



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- 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
- June 16**
Youth Return from Haiti
- June 17**
Father's Day
No Evening Service
- June 19**
WM Summer Bible Study
Elders/Deacons Meeting
- June 20**
Mission: Chattanooga
- June 21**
Memorial Hospital Lunch

"Saved.....to do good works" is an abbreviation of those wonderful verses in Ephesians 2.8-10. These words have often served as the heading for **Mission: Chattanooga** and other mercy ministry project announcements.

Mission: Chattanooga is our concentrated effort to facilitate some service and outreach opportunities. Participation in **Mission: Chattanooga** is for anyone and everyone (young, not-so-young, singles, individuals, couples, families), especially during the summer in and around Chattanooga...home missions, if you will.

The scheduled service opportunities of **Mission: Chattanooga** are by no means exhaustive. There are other service and outreach ministries by our church and our people that have been taking place and continue to take place. **Mission: Chattanooga** is just a means for organizing our efforts a little more. Hopefully, our people's participation in some of these **Mission: Chattanooga** opportunities will not just be seasonal, but familiarity with some of these ministries may lead to greater involvement throughout the year.

Our work with off-campus ministries will be more "stream-lined" this summer. There will be planned visits on Wednesday nights to local assisted living and nursing facilities. There may be occasional grounds care needs that we'll try to meet. But, the main thrust of our off-campus service this summer will be in support of Amani Ya Juu (an African based ministry that our Becky Chinchén helped start).

This ministry started 16 years ago in Kenya as a holistic social enterprise for refugee women. Women came from warring tribes and found love and forgiveness among their enemies. It didn't take long to realize that Christ's transcendent peace was not just for refugees but everyone. Amani has grown exponentially over the years with centers in Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Liberia, Washington D.C. and now Chattanooga!

Beautiful, high quality, hand crafted products made by Amani women are sold all over the world. It's the revenue from these prod-

ucts that sustains the centers and keeps the seed of peace growing. Because of all the new growth the Amani needed a larger space in order to serve well all the Amani locations. Chattanooga was selected as the location of choice.

Amani has purchased an old building at 420 S. Willow St (Highland Park) and is in the process of renovating it to become the US Warehouse/Distribution Center for the handcrafts made by African women. The space will also be used for community Bible Studies, job training, after school tutoring, art and music venues, etc. We (CPC) want to partner in this effort. Amani needs skilled and unskilled labor to assist with the rebuilding.

There will be on-campus service opportunities as well. We'll have cooking, sewing and craft classes at church for the making of items to share with others. We'll have a support group for letter writing and working with our stamp ministry.

These **Mission: Chattanooga** opportunities will be scheduled on Wednesday evenings (beginning May 30 through August 15) from approximately 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Most regularly scheduled Wednesday evening activities here at the church take a summer sabbatical, that is, ceasing from one thing in order to give ourselves to another. In this case, **Mission: Chattanooga**. Please note, however, that a few groups will continue to meet regularly on Wednesday evenings in the summer (Choir for most of the summer, and Prayer Group every Wednesday).

Just from the things listed in this newsletter (not to mention ministry opportunities that we're individually aware of), we see many ways of serving the Lord and bearing witness to His saving grace in our lives. May God help us to engage in those things He would have us do, remembering His Word: *God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him...as you have helped his people and continue to help them.* (Heb. 6.10)



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

May 27

Worship

Infants

Kenyon & Marcy Wilson

Creepers

Joey & Michelle Logterman

Toddlers

David & Kate Lambeth

Floater

Wes Gaither

Sunday School

Infants

Russ & Bev Roop

Creepers

Tammy & William Higgins

Toddlers

Mike & Brenda Mason

P.M.

No Evening Service—
Shepherding Groups Meet

May Coordinator:

Camille Platt

BRIDAL SHOWERS

A bridal shower for Caitlin Fosgate, bride-elect of Joseph Hatcher, is being given Sunday, June 3 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Class. Caitlin is registered at Macy'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 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 Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day but if you need to drop off a donation or more information, please contact Reba Gregory.

THANK YOU

The family of Curtis McGee would like to express appreciation to our Covenant Church family for all the prayers, visits, cards, food and other expressions of love and concern during the illness and recent death of Curtis. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.

GRADUATE RECEPTION

Saturday, May 27, during the Sunday School hour, please join us for a reception honoring our graduates in the courtyard.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool begins Thursday, June 7 from 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are responsible for the supervision of your children and for clean up.

WM SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

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

Morgan Brittany Jones

And

Caleb Rau Ray

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

STAMPS, CELL PHONES, EYEGLASSES & TOILETRIES

We continue to collect postage stamps to assist in raising money for new Spanish language curriculum for Sunday schools in Latin America. Cell phones, new toiletries, and old eyeglasses are also being collected to minister to the people of Haiti.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, June 2 at 8:30 a.m. Plan on joining us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

MISPLACED BIBLE?

If you are missing your Bible, check the bottom shelf of the Book Shelf next to the Coke machine. We place all unclaimed Bibles in that location.