



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...*

### *Looking Ahead...*

**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  
Garner/Ray Bridal Shower  
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  
Swim Day

**August 17**

Chicks 'n Chocolate

**August 19**

Gardner/Walden  
Bridal Shower  
Membership Sunday  
Evening Service:  
Mission Trip Reports

**August 21**

Session Meeting

**August 22**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Resumes-Supper Only  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**August 26**

Shepherding Groups Meet

I clearly remember hearing the "older" members of our extended family talk about how quickly time seemed to be flying by.

I also remember wondering what in the world they were talking about. When you're ten, time can seem to crawl, especially when you're waiting for school to end, for Christmas to come or for the drive to Granny's to be over.

Even now, while I'm amazed to look back and realize how many years have passed, it doesn't seem like a blip in time. It seems to me that I've been married to Linda forever — and that's a good thing. It seems as if I've been the pastor of CPC my whole life — and that also, for me, is a good thing.

Now I remember being on Cayman, in Illinois, in South Carolina and most of what I remember is good. I fondly remember having a house full of six kids.

Of course, there are things I remember that I wish I could forget. Things I did that I shouldn't have done, things I said that I shouldn't have said. Perhaps even more painful, are the things I should have said and done, but didn't.

There are sins I know are forgiven that still haunt me. I don't feel guilty, but I have deep regrets. Things I wish I could undo. Things I wish I had another opportunity to get right.

But it doesn't work that way and that's probably best. Given a second chance, most likely I'd fail again. Maybe not, but probably so.

But God always gives us the gift of today and the promise of tomorrow.

Today, by His grace and strength, I can choose to do what I know will honor Him and bless others. Today, I can live knowing that my life is in His Hands, my sins are forgiven, and one day I will begin those unending days, with family

and friends, most of whom I never knew in this world, and together with our Lord we will work and tend His restored creation, free of worries, pains, sorrows, tears and regrets.

Will our days as citizens of the new earth fly by? They might. But it won't matter, because they will stretch for all eternity.

When Isaiah writes about new heavens and a new earth, the LORD has him use language that communicates to his audience the wonder of that world yet to come. Isaiah tells (65.17-25)

- no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress...
- we shall build houses and inhabit them; we shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit; and we do so without fear of terrorists or criminals...
- our days will be the days of a tree and we shall enjoy the work of our hands...
- our labor will never be in vain and our loved ones will never be overcome by calamity...
- we will live at peace with one another, for the wolf and lamb shall graze together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox...
- for we shall dwell forevermore atop God's holy mountain.

We have lots of work yet to do to expand the borders of God's Kingdom and continue the work of restoring a fallen creation. We can do so, knowing our sins are forgiven, knowing that today we can serve our King as we serve others in His Name. We can do so confident that our times are in His Hands and we are held in His everlasting Arms.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

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### Nursery Schedule

July 29

Worship

#### Infants

Kenyon & Marcy Wilson

#### Creepers

Heidie, Christine  
& Jenny Armao

#### Toddlers

Nathan & Olivia Bowers

#### Floater

Julia Bowers

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Keith & Julie Bingham

#### Creepers

Allison Millard  
& Elizabeth Beatty

#### Toddlers

Drew & Angela Heisig

#### P.M.

Shepherding Groups  
No Evening Service

#### July Coordinator:

Boo Mullinax

### 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.

### TENNESSEE VALLEY PRESWIC 2012 FALL RETREAT

This year's retreat is in Fall Creek Falls, TN with Tara Barthel of *Peacemaker Ministries* speaking on *Fear Not: Finding God's Comfort for my Fearful Soul*. The conference opens at 4:00 p.m. (CST) Friday, October 12 with dinner from 5:00 p.m. (CST) to 6:30 p.m. (CST) The first session begins at 6:30 p.m. (CST) and the closing session will end at 3:00 p.m. (CST) on Saturday, October 13. Please register by August 10, any registration received after that date will be placed on a waiting list. Registration forms can be found on the WM table in the lobby. For more information contact Mandi Johnson or Leanna Cathey.

### 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.

### 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.

### SPECIAL WORK DAY

There will be a special work day this Saturday, July 28, at Amani Ya Juu from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **All workers are needed** but especially those with carpenter skills and tools. Please call Lewis Reid at 423-227-2367 to let him know you are available. The warehouse is located at 400 South Willow in the Highland Park Area. Many hands are needed!

### 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.

### 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.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

### THANK YOU

The following note was received in regards to our Memorial Hospital Lunch service every third Thursday of the month.

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*My husband and I visited a friend's wife in the Surgical Waiting Room at Memorial Hospital today around noon-time, and we were delighted to be offered sandwiches, chips, cokes, and fruit while we waited for our friend to come out of surgery.*

*A friendly gentleman and his young daughter and son (we believe) waited on us most graciously, coming around to our chairs for "seconds", with friendly smiles.*

*They also passed out Gospel of John booklets. The hands and feet of Jesus were evident in their ministrations.*

*We want to thank you for making our wait in the hospital waiting room pleasant and cheerful.*

*Love in Him,*

*Inge & Chuck Weaver, Ooltewah, TN*