



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Senior Associate Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- 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**
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- 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**
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- May 9**
Ladies' Bible Study
- May 11**
WM Ladies Tea
- May 12**
Mothers' Day
No Evening Activities
- May 15**
Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting
- May 16**
Ladies' Bible Study
Memorial Hospital Lunch
- May 19**
Membership Sunday
Canada Bridal Shower
Deacon Meeting
Evening Bible Study
Youth Group
Kids, Inc.
- May 21**
Mothers' Encouragement
Group
- May 22**
Last Wednesday Night Supper
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 23**
Ladies' Bible Study

"Braveheart." Being of Scottish descent, I find this movie highly entertaining. But, alas, it falls far short of historical accuracy. For example, the English king, King Edward I (known as "Longshanks" because of his height), is portrayed in the worst possible light even though historians speak of Edward as being a man with a terrible temper and yet also generous, trustful, averse from cruelty, prone to forgive. William Wallace was horribly executed. But his execution was not unique as it was the fate suffered by all judged traitors.

"Braveheart" is a great story but it's not overly historical. After all, Mel Gibson is only 5' 10", while William Wallace was a giant of man (or so we're told)!

The history of the Children of Israel recorded in Scripture is accurate. It is written, without apology, to reveal the unfolding of God's covenant promise to redeem for Himself a fallen people and to turn right-side up a corrupted creation.

In Exodus, we're not told the names of the Pharaohs who ruled Egypt when the Children of Israel were first enslaved, when Moses was born, when Moses fled to Midian, and when Moses returned to Egypt to lead God's people to freedom. But we are told the names of the midwives and of Moses' parents. Exodus is not focused upon the history of Egypt. It is focused upon God's people and His freeing of them from the dominion of darkness. Nevertheless, we can line up the story told in Exodus with what we know of Egyptian history.

While Exodus is the inspired stories Moses told and wrote down, it was also, under God's guidance, clearly edited at a later date. For example, it is difficult to think of Moses describing himself as "the most meek of men." And it seems obvious that Moses didn't write down the story of his own death at the end of Deuteronomy.

We shouldn't be surprised to find in the first five books of the OT some anachronisms ("backwards in time"). An anachronism is a piece of information added to a story that would have been known to the

reader, but wouldn't have been true at the time the story being told took place.

For example, in Genesis 14.14 we're told that Abraham pursued the armies that sacked Sodom "as far as Dan." Dan is an area in the far north of Israel. It would not be known as settled by the tribe of Dan until after the Israelites conquest of the Promised Land. The reader would know Dan's location. The information given in Genesis 14.14 is accurate. But it is anachronistic, calling a geographic region by a name that would not be applicable until hundreds of years later.

Likewise, in Exodus 1.11, we're told that the Children of Israel built "Pithom and Raamses." The city of Raamses would not bear that name until almost two hundred years after Israel left Egypt. Some use the reference to Raamses to argue that Israel did not leave Egypt until two hundred years later than the historical dating of the OT suggests (I Kings 6.1). But such an argument overlooks the common use of anachronisms.

"Columbus discovered America." Well, yes, anachronistically speaking. He thought he was in the East Indies. And the western hemisphere would not be called America until 1538. We know what we mean when we make this statement, but it is an anachronism.

Forgive me for taking the time to tell you more than you might want to know. As we work our way through the first five books of Scriptures, I have to pick and choose issues on which to focus, while bypassing others. But I think it's important for us to appreciate that biblical history is accurate, but narrowly focused. It isn't written to answer all our questions about people and events. Instead it is written to show us our covenant LORD at work in human history, bringing to fulfillment His covenant Promise.

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

April 28

Worship

Infants

Jeanie Ray & Reita Pierce

Creepers

Denys, Olivia &
Michael Anne Tawzer

Toddlers

Josh & Renee Ray

Floater

Isaiah Harris

Sunday School

Infants

Lynda Brown

Creepers

Grace & Heather Morrison
& Anna Byrd

Toddlers

Jason & Jennifer McNeeley

P.M.

Shepherding Groups Meet
No Evening Service

April Coordinator:

Shirley Allin

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Andrea Griggs is Sunday, May 5, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Andrea is registered at Target, Belk, Crate & Barrel and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, May 4, the Men's Ministry of CPC would like to invite men of all ages to the monthly Men's Breakfast. Doug Spada, author of *Monday Morning Atheist*, is the speaker. The breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome our New Members who just joined us.

Linda Bennett

(John) & Linda Bennett
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Linda's email: sisdumplin55@yahoo.com

Linda works at Erlanger in the registration department. She has been attending CPC for the last eight months. She and her husband, John, live in East Brainerd.

Earl & Selah Cross

Elena, Brandon, Sophia
35 Krupski Loop, Lookout Mountain, GA 30750
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The Cross family transferred from the former Reformed Presbyterian Church - now Grace. They live on Lookout Mountain and are related to Ralph and Lois Cross.

Rebecca Duble

Rebecca (Becca) is the daughter of Greg and Debbie Duble. She attends CCS and is in the fourth grade.

Todd & Brenda Keith

John*, Mack*
415 Glenda Lane, Ringgold, GA 30736
Home: 706.937.7052 Brenda's cell: 423.505.6277
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Todd works for Southern Champion Tray and Brenda works at Battlefield Elementary. John and Mack are twins and the family resides in Ringgold.

MUSIC CAMP

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

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.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

THE EDGE CONFERENCE

The Edge Conference will be held at Covenant College on June 17 to 21 and costs \$275. For those Middle School youth attending, the remaining balance of \$225 is due by June 3. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to give Chris a call.

BREAKAWAY CONFERENCE

The *Breakaway Conference* will be held in Hilton Head, SC, from June 10 to 14 and cost \$300. For those High School students interested in attending, registrations with a deposit of \$50 must be turned in to Chris Gregory by the this Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Chris Gregory.

RENT-A-YOUTH

Do you need help around the house? Do you have yard work that needs to be done, or are you in need of a babysitter? Our youth are kicking off the *Rent-A-Youth* Fundraiser. This event helps our students raise money for upcoming summer mission trips or summer camps. If you would like to *Rent-a-Youth*, request forms are outside of Chris' office or at the welcome center. Have questions or a request? Email Christine Morrison at rpghatt@comcast.net.

WALK FOR LIFE

Choices Pregnancy Resource Center is inviting you to join the largest gathering of pro-life Christians ever held in Chattanooga! *Spring for Life Family Festival* will be held on Saturday, May 4 at Camp Jordan, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The event will include a walk, 5K, live music, games, a 10K bike race and a rally with a surprise appearance by a nationally recognized guest. Register today. Go to the website (www.springforlife.org) for more details.

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 with a maximum family donation of \$15.

The following shepherding groups have clean-up duty for the month of May: G. Duble, J. Harris, T. Smith, C. Wilkie. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you can help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

May 1	Taco Salad
May 8	Chicken & Rice
May 15	Cowboy Casserole
May 22	Hot Dogs and the Fixings