



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

February 10

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

February 24

Shepherding Flocks Meet

February 27

Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

February 28

Ladies' Bible Study

March 2

Men's Conference

March 3

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

March 5

Mothers' Encouragement
Group

Every other week I receive a copy of "World," and once a month the latest additions of "First Things" and "Atlantic."

"World" and "First Things" provide a conservative, biblical view of current events and pressing issues. "Atlantic" allows me to keep abreast of liberal ideologies.

In a recent issue of "First Things" (written primarily by Roman Catholics), Michael Novak reminds the reader of some of the foundational principles upon which our nation's constitution was written.

Since most reading this Newsletter are followers of Jesus first, and citizens of the USA second, I think it would be worthwhile for me to share with you some of Mr. Novak's observations, particularly in relationship to the issue of the separation of church and state.

Thomas Jefferson, who would become the third president of the USA, wrote various documents in defense of religious freedom for his home state of Virginia. These documents would greatly influence the formation of our national constitution.

In these Virginia documents, Jefferson provides five arguments for religious freedom.

First, religion is the "duty" owed by the creature to his Creator.

Second, this "duty" is to be freely exercised without interference from any person or institution of society.

Third, this "duty" is unalienable – that is, it is a "duty" that no "alien" power can take away.

Fourth, this "duty" is a right endowed by our Creator. It is not simply a freedom granted to us by civil authorities.

Fifth, "we are free both to perform our duty to our Creator and to discern in our conscience . . . the best way to perform it."

Today, it is assumed that our duty to our Creator is trumped by the idea that "rights" are determined by "human goods" which are defined by the "progressive" state for the betterment of its citizens.

Instead of our "duty" to our Creator being an unalienable right, the state replaces our Creator and tells us what we are free to do or not do. For example, if the state judges that everyone "must" be part of a health insurance plan that underwrites abortions, the state's "wisdom" trumps whatever an individual citizen might believe is his or her "duty" to the laws of their Creator.

Mr. Novak reminds us that, 150 years ago, President Lincoln described how "the silent artillery of time' beats generation after generation against the hard-built foundations of the great achievements of the past."

As believers, we must not forget our past nor be ignorant of our present circumstances, nor despair. Exercising our right as citizens, we must rejoice in knowing that Jesus reigns as King, knowing that He "has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts . . . has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate" (Luke 1.51-52).

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

February 10

Worship

Infants

Amy Wooten & Rachel Getz

Creepers

Denys, Olivia & Michael
Ann Tawzer

Toddlers

Tracy & Michael Horton

Floater

Abby Horton

Sunday School

Infants

Lynda Brown

Creepers

Grace & Heather Morrison
& Anna Byrd

Toddlers

Jason & Jennifer McNeeley

P.M.

Combined

The Tracy Brown Family

February Coordinator:

Millie Sanders

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.

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 Meador, 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.** There are many partial scholarships available so please do not let the cost stop you from signing up. For more details contact Leanna Cathey at leannacathey@gmail.com or 423.463.9083.

REAL MEN NEEDED

Some men are needed Sunday, February 24, to help cover spots left empty in the nursery and Sunday school classes as the women attend the WM Winter Retreat. If you are a REAL man and can help in either of these areas, please contact Heather Harris or Holly Lehmann. Heather's email is jeh1224@aol.com and Holly Lehmann's email is holly.lehmann@live.com.

"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, by **Sunday**, 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.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY

The men's group, *Dead Theologians Society*, meets at Wally's on McCallie Avenue every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 a.m. They will be starting a new book, *The Mystery of Providence* by John Flavel, on February 14. This book is a comparatively easy Puritan read and is a favorite of Sinclair Ferguson, Carl Trueman and Mark Dever according to a recent survey by the Westminster Theological Seminary Bookstore. Meditating on God's providence can profoundly change your outlook and strengthen your faith, and few today deal with this doctrine as Flavel does. Please contact Nathan Bowers by this **Friday, February 8th**, if you are planning on attending so he can order books.

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. There is an informational meeting Sunday, February 10, at 7:15 p.m. Please contact Eric, Jeremy or Chris if you have further questions.

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:

Alyssa Griffin	Berry College
Bethany Griffin	Vanderbilt/Austria Exchange Program
Eric Griggs	Georgia Tech
John Mark Griggs	Covenant College

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

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