



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

January 12

Men's Breakfast
McCrary Baby Shower

January 13

Mission Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Evening Bible Study
Youth Group
Kids, Inc.

January 15

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

January 16

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

January 17

Ladies Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch

January 18

Chicks 'n Chocolate

January 20

Sanctity of Life Sunday
Membership Sunday
Wright Baby Shower
Young Baby Shower
Evening Bible Study
Youth Group
Kids, Inc.

January 23

Blood Assurance Bloodmobile
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

January 24

Ladies Bible Study

January 27

Shepherding Groups Meet

January 31

Ladies Bible Study

February 3

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

February 5

Mothers' Encouragement
Group
WM Council Meeting

February 6

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

February 7

Ladies Bible Study

It's Tuesday morning. Presbytery begins in an hour. We're meeting in Cleveland at CPC's daughter church, Trinity. So I'm trying to use these last few moments before leaving the house to at least begin this week's newsletter.

Once more, we've ended the year in the black. Giving to CPC's General Fund exceeded budget by \$35,000, which put us 2.8% over budget. We dare not take for granted the fact that throughout CPC's 25 years, by God's grace, we have never failed to make budget. I assure you there are not a lot of churches that can say that. It's not something about which we should be proud. Instead, it should humble us and make us tremble, for to whom much is given from them much is expected.

The elders and deacons met Wednesday (January 9th) evening to discuss where we are, what our immediate future looks like and where we think we should be headed. Obviously, such discussions are made easier by making budget. What we want is what the Lord wants, so I pray He will grant to our officers the gift of discernment.

Linda and I want to thank all of you for your generous Christmas gift to us. We consider it one of the greatest privileges of our lives to serve you. If God so intends, we hope to be able to serve you for at least a few more years.

I have started using a CPAP machine (for sleep apnea) and, while I don't notice a great difference upon

waking, I do seem to be stronger and more focused as the day goes by. If I need a nap, a quick five or ten suffices. Thank you for your prayers. The Session and I will be evaluating over the next few weeks whether this particular treatment is making a significant difference in my ability to carry out the responsibilities of senior pastor.

I know a number of you have struggled with severe colds or flu. I hope this finds you improving. But please remember, until you have reason to be confident that you are no longer contagious, stay away from church. You'll be missed, but we have a significant number of people whose weakened physical conditions makes them vulnerable and susceptible to germs.

As this new year begins, may we pray without resting, giving our Lord no rest until He establishes His church as the glory of all the earth. Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom. May we, by His grace, learn how to live as citizens of His Kingdom and what He would have us do to expand His Kingdom's border. May He hasten the day when every knee bows and every tongue confesses that He is Creator, Savior, Lord and King.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

January 13

Worship

Infants

Beth Griggs & Diana Bowers

Creepers

Cathy, Grace & Katie Smith

Toddlers

Nathan & Olivia Bowers

Floater

Julia Bowers

Sunday School

Infants

Diane Lazor & Brenda King

Creepers

Anna Steere & Rachel Miller

Toddlers

Frank & Nicole May

P.M.

Combined

The Martof Family

January Coordinator:

Judy Foster

BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Lauren Donaldson McCrary is Saturday, January 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Lauren is registered at Babies R Us, Amazon.com and Target.

A baby shower for Amy Wright is Sunday, January 20, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Amy is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

A baby shower for Amy Young is Sunday, January 20, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Amy is registered at Amazon.com, Walmart and Babies R Us.

NEW MEMBER

Please welcome Cary Calloway, the son of Jonathan and Emily Calloway who joined our church in November.

CALVIN AND HOBBS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Calvin and Hobbs Sunday School class is starting a new topic this coming Sunday. They will be studying "Perspectives on Church History: where we've come from and how we got here". The class will start with the Ancient Church and move forward, but the focus of the study will be to make current the people, issues and events in church history. Dee Hobbs says, "So much of what we experience in our faith today has ties to the past and we hope to make that evident in the weeks ahead." Feel free to join this new study.

PARENTS

Now that it is getting dark earlier, please keep a close eye on your children in and around the parking lot. Unless you have placed your children under the care of our nursery workers, Sunday School teachers or other children's ministry staff, please keep your young children in sight at all times.

THANK YOU

The church staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous and loving gift. It is a blessing to work with you and for you each and every day.

Church Staff

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and phone calls during the homegoing of Rachel's mother. What a blessing it is for her, at 100, to spend her first Christmas with Jesus.

Glen & Rachel Getz

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar with the following events if you are interested in participating!

- February 22-23 Ladies Winter Retreat
- March 2 Men's Retreat
- March 9 Daylight Savings Time-Spring Forward
- March 23 Church Work Day
- March 30 Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
- May 9 Youth to Haiti
- June 6 CPC 25th Anniversary Celebration Weekend
- June 10 Breakaway HS Conference
- June 17 The Edge MS Conference
- June 24 Music Camp

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, January 12, the Men's Ministry of CPC would like to invite men of all ages for the monthly Men's Breakfast. Pastor Dan Steere will be our speaker. This is a great opportunity for you to bring a neighbor or someone who needs discipling. But whether you bring someone or not, please join us for great fellowship, food, discussion and prayer. The breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. and we wrap up at 10:00 a.m.

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 January: K. Henry, D. Hobbs, E. Brown and J. Hildebrand. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you can help.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

This month, CPC women are meeting at Camille Platt's home for a game night on Friday, January 18. Please RSVP to Leanna Cathey if you plan to attend.

GOD BLESS YOU!

It's that time of year again! The cold and flu bug is among us. Parents, please use discretion when placing your child in the nursery or a class. If they have a bad cough or have a very runny nose, please keep them with you.

HURRICAN SANDY CLEAN-UP

R3 International (R3I) is putting together another work team for post Hurricane Sandy clean-up in Atlantic City, NJ, February 2-9. R3I will work along side MNA Disaster Response and Pastor Santo from New City PCA in Atlantic City, NJ. If you are willing to be flexible and work hard, please contact Brian McKeon at 423.605.2633. R3I has raised most of the funds but is asking that you contribute \$300 for additional costs.

BLOODMOBILE

Wednesday, January 23, the Blood Assurance Bloodmobile is stopping at Covenant Presbyterian Church from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Give the gift of life; one donation can save up to 3 lives. Donors must be 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Sign up sheets are in the lobby on the bulletin board. Save your spot today!

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

- January 16 Soup & Salad
- January 23 Sweet & Sour Chicken, Egg Rolls
- January 30 Tator Tot Casserole
- February 6 Meatloaf with Mac & Cheese
- February 13 Heidis's Surprise Casserole
- February 20 Pot Roast