



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- June 8** Music Camp
Youth Leave for Haiti
- June 10** Deacons Meeting
Music Camp Presentation
- June 12** WM Summer Bible Studies
- 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 Studies
Elders/Deacons Meeting
- June 20** Mission: Chattanooga
- June 21** Memorial Hospital Lunch
- June 23** MS Youth Leave for
The Edge Conference
- June 24** Lesondak/Wykoff
Bridal Shower
Shepherding Sunday
- June 26** WM Summer Bible Studies
- June 27** Mission: Chattanooga
MS Youth Return from
The Edge Conference
- July 1** Lord's Supper Celebrated
Chambers/Spalding
Bridal Shower
Crawford/Johnson
Bridal Shower
- July 2** HS Youth Leave for RYM
- July 3** WM Summer Bible Studies
- July 4** Office Closed for
Independence Day
- July 6** HS Youth Return from RYM

A few years ago, I sat with my boys in my old office and we talked about how I had done as a father. I'm not a masochist, but I wanted to know the good, the bad and the ugly. I hoped my sons might learn from my mistakes, and that our discussion would further my ability to speak about parenting to the young fathers of CPC.

This past Saturday (June 2) I shared some of these things at the Men's Breakfast. The Men's Committee asked that I put some of what I said into writing. So that's what I'll do for the next few newsletters.

By God's grace, I hope this will be encouraging and challenging to all of you, but especially to those who are fathers of young children.

Now, please understand. I'm not offering any magic formula for success. There are biblical principles and patterns that fathers should heed, but God's grace can create within a child the heart of one eager to both know and serve the One by Whom and for Whom he or she were made.

So, in the light of past and recent conversations with my sons, I want to share with you the good, the bad and the ugly.

In my case, as some of you who know me well might suspect, the ugly has primarily to do with my sin of anger. "Losing my temper" has always been my "besetting sin." A besetting sin is one with which you struggle constantly, often losing the battle.

Of course the question must be asked: how hard did you fight to overcome your besetting sin? Because doesn't the Lord promise that greater is He Who is in you, than he who is in the world? And doesn't Scripture teach our Lord Jesus is the Overcomer? And doesn't Scripture promise that whatever temptation we face, God will provide the strength to overcome?

As yet, we're all troubled by besetting

sins. And for me, it's been primarily the sin of anger, which raises its ugly head when things don't go the way I think they should, when others don't seem to hear what I'm saying, when I feel as if I am being unjustly attacked, or when I know those criticizing me are right, but I don't want to hear what they're saying.

I've gotten frighteningly angry after contributing to the loss of an important baseball game. I've had to start several Session meetings with an apology to my fellow elders for my words and attitude at the previous meeting.

But most disturbingly, there have been too many times when I spoke angrily to my children and my wife. By God's grace, I never abused anyone physically. But I know that there were times when my words hurt deeply.

So, beginning with the ugly, I encourage you who are fathers to take a few moments and reflect upon your besetting sin and its negative impact upon your wife and children.

Identify it, confess it to the Lord, and ask His forgiveness. Then confess it to your family, ask their forgiveness, and pray with them asking the Lord to strengthen you to do what He equips you to do, and that is to overcome that sinful pattern of behavior and words that have harmed and damaged your family.

And He will. Forgiveness is a wonderful thing. Some scars may remain. But we serve the One by Whose scars we are healed.

Next week I'll tell you about the bad. And then, because of God's grace, there will be some good things I'll share with you.

Now . . . if I could only share with you the picture used at Men's Breakfast to speak of the ugly.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

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Nursery Schedule

June 10

Worship

Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

Creepers

Denys, Michael Anne
& Olivia Tawzer

Toddlers

Tracy & Michael Horton

Floater

Abby Horton

Sunday School

Infants

Domekia & Ellie Gaines
& Vangie Wykoff

Creepers

Anna Byrd & Christine,
Heather & Grace Morrison

Toddlers

Jason & Jennifer McNeeley

P.M.

Paid Workers

June Coordinator:

Leanna Cathey

WM SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

Starting Tuesday, June 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the church, Mandi Johnson is teaching *James: Faith That Works* by Andrew T. and Phyllis J. Le Peau. Child care is provided for ages 11 and under. Sign-up sheets are available at the WM Table in the lobby.

Brenda Mason and Babs Leach's class: *Becoming A Woman of Purpose* by Cynthia Heald continues to meet on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Class. Child care is provided for ages 11 and under.

YOUTH TO HAITI

Please remember our Haiti missions team (June 8-16) in your prayers. They are ministering in Momance, Haiti. Momance is about 20 miles southwest of Port au Prince near the epicenter of the devastating earthquake that hit Haiti January, 2010. The team members are: Chris Gregory, Lewis Reid, Dawn Reynolds, Emilia Reynolds, Elena Cross, Elizabeth Beatty, Luke Rogers, Chris Gaither, David Herberich, Emily Vatt, Austin Harnsberger and Andrew Schreiner. The team is working closely with CPC member Kyle Mullinax and R3 International Missions. Please pray for protection and productivity while the team is in Haiti.

MUSIC CAMP

This week has been a wonderful time with a church full of children! Over 140 children from the area have joined us each day for music, crafts, game time and much more. The children learned about King Josiah and are performing this Sunday evening. Please show your support by joining us for the performance and the ice cream social afterwards.

CHICK'S & CHOCOLATE

This month CPC women are invited to Camille Platt's home June 15 at 6:30 for a night of Pokeno! This is a great game that is a cross between a white elephant party and bingo. We played about a month ago with a bunch of girls and had a blast. Call Mandi Johnson or Leanna Cathey for more information.

COUPLES CLASS

Jon Harris is leading a relationship education group for couples called *The Hold Me Tight Program*. This class is based on the book by Dr. Sue Johnson and is meeting at CPC starting June 25 for 7 weeks. CPC members receive the discount price of \$155. Contact Jon at 423-756-2894 x2438 or JonEHarrisLPC@gmail.com for more information.

Rebecca and Ric Nimmer

request the honor or your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Danielle Marie

to

Dwight William Sell

on Saturday, the sixteenth of June

two thousand and twelve

at two o'clock in the afternoon

Covenant Presbyterian Church

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

This summer at CPC Mission: Chattanooga will meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On Campus activities: Knitting / Crocheting; Crafts to Care; Cooking with a Purpose (meets every other week; this week is kitchen clean-up); Missions Support (stamp ministry & letter writing); Prayer Group and Choir continue.

Off Campus: Visitation (at local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, with our shut-ins); Warehouse Renovation for Amani Ya Juu ministry (420 S. Willow St. in Highland Park area). We are meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the warehouse.

SOLES FOR SOULS CAMPAIGN

We are collecting shoes to help the Homeless Health Foot Clinic in Chattanooga. Please bring used (in good condition) or new gym shoes, sandals, or any kind of shoe that fit young and old. Foot supplies such as socks, bleach, foot powder, triple antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, nail files, and liquid bottles of shampoo are also being collected. You may also make donations to purchase these items. There are two collection boxes outside Mark Wilson's office. Contact Sherry Baierl if you have any questions at 423-580-4376.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool continues throughout the summer on Thursdays 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.