



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- May 18** Chicks 'n Chocolate
- May 19** Rent-a-Youth Work Day
- May 20** Farlett/Griggs Bridal Shower
- May 23** Last Wednesday Supper and Activities
- May 24** Ladies Bible Study
- May 26** Jones/Ray Wedding
- May 27** Reception for Graduates
Shepherding Sunday
- May 28** Memorial Day-Office Closed
- May 30** Mission: Chattanooga
- June 2** Men's Breakfast
Youth Yard Sale at ERPC
- June 3** Lord's Supper Celebrated
Promotion Sunday
Fosgate/Hatcher Bridal Shower
- June 4** Music Camp
- June 5** Music Camp
WM Summer Bible Study
- June 6** Music Camp
Mission: Chattanooga
- June 7** Music Camp
- June 8** Music Camp
Youth Leave for Haiti
- June 10** Missions Committee Meeting
Deacons Meeting
Music Camp Presentation
- June 12** WM Summer Bible Study
- June 13** Mission: Chattanooga
- June 15** Chicks 'n Chocolate

Pastor Mullinax will undergo surgery Monday (May 21). He's been terribly uncomfortable for several months and has experienced times of intense pain. Please remember Dr. Richard Pearce in your prayers as he uses his knowledge and skill to improve Pastor Mullinax's back problems.

Like many of us, Eric and Boo are part of the "oreo" generation. On one side, we have grown children and grandchildren and on the other side, aging parents. As we pray for family, our prayers focus upon two or three different generations: grown children, their children and our aging parents. Meanwhile, we aren't getting any younger ourselves and sometimes face physical, emotional, spiritual and financial challenges of our own.

Paul instructed Timothy concerning how the people of the Ephesian church should live. In 1 Timothy 5.8 Paul writes: "If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Linda was in Asheville last week for three days to visit her parents. Linda's dad, William (Bill) Jackson, has been in the VA hospital and is now temporarily in a nursing home. He is almost 90 and is facing some physical and mental challenges. My mother-in-law has physical problems of her own, but her main concern at the moment is for her husband of 65 years.

Up until a few months ago, Linda's Dad and Mom still lived in their home in Moscow, Pennsylvania and were cared for by Linda and Carol's sister, Lorraine and brother, Paul. Now they've sold their home, moved south and have become legal residents of Asheville.

Asheville has become their "home" because the VA hospital is only about two miles from Carol and Joel's house. By the way, we want you to know, in contrast to some of the horror stories the media tells about the care provided for veterans, my father-in-law has been treated wonderfully by the doctors and nurses at the VA hospital.

So, here we are, the "oreo" generation. Pastor Mullinax just spent two days in South Carolina, caring for his parents. Eric and Boo's granddaughter was in church on Sunday. And now, next Monday, Eric will undergo surgery.

His story is the story of many at CPC. Please, remember us in your prayers. And those of you who are part of this generation, be grateful for the opportunity, privilege and responsibility that is now yours to show to others the love of Christ as you care and provide for your aging parents.

I've come to love and understand Proverbs 17.6: "Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their fathers."

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

May 20

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Joyce Trask

Creepers

Brian & Holly Lehmann

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Jonah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Peggy Bandy
& Elizabeth Beatty

Creepers

Jeannie Hall
& Reese Bingham

Toddlers

Grant & Lauren Caldwell

P.M.

Lisa Grant & Boo Mullinax

May Coordinator:

Camille Platt

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.

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. The church will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day but if you need to drop off a donation or need more information, please contact Reba Gregory.

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.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

On Friday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. the women of CPC will be gathering to have a night of fellowship at Big River Grill in East Brainerd. RSVP by Thursday, May 17 to Mandi Johnson or Leanna Cathey.

HELP NEEDED

Helpers are needed for the 3 year old Sunday School class as well as the Kindergarten Sunday School class during the summer months. If you are willing to help in either class, please contact Holly Lehmann.

GRADUATE RECEPTION

On May 27 during the Sunday School hour there will be a reception for graduates in the courtyard.

ALSO GRADUATING...

College

Bethany Miller—Florida State University
Tyler Smith - Covenant College

PhD

John Wykoff - City University of New York

Morgan Brittany and Caleb Rau

Together with their parents

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Arthur Jones III

And Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rau Ray

Invite you to share in the joy

When they exchange marriage vows

And begin their new life together

On Saturday, the twenty-sixth of May

Two thousand and twelve

At one o'clock in the afternoon

Covenant Presbyterian Church

RENT-A-YOUTH

This Saturday, May 19 is the last scheduled day for Rent-a-Youth. If you have a job or need help from an able-bodied youth, please contact Chris or Reba.

WM SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Starting Tuesday, June 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Brenda Mason and Babs Leach will be teaching *Becoming A Woman of Purpose* by Cynthia Heald. Sign-up sheets are available at the WM Table in the lobby.

Islam & Christianity

Sunday School Class May 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.