



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- July 20** Chicks 'n Chocolate
- July 21** Fosgate/Hatcher Wedding at Perimeter Church Chapel
- July 22** Ker/Epperson Bridal Shower
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
No Evening Service
- July 24** WM Summer Bible Studies
- July 25** Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- July 26** Swim Day
- July 29** Shepherding Groups Meet
- July 31** WM Summer Bible Studies
- August 1** Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- August 2** Swim Day
- August 5** Lord's Supper Celebrated
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
- August 7** WM Summer Bible Studies
WM Council
- August 8** Last Mission: Chattanooga
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- August 9** Swim Day
- August 11** Men's Breakfast
- August 12** Mission Committee Meeting
Deacon Meeting
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Youth -Parent Kick Off
- August 14** WM Summer Bible Study (Mandi Johnson)
- August 15** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- August 16** Memorial Hospital Lunch
- August 17** Chicks 'n Chocolate

Someone looked at the bulletin on Sunday and became concerned that the preacher was going to start with Genesis 1.1 and work his way through the rest of Scripture, verse by verse. Where anyone would get such an idea is beyond me.

We are going to work our way chronologically through the Scripture but not verse by verse. Our objective will be to appreciate the history and significance of God's unfolding covenant purposes. From Adam to Noah to Abraham to Israel to David to Jesus.

Twice in 1 Corinthians 10 Paul refers to Israel's deliverance from Egypt and her wandering in the wilderness (all of which most likely took place in the 15th century BC) as "examples" (vs. 6, 11) intended to instruct the Gentile and Jewish believers of the church in Corinth.

Likewise, in Hebrews 12, after reviewing much of Old Testament history, the author encourages his readers to run with endurance the race set before them (v 1), with their eyes fixed on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of this great faith evidenced in both the lives of Old Testament saints and those to whom this epistle is written.

This past week we began our survey by taking a broad look at Genesis one. I mentioned our denomination's paper on creation. You can find it on the web at www.pcahistory.org/creation/report.pdf. I believe if you take the time to carefully read this paper you will find it both enlightening and encouraging. It demonstrates our unflinching commitment to the testimony of Scripture and our eagerness to handle carefully God's revelation.

I think it was in 2000 that our General Assembly approved as orthodox a diversity of views in reference to the days of creation "as long as the full historicity of the creation account is accepted."

Let me attempt to briefly define for you four of the more significant views of the days of creation found orthodox by the 28th General Assembly.

The first, of course, is that the days of creations were six, 24 hour days.

The second, the "Day-Age" interpretation, which views the six days of creation as period of indefinite length and not necessarily of 24 hour duration.

A third view is called "The Framework" interpretation. Those holding to this view believe that Genesis one, while historical, is not meant to be viewed chronologically, but topically.

For example:

- On the first day of creation God separated the day from the night, and on the fourth day God created the sun, moon and stars.
- On the second day God separated the sea and the sky, and on the fifth day He created birds and all those creatures who inhabit the sea.
- On the third day God separated the dry land from the sea, covered the earth with vegetation and then on the sixth day created land animals and mankind.

The important point is that all things were created by God, including you and me. Therefore, as Paul teaches us in Colossians 1.16, we were created by Him and for Him.

Exactly how God went about these acts of creation, I'm not sure. But of this I am certain: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

I know that many can ask questions that I can't answer. But confidently I refer you to our denomination's position paper. I believe you will find it addresses many of the issues that concern you.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

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Nursery Schedule

July 22

Worship

Infants

Beth Griggs
& Sandi Schreiner

Creepers

Kristin Sotelo
& Carla Stevenson

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Andrew Schreiner

Sunday School

Infants

Diane Lazor
& Nancy Cooper

Creepers

Anna Steere
& Debby Gardner

Toddlers

Jeanie Hall & Yvonne Owens

P.M.

Summer Schedule
No Evening Service

July Coordinator:

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BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Suzanna Ker, bride-elect of Clint Epperson is being given Sunday, July 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Suzanna is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

This month CPC women are invited to Nancy Cooper's home Friday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. for a cookout and swimming! Please RSVP to Mandi Johnson or Leanna Cathey.

WELCOME ALL WOMEN!

Teresa Snow is speaking Sunday, July 29 during Sunday School on *Women Reaching Women in the Market Place*. Teresa Snow, a CPC supported missionary, is serving with Campus Crusade for Christ/Priority Associates in Austin, Texas. Her team's goal is to transform Austin, Texas one life at a time by presenting Christ and developing spiritual leaders in the marketplace. Please plan on attending this special event held in the Ladies Classroom.

MUSICAL NOTES

Handbell Ensemble: CPC Handbell Ensemble resumes Sunday, July 22 at 4:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to develop and enhance music skills while having fun.

Instrumental Ensemble: CPC Instrumental Ensemble resumes Sunday, July 22 at 5:00 p.m. This is a great time to join. For more information on any of these musical notes, contact Jeremy by email at jgaines@covenantchattanooga.org

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

Mission: Chattanooga takes place every Wednesday night during the summer from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. Weekly projects include Amani Ya Juu (building renovation), visitation, crafts, sewing, cooking, prayer group, stamp ministry and letter writing to our missionaries. For more information, contact Eric Mullinax.

SWIM DAY

Swim day at the Mays' 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.

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Fosgate
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Caitlin Leigh

to

Joseph Robert Hatcher

Saturday, the twenty-first of July

two thousand and twelve

at three o'clock in the afternoon

Perimeter Church Chapel
9500 Medlock Bridge Road
Johns Creek, GA 30022

reception to follow

CHATTANOOGA AREA FOOD BANK

Our church is participating in a food drive for the Chattanooga Area Food Bank. This organization provides food for over 20,000 people every week. Our Mercy Committee works with this ministry regularly. There are barrels located outside Mark Wilson's office for your donation of all types of non-perishable items. At this time, the supply of canned fruit and mixed vegetables is low, but all donations are appreciated.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

There are no Sunday evening activities during the summer months. All regular Sunday evening activities will resume September 9. There is a special meeting August 19 for reports regarding mission trips taken this summer.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Session will meet with anyone desiring church membership on Sunday afternoon, August 19. Call the church office to schedule a time.