



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- April 13**
Church Work Day
- April 14**
Mission Committee Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
Evening Bible Study
Youth Group
Kids, Inc.
- April 16**
Mothers' Encouragement
Group
- April 17**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- April 18**
Ladies' Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- April 19**
Chicks 'n Chocolate
- April 21**
Membership Sunday
Evening Bible Study
Youth Group
Kids, Inc.
- April 24**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 25**
Ladies' Bible Study
- April 26**
Taters and Tubesteaks
- April 28**
Shepherding Groups Meet
- May 1**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 2**
Ladies' Bible Study
- May 4**
Men's Breakfast
- May 5**
Lord's Supper Celebrated
Griggs Bridal Shower
Evening Bible Study
Youth Group
Kids, Inc.
- May 7**
Mothers' Encouragement
Group
WM Council Meeting
- May 8**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities

We've never met, but I grieve for my brother. We'll probably never meet until we reside on a recreated earth, free of sin's evils.

One such evil that troubles this present world is a restless tongue spreading everywhere its deadly poison. (James 3.8) The tongue, like a single careless spark that eventually consumes a great forest, can be sparked by hell to destroy both ourselves and others. (James 3.5-6)

One of my greatest boasts about the members and friends of CPC is that we keep a tight rein on our lips. This is particularly true of our officers. Members of our Session know more than they care to know. After serving 25 years as your pastor, I'm hard-pressed to remember a confidence shared with the Session that became a story spread abroad to others. Only on a few occasions have I been aware of the need to put out the fire of false rumors being spread by members of CPC. For that I give God the glory and you my thanks.

Rumors are a common commodity in our world. The covers of tabloids in drug stores blaze with the latest gossip. Neighborhoods, work places and classrooms run hot with prurient tales. The media eagerly shares what it has "learned" from "an unnamed source."

So I should have been prepared after hearing that tragic news that Pastor Rick Warren's son committed suicide that tongues would begin to wag. Some suggest that he is a charlatan, unable to shepherd his own family. I am confident that such gossip comes from people that have never met Pastor Warren and know nothing - NOTHING - about him.

Pastor Warren is a highly successful author (*The Purpose Driven Life*) which, by itself, is enough to provoke jealousy in others. His books have made him a wealthy man, but he has used a great

portion of his income to pay off his church's indebtedness. He has pledged to give 90% of his income to charitable causes. He receives no salary from his congregation, and he has invested a great deal of his money and time to fight the rages of AIDS in various African countries.

At the same time, he also teaches without compromise what Scripture has to say about the sin of homosexuality as well as other sexual sins. Consequently, he has been attacked by those eager to have gay marriage legally endorsed and the fantasy of "free sex" protected.

I've never met the man. I'm confident that he has his faults, weaknesses, inconsistencies and sins - just as we all do. I'm confident he would freely confess this is true. But I am sure that he also views himself as a beggar who having found bread is eager to share with others the source of the *living* bread. He knows that he is a sinner redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. He is our brother.

I grieve for Pastor and Mrs. Warren and their extended family. I hope, by God's grace, that we will guard our lips and not speak rashly concerning circumstances we know nothing about. I pray that God will comfort the Warren family, confound the evil one, protect His own glory and bless the Warrens with that peace which is beyond the understanding of those who do not know the One who sovereignly reigns over all the events of this world.

Again, I freely boast about you and pray that I may continue to be able to do so. I pray that you find yourself able to so boast about me. I pray that God will use the words of our lips to glorify Himself and bless others.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

April 14

Worship

Infants

Diana Bowers
& Rachel Getz

Creepers

David & Kate Lambeth

Toddlers

Nathan & Olivia Bowers

Floater

Julia Bowers

Sunday School

Infants

Domekia & Ellie Gaines
& Sandra Nicely

Creepers

Tammy & William Higgins
& Eunice Martin

Toddlers

Grant & Lauren Caldwell

P.M.

Combined

Lisa Grant & Boo Mullinax

April Coordinator:

Shirley Allin

CHURCH WORKDAY

A church workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There will be a continental breakfast before the projects begin.

MISSION TRIP TO HAITI

You are invited to join the CPC Haiti mission trip scheduled for May 29 - June 7. Please registrations by THIS Sunday, April 14, with Pastor Mullinax if you are interested in participating.

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 register by THIS Sunday, April 14, with Pastor Mullinax if you are interested in participating.

WALK FOR LIFE

Choices is sponsoring *Spring for Life* on Saturday, May 4. This is their biggest family event ever! Enjoy a walk, 5K run or bike race. Find more information online at: www.springforlife.org.

LADIES TEA

You are invited to CPC's Annual Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for an adult is \$6 and children under 12 are \$3. A nursery is available for those who sign-up. Registration forms are available at the Women's Ministry Table in the lobby. Please register by May 5. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Cooper.

MUSIC CAMP

This year's Music Camp is June 3 - 7. This year's musical is *It's Cool in the Furnace* from Daniel 3.8-30. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center or online. Cost is \$25.00 per child.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank every one for the cards, prayers and many phone calls. The surgery went well and I am recovering quite well. Again, many thanks. God is Good.

Carolyn Williams

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Matt and Amy Wooten no longer have a land line.

Amy Wooten (cell) 423.834.4707

Matt Wooten (cell) 423.605.4055

SOLES FOR SOULS CAMPAIGN

We are collecting shoes to help the Homeless Health Foot Clinic in Chattanooga. Please bring used (in good condition) or new gym shoes, sandals or any kind of shoe that fit young and old. Supplies such as socks, bleach, foot powder, triple antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, nail files and bottles of liquid shampoo are also being collected. You may also make donations to purchase these items. There is a collection box outside Mark Wilson's office. Contact Sherry Baierl if you have any questions at 423-580-4376.

FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

This Sunday, April 14, at noon, CRU (formerly Student Venture/Campus Crusade for Christ) will host a fundraiser lunch at The Gathering [church] in Hixson at the end of Hamill Road. The event is to raise funds for helping Brainerd High (where Jill Finley works with CRU) and Howard High students go on a Christian retreat this summer. Join them for a delicious spaghetti lunch and a good cause.

MISSION: HONDURAS

Dr. David Close is going on his annual mission trip to Honduras in June. If you are willing to donate unwanted sheets, blankets, etc. for those in Honduras, please donate them to Dr. Close by April 24.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

On Friday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m. the women of CPC are invited to Abuelo's at Hamilton Place Mall for dinner and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kristin Sotelo by email at kristin.sotelo@gmail.com.

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 sandwiches, chips, snack cakes or fruit this week, please call or email the church office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed in the Toddler Nursery during Sunday School on April 21 and in the Infant Nursery during Sunday School on April 28.

TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family on Friday, April 26. The tubesteak dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. in Coolidge Park. Stay for the Lookouts game at AT&T Park at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 max per family - the best entertainment value in town! Please sign up at the welcome center or email/call the church office.

GRADUATES

Sunday, May 26, will be Graduate Recognition day at CPC! Please mark your calendars and let us know if you are a graduate or have one in your family so we can recognize each and every one who is graduating this spring or has graduated since last spring. This is for high school and above such as college, trade school, masters or doctorate programs. Please let us know in the next few days so we can plan accordingly. We need the name of the graduate, the degree earned, name of the school, date of graduation and email address. Please send this information to Jill Finley at southernjill@comcast.net.

MUSIC/WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Our sister church, Hixson Presbyterian Church, is looking for a new Music and Worship Director. If you know someone with the needed skills and gifts, please have them contact Hixson Presbyterian Church.