



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Church Administrator...

Looking Ahead...

August 17
Chicks 'n Chocolate

August 19
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
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

September 2
Lord's Supper Celebrated

September 3
Labor Day
Church Office Closed

September 4
Mother's Encouragement
Group
WM Council Meeting

September 5
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

September 6
Ladies Bible Study

September 8
Men's Breakfast
Communicant Class

September 9
Mission Committee Meeting
Ely/Miller Bridal Shower
Diaconate Meeting
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Evening Bible Study
Kids, Inc.
Youth Meeting

September 12
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

CPC is a very active church! Some churches struggle with having mostly "pew warmers" rather than active members. CPC, on the other hand, is blessed with a very active membership - people who really are involved in the life of the church. An active membership makes scheduling everything on the church calendar an interesting endeavor. But, our staff will "not become weary in well doing", for we are thankful for the vibrant life of this church body!

Preparing for your fall schedule we want to inform you of all the resources and opportunities available here at CPC. Though all of the following list may not apply to you individually, please peruse the entire list because I'm confident you'll find opportunities to serve with us and grow in Christ for all.

The **Women's and Men's Ministries** offer a plethora of ministry opportunities: weekly small groups, Wednesday night meetings, game nights, various Bible Studies throughout the week, meetings before meals, during meals and after meals (we have to eat don't we?), and retreats scheduled throughout the year. Current information about those ministries is always available at the Welcome Center and regularly by email updates, posters and announcements in Sunday School.

The **Music Ministry** is always very active. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. and the Handbell and Instrumental Ensembles meet most Sunday afternoons. The Children's Choirs practice Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning August 29. Please see the church website (see above address) for more Music Ministry information.

The **Youth Ministry** has been very busy this year and has a full calendar planned for the fall. Copies of their "CPC Youth Happenings" are available at the Welcome Center. If you are not already on the CPC Youth Facebook contact list and would like to be, please ask Chris Gregory.

Two of our regular Children's Ministry opportunities begin again soon: **Covenant Corps** on August 29 and our Sunday evening program for children, **Kids, Inc.**, on Septem-

ber 9. Our Covenant Corp curriculum, Great Commission Publications Kids' Quest, uses Biblical accounts of God's work in our world to illustrate His character and explain theological truths in a concrete way.

We'd like to draw your attention to the **Welcome Center** in the church lobby. It is for members as well as visitors. There you will find copies of:

- ◆ A Sunday School map. The map also lists current study topics in the Adult classes and teachers.
- ◆ A calendar of members' birthdays and anniversaries for the current month.
- ◆ Men's Ministry weekly small group meetings (time, location and contact person).
- ◆ A prayer list of current requests and praises. Thank you, Doug McEachern for updating this weekly!
- ◆ A monthly prayer list you can use to pray for all of our members by name as well as the missionaries we support.
- ◆ Women's Ministry weekly & monthly small group meetings.
- ◆ The weekly eNewsletter.
- ◆ Last Sunday's bulletin.
- ◆ Various topical booklets for sale as well as Dr. Caines' book on 1 Corinthians 13.
- ◆ Many other items such as newsletters and updates from various missionaries.

We strive keep the church family informed of ministry opportunities and needs within the body. The primary venues for sharing information include the weekly church eNewsletter, the Sunday bulletin, daily info emails, prayer emails, Powerpoints during the Wednesday night suppers, hard copies at the Welcome Center, strategically placed bulletin boards and brief announcements before the Sunday morning Worship Service. Our website also provides lots of information about who we are and our current events.

In no way can this article include all of the ministry opportunities available at CPC. Hopefully this does provides you with several resources to help you become or remain a vital part of the life and ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

~Mark Wilson



What's Happening?

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Nursery Schedule

August 19

Worship

Infants

Judy Foster
& Esther McEachern

Creepers

Josh & Renee Ray

Toddlers

Jon & Isaiah Harris

Floater

Jonah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Brenda King & Lynda Brown

Creepers

Tammy & William Higgins

Toddlers

Mark & Linda Lander

P.M.

Combined

Rahm Family

August Coordinator:

Peg May

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

This month CPC women are invited to a game night at the church Friday, August 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Bring your favorite snack and have a fun filled evening! Please RSVP to Mandi Johnson or Leanna Cathey.

MOVING HELP NEEDED

Adam and Millie Sanders are moving to East Ridge this Saturday, August 18, beginning at 2:00 p.m. If you can help load and unload boxes please call Adam at 404.969.2337.

SUMMER MISSION REPORTS

This Sunday, August 19, there will be a special evening service from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Those who went on summer mission trips will be giving an update and sharing their experiences.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joe and Linda Barnes are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a drop-in reception, August 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Please join the Barnes in celebrating this milestone with lots of hugs but no gifts.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

All middle school students are invited to a Fall Retreat, September 21-23, at Ponderosa Bible Camp in Mentone, Alabama. The youth will leave the church Friday at 6:00 p.m. and return Sunday around noon. The cost is \$40 and the registration forms are outside Chris's office. Register by September 16 by turning the form in to Chris or Reba Grigory.

SAVE THE DATE

Christians around Chattanooga continue to look for answers to the city's ongoing upswing of gang violence. On Friday and Saturday, September 7-8, Dr. John M. Perkins will be the keynote speaker at Hope for the Inner City's Urban Outreach Conference. This year's conference will be specifically centered on training and equipping church leaders and members who want to see an end to gang violence. Friday's sessions are from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday's are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All sessions will be at 1800 Roanoke Avenue. Tickets are available at 423.698.3178. Learn more at Hope4theInnercity.org/urbanconference.

BRIDAL SHOWER

The bridal shower for Lindsay Gardner (daughter of John and Debbie Gardner), bride-elect of Andrew Walden, has been postponed.

SWIM DAY

Thursday, August 23 is the last swim day at the Mays' 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.

HELPERS NEEDED

The Children's Ministry needs a couple of helpers, not teachers, this fall. Kids, Inc. meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Covenant Corp Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are available to help on either night, please contact Holly Lehmann or Mark Wilson.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Night Activities will begin with a Fellowship Dinner on August 22. All other activities will resume on August 29. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and is served until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4, for children ages 5 to 11 is \$2.50, and children under 4 eat for free. The maximum family donation is \$15.

On August 29, starting at 7 p.m. Covenant Corp, Sanctuary Choir, Bible Studies for all ages and Prayer Groups will meet in various locations.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of August: Griggs and K. Brown. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know you can help.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

A Communicant's class for young people in preparation for making a public profession of faith and joining the church begins Saturday, September 8, at 10 a.m. in the Visitors Classroom. The course will be guided primarily at home by parents of the prospective communicants with only a couple of corporate meetings led by Pastor Mullinax. The coursework is geared for ages 10 and up. Materials cost is \$10. See Pastor Mullinax for introductory information.

CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

Keith & Julie Bingham:	no landline, use Julie's cell: 706.581.8626
Drew & Angela Heisig:	cell phone listed is Angela's not Drew's
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