



# The eNewsletter

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

### **Looking Ahead...**

#### **September 29**

Birthday Celebration:  
Mary Caines

#### **September 30**

Shepherding Groups

#### **October 2**

Mother's Encouragement  
Group  
WM Council

#### **October 3**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

#### **October 4**

Ladies Bible Study

#### **October 5**

Habitat for Humanity:  
Mutubwa's Home

#### **October 6**

Men's Breakfast  
Habitat for Humanity:  
Mutubwa's Home  
Haynes Wedding Shower

#### **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

#### **October 12**

PresWic Fall Retreat  
High School Father/Son  
Wilderness Adventure

#### **October 14**

Mission Committee Meeting  
Diaconate Meeting  
Handbell Ensemble  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Membership Sunday  
Evening Bible Study  
Kids, Inc.

#### **October 16**

Mother's Encouragement  
Group

#### **October 17**

Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session Meeting

#### **October 18**

Ladies Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch

This Sunday, September 30, my mother celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Saturday, September 29, she'll be honored at a reception in Schum Hall. If you're able, please drop by between two and four and give her a hug. She loves hugs. But don't squeeze her too tightly. After all, she is ninety.

If I were to live to be 90, it would be the year 2037. Someone reading this article who is thirty-five or younger won't turn 90 until at least the year 2067.

I remember as a freshman in high school in 1961, reading "1984." It was scary. But not that scary, since 1984 represented a point in time so far in the future as to be unimaginable to a fifteen-year-old boy.

If you're thirty-five or younger, you probably have trouble imagining the calendar ever reading 2067. I wonder if a young Lee County, South Carolina, farm girl, even thought about the year 2012? I doubt it. But here she is.

And as she looks back on ninety years, she wants to testify about how the Lord has blessed her and her family, in good times and bad, in times of plenty and in want, in sickness and in health.

When she was a young girl, the "Great Depression" ravaged the land. When she was a young married woman, WW2 raged around the globe and her husband served as a medic far away in the south Pacific.

Before she reached thirty-two, she had given birth to three children, suffered several miscarriages, and under-

gone the trauma of having her oldest son hit and killed by a truck as he walked home from school.

During those years the Lord led her and my Dad to New Jersey, where he found work at USSteel, they found a wonderful church, and raised my sister, Candy, and me. Then He led them back to SC, where they ran a successful business and served actively at Faith PC.

Dad went home to be with the Lord in December of 1984, which means that Mom has been a widow for twenty-eight years. Mom moved here in the mid 90s. She's now been a member of CPC for some 15 years. Mom's outlook on life is reflected in the word of a plaque that hung in our house as long as I can remember. I've probably read these words a thousands times: "Only one life will soon be passed; only what's done for Christ will last."

Now, ninety years has come and gone. She'd like you to know that they went by in a flash. She'd also like you to know that the Lord is faithful, His love is sure, and the only thing that matters when you look back over ninety years is what was done for Him - be it in your marriage, your home, your business, your church, or in your relationship with others.

Furthermore, she would want you thirty-somethings to know, that it will be 2067 before you can turn around.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

September 30

#### Worship

##### Infants

Sherry & Rachel Baiert  
& Emily Calloway

##### Creepers

Stephen & Mindy Haywood

##### Toddlers

John Pearce & Kristen Sotelo

##### Floater

Chris Gaither

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Kameron Peppers  
& Peggy Bandy

##### Creepers

Alayne Griffin

##### Toddlers

Luther & Shirley Allin

#### P.M.

Shepherding Groups Meet  
No Evening Service

### September Coordinator:

Cayce Weekley

### WEDDING SHOWER

A wedding shower for Caleb and Mary Haynes is being given Saturday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Caleb and Mary need the basics in setting up a household. Here are a few specific things they requested: dustbuster, mop, Swiffer and refills, watering can, toolbox, large storage containers (Rubbermaid or Sterilite for under the bed), Ziplock disposable food containers, food storage bags (snack, sandwich, quart and gallon sizes, regular as well as freezer) and decorative boxes. Gift cards to Walmart, Sam's, Target, Lowe's, Home Depot or Amazon would be a great help too!

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who joined in September.

#### Christine, David, Jenny and Charity Armao

The children of Jeremy and Heidie Armao. They all attend Grace Academy.

#### Kevin & Kelly Delk

4964 Montcrest Drive, Harrison, TN 37416

Kevin and Kelly married last November. Kevin works at Clarity and Kelly teaches and coaches volleyball at Ringgold High School.

#### Amy Maclellan

Kaleb

10181 Larkspur Drive, Ooltewah, TN 37363

Amy lives in Ooltewah with her husband, Ian, and their eight year old son, Kaleb.

#### Adam & Hannah Porcella

14049 Scenic Hwy. #417, Lookout Mtn., GA 30750

Adam works at Covenant College in the admissions office and Hannah works at Richmond Counseling Center as an administrator.

#### Fiona Wade

The daughter of Phil and Sarah Wade.

### HIGH SCHOOL 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. A deposit of \$45 is due September 30. Please fill out the registration form and give it to Chris Gregory to reserve your spot.

### CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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### PARENTING BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Dan Steere begins teaching on *Parenting by the Grace of God* this Sunday, September 30 in the Kingdom Seekers class during the Sunday school hour. The class meets in room 203 of the Education Wing.

*Render and Linda Caines  
and  
Candy and Gordon Meiners*

*Invite you to join them  
in celebrating their mother's  
90<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*On September 29<sup>th</sup> 2012,  
a celebration honoring*

*Mary Caines*

*will be held in  
Schum Fellowship Hall  
Covenant Presbyterian Church*

*Please drop in any  
time between*

*2:00 and 4:00 pm to*

*wish her a*

*happy birthday.*

*No gifts please.*

### SHOW YOUR SUPPORT TO THE MUTUBWAS

Our good friends, the Mutubwas, are building a house! Your help is welcomed at the work site in the East Lake area. All skill levels accepted (must be 16 or older) and all tools will be provided at the site. Just show up ready to work!

Our church is scheduled to help Friday, October 5, 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 6, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please sign up by either calling the church office (423.899.5377), emailing the church office (cpcoffice@covenantchattanooga.org) or signing the clipboard on the bulletin board in the lobby. You may want to sign up for more than one shift too...double the blessing!

Note: You will need to sign a waiver form available at church when you sign up.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, October 6, at 8:30 a.m. B.B. Bell is speaking on "Boots On The Ground; Christianity's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Warriors." Plan on joining us for a great time of fellowship, food, discussion and prayer.

### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember our college students as you pray. Here are a few of the many we have:

Kelly Close  
Kevin Cooper  
Jessica Duble  
Emily Elwood

UTC  
Full Sail University  
Belmont  
Lee University