



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...*

### *Looking Ahead...*

- 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
- June 4** Music Camp
- June 5** Music Camp
- June 6** Music Camp  
Mission: Chattanooga
- June 7** Music Camp
- June 8** Music Camp  
Youth Leave for Haiti

During the past three weeks Linda and I were blessed to meet and pamper little Lilly, to visit and be pampered by Ruth and Gary, to enjoy the kindnesses and hospitality of Gary's family, to meet and preach to the people of Kraai-fontein Baptist Church, and to be stunned and awed by the incredible beauty of the Western Cape of South Africa.

Therefore, we want you to know that Lilly is precious, Ruth and Gary are doing well, Gary's family is delightful, the people of KBC are prospering in the Lord, and the Western Cape loudly proclaims the glory of God.

We also must admit that we aren't getting any younger, and after a thirty-five hour return trip, there is no place like home (even if your seventeen year old heat pump had ceased to function).

We are thankful for a church staff that covered all the bases here at CPC (as they always do), for those who assisted us in our journey, and for your many prayers for our safety and good health.

Last evening Gretchen helped Linda upload some 470 pictures. So at some point in the not too distant future we'll overwhelm you with a pictorial account of our trip.

The initial history of the Dutch and British colony of Cape Town, as well as its startling topography, is packed into an area not much larger than Hamilton County, allowing us to make several day trips to view God's handiwork and places of note.

One day while Linda and the ladies met for a tea, I had the opportunity, thanks to the generosity of one of the deacons of KBC, to chase a little white ball around a wonderful golf course not

more than ten miles from Ruth and Gary's. I was hoping to play with THE Gary, Retief and Ernie, but instead ended up with a foursome whose skills were equal to mine.

The first Sunday I preached at KBC. The second Sunday we worshiped with a Church of England, South Africa congregation. One of their leading Bishops preached a good sermon from Ephesians 1 & 2, reflecting upon what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Many who have traveled throughout Africa will tell you that the Cape Town is more like Europe than the rest of Africa. But even in the prosperous Western Cape the differences between "rich" and poor is shocking. And Cape Town is plagued with many preaching a "health and wealth" gospel. I tremble in anticipation of how this heresy will eventually and inevitably leave the poor disillusioned and distrustful of the true Gospel message.

If you would, stop right now and pray for your brothers and sisters in SA who faithfully proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom, that God would graciously allow that land to experience true reformation instead of future revolution. The natural beauty of Cape Town needs desperately to be blessed by a supernatural moving of the Spirit enabling the people to understand and believe that true health and wealth is found only in bending the knee to Jesus as Savior, Lord and King.

Again, thanks to all who made possible our adventure by your prayers and support. It was a wonderful (and exhausting) experience. We are grateful to the Lord for allowing us the privilege to enjoy our children's children.

~Pastor Caines



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## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

May 13

Worship

#### Infants

Kelly Orthner, Gretchen  
& Mollie Brown

#### Creepers

Carla Stevenson  
& Lisa Hobbs

#### Toddlers

Scott & Meg Orthner

#### Floater

Luke Orthner

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Keith & Julie Bingham

#### Creepers

Eunice Martin  
& Reese Bingham

#### Toddlers

Huston & Janet Wade

#### P.M.

Mother's Day-  
No Evening Service

#### May Coordinator:

Camille Platt

### MOTHER'S DAY

This Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day. There will be no Evening Service.

### BRIDAL SHOWERS

A bridal shower for Hannah Farlett, bride elect of John Mark Griggs, is being given on Sunday, May 20 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Class. Hannah is registered at Target, Belk's and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

### 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

There are two more scheduled days for Rent-a-Youth: May 12 and 19. If you have a job or need help from an able-bodied youth, please contact Chris or Reba.

### ANNUAL YARD SALE

The CPC Youth will sponsor a Yard Sale on June 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at East Ridge Presbyterian Church. All proceeds will go to support our Youth Summer Mission Projects. You may drop off items here at CPC in SFH May 27-30. You may also drop off items at ERPC beginning May 30. Please contact Reba Gregory for more information.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, May 12 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.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men: you are invited to a new Bible Study Group that has begun meeting weekly in Ringgold, GA every Thursday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Bill Liner will be leading this Bible study at Adam Cathey's office. For more information contact Bill Liner.

### GRADUATES

This is the list of CPC members who are graduating from high school, college or grad school. If you know of someone missing from this list, please contact the church office promptly. Graduate recognition is Sunday, May 27.

#### High School

Julia Bowers - Family Christian Academy  
Davis Brown - McCallie School  
Alyssa Griffin - Chattanooga Christian School  
Eric Griggs - Chattanooga Christian School  
Caroline Gunter - Chattanooga Christian School  
David Herberich - Chattanooga Christian School  
Cara Martoff - Grace Baptist Academy  
Jason Marrs - Chatt. Center for Creative Arts  
Amy Morris - Chattanooga Christian School  
Luke Rogers - Grace Baptist Academy

#### College

Sherry Baierl - UTC  
Bevin Gracy - Richmond Graduate School  
Hannah Gracy - Austin P University  
Andrea Griggs - Institute of Culinary Education  
Jonathan Herberich - Covenant College  
Bittany Jones - Middle TN State University  
Cliff Mauroner - University of TN at Knoxville  
Eric Mantel - University of TN at Chattanooga  
Emily Morris - Covenant College  
Joy Rogers - University of TN at Chattanooga  
Holly Schreiner - Covenant College  
Ruth Stevenson - East Tennessee University  
Megan Toombs - Houghton College  
Meredith Toombs - Houghton College

#### Masters

Meredith Arp - University of TN at Chattanooga  
Brient Hobbs - University of TN at Chattanooga  
Anna Steere - University of TN at Chattanooga  
Charles Wykoff - University of TN at Chattanooga

#### Education Specialist

Amy Wright - Valdosta State University

### 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.