalized here and then out of town at Vanderbilt. SO many women took such sweet care of my kids with carpooling, nightly meals, playmates, laundry, house cleaning and "mommying" in general to this large group of anxious children. Some even "moved in" when needed. Not having family to step into these roles in a crisis, words just cannot express adequately how precious these acts of service were to us, bringing such comfort to one very worried and powerless-feeling momma and a really over-worked daddy trying hard to hold down work and family. And to have meals and carpooling and such continue in the weeks afterwards, was just over-the-top. We are so humbled, so grateful. THANK YOU to our CPC family for all of this, all of the prayers on our behalf, and all of the special acts of kindnesses shown to us... ALL THE CARDS that seemed to come and provide encouragement on just the right days. It all means so much. You all have made us feel God's love, and we will never forget it.

Sincerely,

Tabitha and Scott Harnsberger and kids