



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

#### **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

#### **October 4**

Ladies Bible Study

#### **October 6**

Men's Breakfast

#### **October 7**

Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Handbell Ensemble  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Evening Bible Study  
Kids, Inc.  
Youth Meeting

#### **October 10**

Wednesday Night supper  
Wednesday Night Activities

#### **October 11**

Ladies Bible Study

Wetlands or wet land. Whether or not there's a space between those two words makes a difference. A big difference.

Nearly half of our property located north of the parking lot is wetlands. Which means those seven or eight acres cannot be developed. That leaves us with six plus acres we can develop. But access to those acres is greatly limited, for the acres located closest to the parking lot are almost all wetlands. The wetlands are nearest the church. There are only two access points to our useable acres. One is a narrow piece of land located near the dumpster and the other is at the end of the road just to the east of our property.

So why would we buy such a piece of property? Because in 1989-90 no one talked about whether a piece of property was wetlands or land that was wet. The sanctuary, offices and Sunday School wing are all built upon land that was wet. Which is why we had to bring in (who knows how many) loads of dirt to raise the elevation before we could build.

Someday, the Lord willing, the plan is to build a family life center on the land east of the offices.

This past Sunday the corporation approved the purchase of the piece of property west of the sanctuary that extends out to East Brainerd Road for \$45,000 by 99.5% of the vote. By moving and rebuilding the wooden fence at the west end of the courtyard, this property will provide us with an additional play area for the children. Furthermore, it keeps us from being abutted by land being used for other purposes.

By God's grace, at the end of last year the Lord provided a significant surplus which the finance committee, the Diaconate and our Administrator handled in such a timely manner as to allow us to pay cash for this property.

I'm writing this newsletter on 9/11. December 7<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and now 9/11. Two terrible and one glorious moment in our history as a nation.

How many significant terrorists threats have been thwarted over the past eleven years? If the Lord tarries, future historians may someday tell us. I hope that as believers we recognize the truth of what we sing as Americans: "America, America, God shed His grace on thee."

As we have seen in our quick glance at the opening chapters of Genesis, we are a people who by nature are in rebellion against the One by Whom and for Whom we were made. We justly deserve God's displeasure.

But God graciously chooses to pour out upon all people His common grace. Despite our struggles with sin, being sinned against and living in the midst of a creation in bondage to sin, God sends His rain to fall and sun to shine upon the just and the unjust.

Furthermore, God graciously enlightens the minds of His people, changes their hearts and refocuses their wills. Mercifully, He promises us - by grace through faith in Jesus - deliverance from sin's curse and power and assures us that one day He will set all things right.

Meanwhile, in His strength, we strive to live as image bearers of Him, so that what we say and how we live might serve as shining beacons in a sin-darkened world, drawing others to Himself.

For His glory and the blessing of others, may God use us here and now to impact our world with His truth. Remember to pray for our nation and world that God would not treat us as we deserve, but instead would send His Holy Spirit to turn things right side up, beginning with us as individuals, as families, as a church, as a community, as a nation, and throughout the world.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

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### Nursery Schedule

September 16

Worship

#### Infants

Esther McEachern  
& Judy Foster

#### Creepers

Dawn & Emilia Reynolds

#### Toddlers

Daniel & Camille Platt

#### Floater

Colleen Murphy

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Kay Gaither  
& Reese Bingham

#### Creepers

Vangie Wykoff  
& Sue Spalding

#### Toddlers

Grant & Lauren Caldwell

P.M.

#### Combined

Ann Walker & Jonah Gaines

#### September Coordinator:

Cayce Weekley

### THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,  
We appreciate your prayers throughout Bo's difficult journey. We know Bo is with his Lord and Savior. We also thank you for the many cards, calls and visits. We continue to covet your prayers for our families.  
In Christ's love,  
John and Debby Gardner

### 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.

### CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

This month CPC women are meeting at Abuelos restaurant near the mall on Friday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Mandi Johnson or Leanna Cathey.

### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who joined in August.

#### Richard & Varissia Chapman

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vrchap@gmail.com

Richard & Varissia have 7 year old twins (boy and girl) and live in the East Brainerd area.

#### Megan Coffey

3321 Montview Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37411  
Megan is the wife of Michael Coffey and is a nursing student at Chattanooga State.

#### Anthony & Kim Peppers

Kami & Chandler  
7815 Stonehenge Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421  
Anthony is a grocery industry consultant and Kim is a nursing student. Kami is a student at Chattanooga State and Chandler attends CCS.

### 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 \$2.50 for children ages 5 to 11. 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. Duple 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](mailto:childers.cara@gmail.com).

### MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. The third Thursday of each month we provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you can contribute one of the following this week please call or email the church office.

Sandwiches: Ham and Cheese, Turkey, Chicken Salad or Pimento Cheese

Chips: individually packaged

Snack Cakes: individually packaged

Fruit: Bananas, Apples, Bananas or Oranges

### PARENTS OF YOUTH...

While it's true that 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 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 cyber bubble 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.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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

### CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Thomas & Maureen Shipp  
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