



The eNewsletter

September 6, 2012

A publication of Covenant Presbyterian Church 8451 East Brainerd Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37421
www.covenantchattanooga.org

From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

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.

September 26

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

September 27

Ladies Bible Study

September 30

Shepherding Groups Meet

October 2

Mother's Encouragement
Group
WM Council Meeting

October 3

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

Last week both my parents died within hours of one another. Beginning as high school sweethearts and then as a married couple, they were a tandem for three quarters of a century. So it seemed only fitting that they should depart this life as they had lived it ... together! I'm sure as children of the Great Depression, Mom and Dad delighted in the 2 for 1 savings we got on the funeral costs! The following are some thoughts I shared at their memorial service.

This occasion is bitter sweet, but more sweet than bitter. It's sweet to recount the goodness that flowed from their lives to others and to remember their long, blessed lives that were well lived.

My folks loved their family. They were terrific parents and perhaps, even better grandparents and great grandparents.

They were true and generous friends. You just had to like them. Although most of their childhood buddies are gone, they had an uncanny way of befriending others across generational lines ... attested to by the many "kids" here today.

They were lovers of their country...patriotic to the nth degree. They faithfully served their country; Dad as a navy corpsman with the First Marine Division in WW II and Mom on the home front as an exemplary member of "the greatest generation" (cf. Tom Brokaw).

They were conscientious and active in civic responsibilities and community affairs. They served their life-long, little town (Lyman, SC) in almost every capacity (volunteer fire chief, scout master, den mother, city councilman, dog-chaser ...well, I'm not sure about that last one).

They were dedicated worshippers and servers in their church. Dad was an active member for 80 years, Mom a mere 68. When the church doors were opened they were there (with not-so-enthusiastic boys in tow).

With their time, treasure and talents, they were avid supporters of District-Five schools (SC) and Wofford College (Dad...post-war class of '50). They quickly became big fans of any school that their children or grandchildren were affiliated with.

They were just good, old-fashioned hard workers. Anything they took up, they sought to do well (1 Corinthians 10.31). Their entire work

careers were at one place...Lyman Printing and Finishing Co. Dad worked there 32 years and Mom 35 years.

They were wonderfully practical in the expressions of their Christian faith. They were others-oriented...always visiting, giving someone a ride, making someone a meal, writing a card or making a call. Even when driving was no longer an option for them, they insisted that I take them to see "the old people".

Had enough? I could easily continue. Their lives were filled with sweet memories. But, there's also a bitterness in this occasion. Death is not a friend. The Bible calls it the last enemy. And separation is not pleasant. I miss them already. Sons are never too old for a father's affirming words or a mother's tender touch. All I've wanted to do the last couple of days is call them and say..."hey, did you hear about Horace and Ginny? After all that time they exited together! Can you believe that?!"

But, I can't call them or see them or feel them. And that's bitter. Another bitter thing is...that for all the good things we can truly say about them...the fact is they were flawed. They were not perfect. They were sinners falling far short of God's holy standard. They, like every one of us, were in desperate need of a Savior.

And that leads us back to sweetness...the absolute pinnacle of sweetness. Horace and Ginny knew God's saving grace in Jesus Christ. They were heralds of that grace in word and deed. They were quick to acknowledge that for all their gifts and good works-which were many...these things earned them nothing with God. So as the hymn writer aptly says...their hope was built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

Only by grace are they now forerunners to the heavenly regions, gazing firsthand at the glory and majesty of their Redeemer...and that's a sweet consolation.

~Pastor Mullinax

To our CPC family,
Thank you for your calls, cards, concern and prayers with regard to the deaths of my parents last week. As usual you have loved us well.

Eric & Boo Mullinax



What's Happening?

Page 2

Nursery Schedule September 9

Worship

Infants

Amy Wooten
& Sally Forrester

Creepers

Cayce Weekly
& Katherine Gaither

Toddlers

Jessica Greer
& Tammy Bacon

Floater

Wes Gaither

Sunday School

Infants

Sandra Nicely
& Debby Gardner

Creepers

Millie Sanders
& Jean Mauroner

Toddlers

Adam & Leanna Cathey

P.M.

Combined

Polly Henry & Linda Caines

September Coordinator:

Cayce Weekly

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.

HS MOTHER/DAUGHTER GATLINBURG GETAWAY

All high school girls and their mothers are invited to a Mother/Daughter Getaway November 16 to 18. The cost is \$90 total with a \$45 non refundable deposit due September 9. Please fill out the registration form and give it to Tracy Horton or Reba Gregory to reserve your spot.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

All middle school students are invited to a Fall Retreat, September 21 to 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.

HS FATHER/SON WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

All high school boys and their fathers are invited to a wilderness adventure on the Appalachian Trail October 12 to 14. The cost is \$90 with deposit of \$45 due September 30. Please fill out the registration form and give it to Chris Gregory to reserve your spot.

PARENTS OF YOUTH...

While it's true that's there's nothing new under the sun, Satan specializes in finding endless new ways to repack-age old lies. With this in mind, Tracy Horton and Chris Gregory will be teaching an 8-week-long class entitled: The Secret Life of an American Teenager: 21st Century Covenant Kids. This class will cover contemporary issues such as gender differences/sexuality, peer pressure, communication, expectations, the cyberbubble and many other, unique, challenges facing parents and teens today. All parents are invited to attend, especially parents of upper elementary and above. Class started Wednesday, September 5 but feel free to join anytime. For more information contact Tracy Horton or Chris Gregory.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

This month youth group will meet September 9 and 16 from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

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.

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 and for children ages 5 to 11 is \$2.50. 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 and 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 any way, please contact Cara Childers at childers.cara@gmail.com.

MUSIC CAMP 2013

The dates for Music Camp in 2013 are June 24 to 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.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

All regular Sunday evening activities (Bible Study, Kids, Inc. and Youth Group) will resume this Sunday, September 9. Pastor Caines will continue his study in Revelation with chapter 12.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Mission Committee will be meeting this Sunday, September 9, at 12:15 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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