



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

#### **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 23**

Last Swim Day

#### **August 26**

Joe & Linda Barnes  
50th Wedding Reception  
Shepherding Groups Meet

#### **August 29**

Wednesday Night Supper  
All Wednesday Night  
Activities Resume

#### **August 30**

Ladies Bible Study

Arrogance and pride are two of Satan's favorite human traits.

The arrogant have an overwhelming sense of their own intellect, abilities and importance. They know better than anyone else. No one's opinion matters, except for those who agree with them. They offer long and elaborate explanations in defense of their behavior and words. They claim to be willing to hear what others have to say, but they're not. The only voices to which they will listen are their own and those singing a similar tune.

Their sense of self worth is so pitiful that they pridefully will not admit their failures or confess their sins. They are not willing to ask for help, unless it is on their own terms. They are more concerned about defending their reputations than they are about being right before God. They care mainly about themselves. They seem to have little understanding of how their arrogance and pride is destroying the lives of those they claim to love.

Scripture is filled with such stories; stories of saints whose arrogance and pride brings trouble and destruction to others.

Noah, following the flood, plants a vineyard, harvests the grapes, makes wine and gets drunk. As a consequence one of his sons dishonors him and that son and his descendants are cursed by God. Noah gets drunk, his son despises him and for generations the family struggles to recover.

Abram commands his wife to lie. She is to tell the Pharaoh that she is Abram's sister — which is technically true. Because of Abram's sin, instead of God's chosen serving as his wife's provider and protector, she ends up a member of Pharaoh's harem. Instead of Abram's life revealing to the Pharaoh the greatness of

his God, the Pharaoh and his household suffered a series of plagues because of Abram's lie.

David, a man after God's own heart, ends up in an illicit relationship, which he attempts to hide by murdering the husband of the woman he has seduced. It is a sin which he does not confess until confronted by Nathan the prophet. Though forgiven by God, throughout the remainder of David's reign, the land of Israel is continuously troubled by internal and external conflicts.

The story can be told many more times.

It's our story. The only difference between us, is that some of you have trusted the Lord with your story. Furthermore, many of you have found others with whom you can speak openly, without fear of condemnation or exposure. By God's grace you have experienced His healing touch and restorative grace.

If you have not, why are you hiding? And why are you hiding it? Take it to the Lord. Find someone with whom you can speak about these things. Don't carry around such a burden. You don't have to. The Lord forgives. And most of those who are genuinely His people, don't condemn. They rejoice. They rejoice to see a brother or sister in the Lord delivered from Satan's debilitating grasp.

It's not easy. It may even be painful. Most cures are, but He is the great physician and the church is to be the place of healing. Don't be so arrogant. Don't be so full of false pride. Be able to sing with David: "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32.5).

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

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### Nursery Schedule

August 5

#### Worship

##### Infants

Gretchen & Mollee Brown  
& Kelly Orthner

##### Creepers

Brian & Holly Lehmann

##### Toddlers

Scott & Meg Orthner

##### Floater

Luke Orthner

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Joanna Wilson & Rachel Ely

##### Creepers

Jeannie Hall  
& Amy Creamer

##### Toddlers

Huston & Janet Wade

### P.M.

Summer Schedule  
No Evening Service

### August Coordinator:

Peg May

### 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. CDT Friday, October 12 with dinner from 5:00 p.m. CDT to 6:30 p.m. CDT. The first session begins at 6:30 p.m. CDT and the closing session will end at 3:00 p.m. CDT 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.

### YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

All Middle School and High School parents and students are invited to the *Back to School Bash!* Come find out the plans for the youth this year. The *Back to School Bash* is Sunday, August 12 from 6:00 p.m. with food, games, inflatables and more. See Chris Gregory for more information.

### MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

The last Mission: Chattanooga takes place Wednesday night, August 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. 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 will end on August 23. Please enjoy the last few Thursdays at the pool 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.

### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The newly updated Membership Directories are ready for pick up this Sunday morning on a table in the lobby. Please be sure to pick your copy up!

### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Leah Garner, bride-elect of Kendal Ray is being given Sunday, August 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Leah is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

### 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.

### SOLES FOR SOULS CAMPAIGN

We are collecting shoes to help the Homeless Health Foot Clinic in Chattanooga through the end of August. 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.

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed September 2 in the infant room during Worship Service and September 9 in the creeper room during Sunday School. If you are able to help, please contact Heather Harris.

### SPECIAL WORK DAY

There will be a special work day this Saturday, August 4, at Amani Ya Juu from 9:00 a.m. to noon. **All level of workers are needed.** 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!