



# The eNewsletter

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

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

- February 2**  
Men's Breakfast
- February 3**  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
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
- February 10**  
Mission Committee Meeting  
Wilson Baby Shower  
Deacon Meeting  
Handbell Ensemble  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Evening Bible Study  
Youth Group  
Kids, Inc.
- February 13**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities
- February 14**  
Ladies' Bible Study
- February 15**  
Valentine's Dinner  
Fundraiser for the Choir  
Mission Trip to Belarus
- February 17**  
Membership Sunday  
Handbell Ensemble  
Instrumental Ensemble  
Evening Bible Study  
Youth Group  
Kids, Inc.
- February 19**  
Mothers' Encouragement  
Group
- February 20**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities  
Session AC Meeting
- February 21**  
Ladies' Bible Study  
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- February 22**  
WM Winter Retreat

I'm reading a book lent to me by Wil Foster. Wil and I have enjoyed a few long talks about Chinese history. The study of history has always been one of my passions although I haven't read much about Chinese history, Wil has. I've learned a lot from talking with him.

The book I'm reading is entitled "The Long March." It's a critical look at the trek of several thousand miles made by the followers of Mao during the 1930s. Two hundred thousand people followed the future dictator of China through the mountains of China, fleeing the nationalist army led by another tyrant, Chiang Kaishek. By the end of their march, only 40,000 were left.

They were mainly peasants, easily duped by the promises of Marx and Lenin that if they would rise up against their oppressors they would eventually live in a world in which all their earthly needs would be provided.

The story told by the historian Sun Shuyun is depressing. The reason for the loss of 80 percent of those who began the march is primarily because many were forced to join Mao under threat of death to their families. As they faced the hardship of their trek, tens of thousands chose to desert. Additionally, tens of thousands who were judged by Mao and his inner circles to hold to treasonist ideas or to show a lack of zeal for the cause, were "purged."

During the march Mao resupplied his followers by executing the professional and wealthier people of whatever town or village his "army" would enter during their journey. He then used whatever valuables these "enemies" possessed to purchase needed equipment and food.

One particular story moved me to tears. In the town of Shiqian there was a large Catholic church. Many of the towns people professed faith in Jesus. The

priest, Rudolph Bosshardt, was taken captive and held for almost two years. Mao demanded from the Catholic church \$100,000 in exchange for Bosshardt's release.

During his time in captivity, whenever Mao's followers entered a new village or town, Father Bosshardt was placed in the middle of the town square and subjected to public ridicule.

Some of the survivors of the march interviewed by Shuyun, tell of Father Bosshardt's kindness and gentleness toward his captors. Father Bosshardt, in his memoirs, tells about Mao's communist gatherings in the church to sing a song to the tune of "Jesus loves the little children," only now sang: "Kill, kill until the world runs red with blood."

When asked by his captors to explain his faith, Father Bosshardt told them that the fruit of the Gospel, the fruit of being a follower of Jesus, was a society in which care was shown to the poor, the masses were educated, women were protected, and individual rights were upheld.

One gentleman, with tears in his eyes, tells about the communists in 1991 coming to Shiqian, pulling down a statue of Jesus, and making the people stomp about its broken pieces.

Jesus promised He would build his church, and when it marched against the gates of hell, not with weapons of this world, but with the Truth of the Gospel, that Truth would overcome, by divine power, all the false arguments and opinions of those who oppose the Truth (2 Corinthians 10.4-6).

I recently read an article in which it was suggested that within another generation, the majority of Christians in our world may well be Chinese.

"Glory, glory, hallelujah! His Truth is marching on."

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

February 3

#### Worship

##### Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

##### Creepers

Joey & Michelle Logterman

##### Toddlers

Josh & Renee Ray

##### Floater

Wes Gaither

### Sunday School

##### Infants

Dusty & Rachel Kemp

##### Creepers

Amy Creamer  
& Ann Wagner

##### Toddlers

Mark & Linda Lander

### P.M.

##### Combined

The Rahm Family

### February Coordinator:

Millie Sanders

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, February 2, the Men's Ministry of CPC would like to invite men of all ages for the monthly Men's Breakfast. Randy Nabors, former pastor of New City Fellowship, will speak on *What Do You Do When You Get There?* Please join us for great fellowship, food, discussion and prayer. The breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. and we wrap up around 10:00 a.m.

### YOUTH: EVANGELISM TRAINING & LOCK-IN

On March 8 and 9, the Dare-2-Share youth evangelism conference will be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Our youth will attend the conference Friday evening and then spend the night at CPC. Saturday morning they will travel back to the conference and spend the day there. The cost is \$50.00 if you register by **February 8**. The cost will go up to \$69.00 after February 8. Please see Chris Gregory for more information.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Session will meet Sunday, February 17, with anyone desiring membership. Call or email the church office to schedule a time.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT

Ladies, don't miss "Made For a Purpose: Trusting That God's Way is Best" as we head back to Oak Haven Resort in Sevierville, TN for our WM Winter Retreat, February 22-24. The cost is \$100 which includes two nights along with two breakfasts and Saturday dinner. This year the speakers are our own ladies, Bev Mealor, Susan Steere, and Nancy Cooper. They will be talking to us about Biblical Womanhood. Registration forms are on the WM table in the lobby. **Registration deadline is February 10**. For more details contact Leanna Cathey at leannacathey@gmail.com or 423.463.9083.

### "THAT'S AMORE!"

### VALENTINE'S DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR BELARUS CHOIR MISSION TRIP

The choir will host a Valentine's dinner Friday evening, February 15, at 7:00 p.m. This Italian-themed evening will include a wonderful Italian trio dinner with authentic dessert, salad, bread and decorations. You will also be serenaded by Italian love songs during your meal. Child care is provided with pizza for children. Sign up with Jeremy if you plan to attend this event. The entire evening is free, but the evening is a fundraiser for the Belarus Choir Mission Trip, so please come ready to give.

### CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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### WELCOME CENTER

Remember, if you are looking for information on the happening here at CPC, you will find it at the Welcome Center. Publications available include: eNewsletters, Bulletins, Youth Activity information, Women's Ministry information, Men's Ministry information and updates on our missionaries. Stop by Sunday to see what you might have missed!

### BABY SHOWER

A baby shower for Marcy Wilson is Sunday, February 10, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverers Classroom. Marcy is registered at Babies R Us and Amazon.

### CPC MISSION TRIP TO MICHIGAN

You and your family are invited to minister alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ at New City Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan this summer. During the week of July 7 to 14, we will be assisting this recent PCA church plant by hosting a music camp, canvassing neighborhoods and reaching the community for Christ. The cost is \$300 per individual or \$500 per family. Please contact Eric, Jeremy or Chris if you have further questions or give them a \$50 deposit to reserve your spot today. There is an informational meeting Sunday, February 10, at 7:15 p.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 February: J. Gaines, T. Gaither, M. Griggs and N. Lazor. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you can help.

### THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS

C. S. Lewis' novel, *The Screwtape Letters*, will be presented in an inspiring theatrical performance at the Tivoli Theatre. There are two performances on Saturday, February 9, at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. For more information call 423.642.8497.

### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Jessica Duble | Belmont                            |
| Emily Elwood  | Lee University                     |
| Bobby Fugatt  | UTC                                |
| Ellen Gaither | Georgia College & State University |

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

|             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| February 6  | Meatloaf with Mac & Cheese   |
| February 13 | Heidie's Surprise Casserole  |
| February 20 | Pot Roast                    |
| February 27 | Spaghetti                    |
| March 6     | Chicken Casserole            |
| March 13    | Breakfast                    |
| March 20    | Meatball Subs & French Fries |
| March 27    | No Meal-Maundy Thursday      |
| April 3     | Chicken Parmesan             |
| April 10    | Bar B Que                    |
| April 17    | Enchiladas with Spanish Rice |
| April 24    | Baked Ziti                   |
| May 1       | Taco Salad                   |
| May 8       | Chicken & Rice               |
| May 15      | Cowboy Casserole             |
| May 22      | Hot Dogs and the fixings     |