



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

November 10

Youth Rake and Bake

November 11

Mission Conference
Oates/Smith Bridal Shower
Diaconate Meeting
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Concert of Prayer for
the Nations
Kids, Inc.

November 14

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

November 15

Ladies Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch

November 16

HS Mother/Daughter Retreat
Talent/No Talent Show

November 17

Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Box Packing
Thanksgiving Pounding
Donations Due

November 18

Membership Sunday
Arp Baby Shower
Handbell Ensemble
Instrumental Ensemble
Evening Bible Study
Kids, Inc.

November 21

Thanksgiving Service

November 22

Church Office Closed

November 23

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November 25

Shepherding Groups Meet

November 28

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

November 29

Ladies Bible Study

December 1

Men's Breakfast

December 2

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

It's Tuesday morning, November 6. Yesterday, Linda and I drove to Asheville to take her parents back to where they live with Linda's sister, Carol, and her husband, Joel.

Linda and I voted last week in Ringgold. While still at our home, Mom and Dad Jackson voted by absentee ballots. Joel and Carol have just returned from casting their votes.

This is the big day. This is my prayer:

Lord, I thank you, knowing that you will guide our decisions as a people in choosing those who should serve in our local, state and federal governments.

Lord, make them wiser than they are, and more eager than they may be to do what is right and best.

Lord, we beg you not to treat us as we deserve. We confess to you our sins as a people. They are many, but, Lord, please be gracious and merciful to us. May we as your people serve as the Light of Your truth in this sin-darkened world, and may we be used by you as salt to retard the spoilage of a culture that has forgotten you and now chooses to go its own way and do its own thing without any thought or concern for Who You are or for how You would have us to live.

Father, we know that You are sovereign over all. Forgive us when our faith falters. Help our unbelief. Revive us again for the days ahead. May we look to You for the promised strength we need to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that You are at work within us, so that we might both will and do your good purposes.

Work in and through those who govern us. Whether willing or unwilling, may they serve You, so that we might live peaceful and quiet lives characterized by godliness and holiness, and that you might work in and through us to radically change the world around us.

Lord, may others know that we are Your people and You are our God. As followers of You, may we show proper respect to everyone - loving the brotherhood of believers, fearing God, and honoring our governing officials.

We pray for our leaders. We would dare to ask You to open their eyes, unstop their ears, change their hearts, enlighten their minds, and redirect their wills, so they might acknowledge You as the one true God, their Savior, Lord and King.

And, Lord, may we, as Your people, strive to accomplish your good purposes, resting with quiet confidence in the knowledge that You are King of kings and Lord of lords. Remind us afresh each day that You are the Most High God, sovereign over the kingdoms of men, and that Your kingdom will endure from generation to generation.

Lord, may Your Kingdom come, may Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Come quickly.

And this we pray in Jesus' Name, and for the sake of His glory, honor and praise. Amen.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

November 11

Worship

Infants

Lucy Wykoff
& Kelly Orthner

Creepers

Josh & Renee Ray

Toddlers

Scott & Meg Orthner

Floater

Luke Orthner

Sunday School

Infants

Domekia & Ellie Gaines
& Reese Bingham

Creepers

Susan Close
& Amy Creamer

Toddlers

Mark & Linda Lander

P.M.

Combined

Eddie Rahm Family

November Coordinator:

Boo Mullinax

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Plan to attend a special Sunday School Class during CPC's 18th annual missions conference this Sunday morning and an evening of prayer around the world Sunday night. Christ's atoning sacrifice for a world of people from every tongue, race and nation will be our focus (*Not For Ours Only* ... 1 John 2.2).

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Lis Oates, bride-elect of Tyler Smith, is Sunday, November 11, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Lis is registered at Target and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Meredith Arp is Sunday, November 18, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Meredith is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

SPECIAL EVENT

Eric Metaxas, noted Christian author and Breakpoint commentator, will be speaking in Chattanooga, Thursday, November 15. The dinner-event is at the Chattanooga Convention Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A table for eight has been purchased. If you would like to reserve your place, please contact Pastor Mullinax. This is a fundraiser for AMG International ministry. You will be asked to contribute to AMG's work.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) collects shoe boxes filled with small gifts to deliver to needy children around the world at Christmas time. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the love of Jesus. Included are stickers to be placed on the boxes marking age and sex of the child. You can participate several ways:

- * **Fill a shoe box** for a specific sex/age child (2 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 14). OCC requests the use of Walmart or Dollar store's plastic boxes which are shoe box sized as they are more durable. If you are able to write a note to include in your box, it would be a great blessing to that child as they have been known to prize things like letters and pictures well into adulthood. Collection point is the Ladies Sunday School classroom across from the coke machine.
- * **Donate** - empty shoe boxes or items for shoe boxes. Sample items: bowls, spoons, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, small toys, combs, socks, school supplies, hard candy (no chocolate since it melts), etc.
- * **Donate money** - OCC requests \$7 for shipping per box. Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, and put OCC on the memo line. Drop it in the offering plate no later than November 11.
- * **Wrap and stuff boxes** on Saturday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Sunday School classroom.

November 17 is the deadline for boxes and items.

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 4 and under eat for free. The maximum family donation is \$15.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of November: E. Mullinax, B. Higgins, T. Schreiner, and T. Smith. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you can help.

26.2 FOR ANDREW

Rachel Kemp is going to run her first marathon Saturday, November 10, at 7:30 a.m. She would like to use this opportunity to raise money for Andrew and Tori's new home. If you would like to make a pledge per mile that she runs, find the sign-up sheet and collection box on the table outside Mark Wilson's office. Let's show Rachel, Andrew and Tori our support during this exciting time in their lives.

THANKSGIVING POUNDING

It's time again for our annual collection of nonperishable food items to share with those in need. Please bring your donations of canned goods and staples and place them in the box outside Mark Wilson's office by November 17. Monetary donations are always welcome and are needed to purchase perishable items (turkey, ham, etc.) on the day of delivery. If you know someone in need or if you yourself could use a hand this year, please contact the church office or an elder. Following 1 John 3. 17-18, may God lead us to share generously and cheerfully according to the abundance with which He has blessed us.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Youth Small Groups will NOT meet on November 7 and 21.

November 10 is the Rake and Bake from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Guys will be raking our elderly members yards and the gals will be filling the mercy freezer. Meet at the church and don't forget your gloves and rakes.

The Mother/Daughter Gatlinburg Getaway Weekend is November 16 to 18. Please remember to pay the remainder of the fee if you have not done so yet.

TALENT/NO TALENT SHOW

The CPC Music Department proudly presents the first ever (and maybe the last) Talent/No Talent Show! Prepare to be dazzled as you join us Friday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. Desserts will be served and donations taken to assist choir members who are going on a mission trip to Belarus in June 2013. Invited guests are: Frank Sinatra, the nuns from Sister Act, Diana Ross, Father Gander (husband of Mother Goose) with special guest...Render Caines! Make plans now not to miss this once in a life time event!

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 items 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; and Fruit: bananas, apples, or oranges.

GRATEFUL GOBLER

People from all walks of life will gather together for the three-mile Grateful Gobbler Walk held on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00 a.m., beginning and ending at Coolidge Park. Proceeds from the event are distributed to groups such as the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and the Chattanooga Homeless Coalition to help the needy in our community. For more information or to register, visit gratefulgobbler.org.