



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- June 15** Chicks 'n Chocolate
- June 16** Nimmer/Sell Wedding
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/Wyckoff
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
No Evening Service
- 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
- July 7** Men's Breakfast
- July 8** Mission Committee Meeting
Deacons Meeting
Youth Leave for Mission:
Camp Macon
- July 10** WM Summer Bible Studies

"The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." That was the title of my talk to the men at their breakfast on June 2. I shared with them some of what I'd learned from my sons about my failures and successes as a father.

Last week we talked about "The Ugly." This week we'll focus on "The Bad."

I failed as a father to remember what it was like, first, to be a boy, and then a young man coming into adulthood. That failure probably was tied to an eagerness on my part to forget all the pain, frustration and confusion of those years, along with a fanciful hope that my sons were not struggling as I struggled.

Instead of forgetting, I should have remembered how I wished my Dad had asked me more frequently: "How are you doing? What's your biggest frustration? How's your walk with the Lord?" I'm not sure my Dad knew how to ask such questions. But I did, and failed to ask those types of questions with any kind of regularity.

My sons have learned from my mistakes. For example, the one who struggled the most with lying, now deals far more wisely with his children than I did with him. When he asks one of his children a question that he knows they'll be tempted to lie about, he tells them to take their time and think a little longer before answering him. That's extremely wise, and is something he does because he remembers his and my failures in this particular area.

Another son struggles hard not to speak as loudly or as harshly as I did at times to my children. While I wish I had not spoken as I did at times, I'm grateful that he has learned from my sins.

I also was far too presumptuous of the idea that our general family discussions about significant issues were sufficient to provide my sons with the wis-

dom and knowledge they needed to deal with their own individual struggles. This was especially true in reference to their sexuality and the temptations of pornography.

We discussed those issues as a family, but I failed to sit down with each of my sons and have a one-on-one talk about things I should have realized (and remembered) were of great weight to young men. I should have realized that our wide-open family talks were not sufficient; that each of my sons needed individual guidance and encouragement.

Next week, I'm grateful to say, I'll write about "The Good."

I want to close by thanking Jeremy (and his family) and Mindy (and all her helpers) for their work last week during Music Camp, to say nothing of the weeks of preparation prior to the beginning of MC. If you were here Sunday evening you realized again that MC may be the strongest outreach we have to our community. There were a number of children participating in the program Sunday evening whose families do not attend CPC.

By God's grace, our children hopefully learned a little more about God's covenant purposes in the life of OT Israel, King Josiah's love for the Lord, and the importance of the Law found in the Temple during the renovations ordered by Judah's good King.

I also want to let you know that Linda and I left for Asheville on Tuesday (June 12), so she could be with her parents, while I traveled on (by air) to Washington, DC, to visit for half a day with Andrew and Tori. God willing, we will return to Chattanooga Friday, June 15.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

June 17

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Judy Foster

Creepers

Tammy Bacon
& Colleen Murphy

Toddlers

Jessica Greer
& Cayce Weekley

Floater

John Pearce

Sunday School

Infants

Bill & Sandy Coffey

Creepers

Edyne & Emily Vatt

Toddlers

Becky Fingerle
& Ernie Brown

P.M.

Father's Day
No Evening Service

June Coordinator:

Leanna Cathey

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Alanna Lesondak, bride-elect of Charles Wykoff, is being given on Sunday, June 24 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Class. Alanna is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

WM SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

Mandi Johnson's second class on: *James: Faith That Works* by Andrew T. and Phyllis J. Le Peau meets this Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Child care is provided for ages 11 and under. It is not to late too join. Contact Mandi for more information.

YOUTH TO HAITI

Please continue to remember our Haiti mission team in your prayers. They are returning to Chattanooga Saturday, June 16. 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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all teachers, helpers, parents and staff for making Music Camp 2012 a success. Pray that God will cultivate and grow the seeds that were planted in the minds of these 140 children. Also, a contribution of \$1215.32 will be made to Japan for the children. Thank you. Soli Deo Gloria.

Jeremy Gaines

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

This month CPC women are invited to Camille Platt's home June 15 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool continues throughout the summer on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 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.

Rebecca and Ric Nimmer

request the honor of 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 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed in the nursery the following dates, please notify Heather Harris if you are available.

June 17: Infant/Toddler room during Sunday School

July 8: Infant room during Worship Service

July 15: Infant room during Sunday School

July 22: Toddler room during Sunday School