



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- 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
- September 13**
Ladies Bible Study
- September 16**
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Membership Sunday
Evening Bible Study
Kids, Inc.
Youth Meeting
- September 18**
Mother's Encouragement Group
- September 19**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities Session Meeting
- September 20**
Ladies Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- September 21**
Middle School Retreat
Chicks 'n Chocolate
- September 23**
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Evening Bible Study
Kids, Inc.

Following worship Sunday morning, Linda and I left for Asheville, South Carolina. There we visited with Joel and Carol (Linda's sister), and my in-laws, Bill and Freda Jackson.

Monday morning we drove to Bishopville, South Carolina, to the house in which my mother and her brother were born. The reason for this quick trip was to fulfill the privilege of being asked by my cousins to conduct the funeral and burial service for my Aunt Irene, the wife of Mom's brother, John (for whom I am named).

We spent Monday evening with my cousin, Judith, in Columbia, South Carolina. Tuesday morning we returned to Asheville, spent the day with Linda's parents, and returned to Chattanooga on Wednesday.

At least I think that's what we did. I'm writing this Friday, August 24, in light of what our plans are for August 26-29. But, I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet. So, Lord willing, what you are now reading is what I believe we will have done.

For years the winners of the Super Bowl would exclaim that the next great thing they were doing was going to "Disney World."

For me, the next big thing was a visit to Uncle John's and Aunt Irene's. Their home and farm was a magical place. Acres and acres of land to explore. Cotton, soy beans and peanuts to watch grow. If I was really lucky, we visited at harvest time watching all of the farm equipment in action. Barns, windmills, pig parlors, tractors, reapers, etc., etc., etc. As a

boy (and maybe even now) exploring the farm provided way more entertainment than a trip to even Disney World.

Even better there would always be a pot of butter beans on the stove, a pile of fried chicken to eat, a pitcher of sweet iced tea and peach cobbler for dessert. Boy, it was good!

But even more than all the good food or adventure, Aunt Irene's greeting always made me feel special and welcomed. When I was twelve, I traveled to South Carolina on the train, by myself, became terribly sick with a high fever. By the time I arrived at Aunt Irene's, they had to take me to the hospital to get an IV. For the next few days I lay in a bedroom just off the kitchen, where Aunt Irene treated me like royalty.

Lots of fond memories. Uncle John has been with the Lord for a number of years. Aunt Irene now joins him in the mighty presence of our Lord. I wonder what they've been talking about the past few days? I'll miss them. But it's so good knowing that someday we'll all be together again for all eternity. We'll sit together and feast at the table of our Lord and Savior.

I just hope the butter beans, fried chicken, sweet tea and peach cobbler hold out.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

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Nursery Schedule September 2

Worship

Infants

Judy Foster & Edyne Vatt

Creepers

Denys, Michael Ann
& Olivia Tawzer

Toddlers

Tracy & Michael Horton

Floater

Abby Horton

Sunday School

Infants

Dusty & Rachel Kemp

Creepers

Mike & Brenda Mason

Toddlers

Becky Fingerle
& Ernie Brown

P.M.

Labor Day Weekend
No Evening Service

September Coordinator:
Need Volunteer

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Rachel Ely, bride-elect of Mark Miller is being given Sunday, September 9, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Rachel is registered at Kohl's and Target.

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 Gregory.

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 Hope4theInnecity.org/urbanconference.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

There are no Sunday evening activities this week. All regular Sunday evening activities will resume next week, September 9. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Children's Ministry needs one more helper, not teacher, this fall for Kids, Inc. on Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are available to help, please contact Holly Lehmann or Mark Wilson.

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 10:00 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 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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24TH ANNUAL FCA 5K RUN

The 24th annual 5K run for FCA will be held Labor Day, September 3, at Chattanooga State. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. with the race starting at 8:00 a.m. All proceeds support FCA's ministry in southeast Tennessee. For more information go to their website: www.chattanoogaFCA.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 8, at 8:30 a.m. Greg Duble is the speaker this month. Plan on joining us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and is served until 6:40 p.m. The suggested donation for adults is \$4, children ages 5 to 11 is \$2.50 and children under 4 eat for free. The maximum family donation is \$15.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of September: G. Duble/J. Harris, J. Gaines, D. Elwood and D. Grant. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you can help.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Last year during the school year, CPC began partnering with East Ridge Presbyterian Church and Young Life to reach unchurched middle school children. If you are wanting to reach and love these children in anyway, please contact Cara Childers at childers.cara@gmail.com.

MUSIC CAMP 2013

The dates for Music Camp in 2013 are June 24-29 with the performance on Sunday, June 30. This is the last week of June which is a change from previous years. Please make a note on your calendars so you can be a part of this special event.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Session will meet with anyone desiring church membership on Sunday afternoon, September 16. Call the church office to schedule a time.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

September 5	Meatloaf
September 12	Spaghetti
September 19	Breakfast
September 26	Grilled Chicken & Fettuccini
October 3	Cowboy Casserole
October 10	BBQ
October 17	Chicken Tetrzazini
October 24	Chicken & Dumplings
November 14	Chicken & Rice
November 28	Chili
December 5	Lasagna
December 12	Baked Potato Bar