



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Director of Music Ministries...*

### *Looking Ahead...*

- April 6** Men's Breakfast
- April 7**  
Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Evening Bible Study  
Youth Group  
Kids, Inc.
- April 10**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities
- April 11** Ladies' Bible Study
- April 13** Church Work Day
- April 14**  
Mission Committee 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 28** Shepherding Groups Meet
- May 1**  
Wednesday Night Supper  
Wednesday Night Activities
- May 2** Ladies' Bible Study
- May 4** Men's Breakfast

My family sings. I don't think it was ever given to them as a choice whether or not they would do so. We have let them pick and choose the opportunities with which to exercise their chords, but never was it a possibility for them not to exercise. Some are very good. Some are just good. All enjoy it.

One reason for our mutual joy is that we sing together. My two oldest children as well as my wife are in choir. We turn the radio off and our voices on during longer journeys in the van. We sing the Doxology as our Sunday blessing. Never once have we been singing and an argument ensue. In fact, never once have we had anyone complain when we were in their presence singing. And, yes, there have been times when "interesting" harmonies were created.

We are created to worship. Music is part of that *active* worship. All of worship is active. That last statement is challenging. Is all of worship active? When Eric prays, what should you be doing? When Render preaches, what is your *active* responsibility? When congregational singing is happening, it is pretty obvious that activity is going on, but what makes it worship? And when the choir sings, are they the only ones being active at that time?

We live and are moving more and more into a society of specialization. Some of this is good. I really do not want you working on my car without knowing you are qualified. I would rather a dentist work on my teeth instead of an obstetrician. That's not how it always was, though. Small town doctors that our parents or grandparents used might have delivered a baby and pulled its tooth in the same office. If you needed help with your wagon, sometimes it was the help that was nearest you at the time that was best.

The "let's leave that to the experts" mentality that has developed over time has accomplished many things but has changed our core attitude towards others - including worship. In the modern evangelical church, more and more the "professionals" are used to accomplish all that we feel is necessary for worship. Worship leading is handled by a handful of polished musicians that *perform* for their congregations. Skilled master preachers are simulcast across cities and states to congregants sitting in churches, gyms or movie theaters. In some ways, that is exactly what has happened: the worship *experience* has become a movie of sorts. Come, watch for a short period of time as this thing called worship is shown to you.

I'm just a music guy and I don't know all the answers, but I know this one: God wants us to be *active* in our worship of Him- all of us, not just the specialists. There is no curtain separating us from the Holy of holies. God asks us to worship, not pay someone else to do it for us. When the Pastors preach, we should be *actively* applying the Word to our hearts. When Eric or another elder leads us in prayer he is doing exactly that-leading. We should be actively praying with them. When we sing it is not just for those with training or good voices. It is your mandate to *actively* sing- regardless of ability. When the choir sings, the words to the songs are placed in the bulletin in order to facilitate the parishioner to *actively* enter into God's presence with us.

Some of this doesn't come naturally to everyone. Train yourselves. Train your children. If your chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever, it should have a profound impact on your attitude and altitude of worship. Soli Deo Gloria.

~Jeremy Gaines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

April 7

Worship

#### Infants

Lewis & Anna Reid

#### Creepers

Heidie, Christine  
& Jenny Armao

#### Toddlers

Katherine Fisher  
& Mindy Horton

#### Floater

Emilia Reynolds

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Tim, Susan  
& Elyssa Gunter

#### Creepers

Jeannie Hall  
& Susan Close

#### Toddlers

Sarah & Maggie Wade

P.M.

#### Combined

The Elwood Family

#### April Coordinator:

Shirley Allin

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 6, at 8:30 a.m. Roger Helle is speaking on *For A Few Good Men*. Roger is the Executive Director of Teen Challenge of the Mid South and a published author and gifted speaker. He was so critically injured on his third tour of duty in Vietnam that he was not expected to live, and his twin brother did not recognize him when he came home. Come and hear about Roger's meeting Jesus and the miracles that our Master worked in his life.

### 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.

### HELPING WITHOUT HURTING

The *Helping Without Hurting* Seminar is coming to Chattanooga Saturday, April 13. Be prepared to reconsider how you help the poor and be encouraged in how your church or ministry can practically move forward in empowering those whom you help. Find more information at [www.chalmers.org/hwh/seminars/schedule](http://www.chalmers.org/hwh/seminars/schedule).

### 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 will be graduating this spring, including anyone who has graduated in the past year 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](mailto:southernjill@comcast.net).

### 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.

### PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember to pray for our college students as they finish the year and face exams.

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The monthly birthday and anniversary calendar is available at the Welcome Center.

### JOHN & ELIZABETH DAVIS

For those of you who remember the Davis family, they have recently moved. Here is their current address: 293 Fairview Road, Winfield, AL 35594.

### 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, Dr. Close needs all items by April 24.

### 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. Foot supplies such as socks, bleach, foot powder, triple antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, nail files, and liquid bottles of 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.

### 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 April: T. Lowe, D. Grant, M. Walker, M. Lander, K. Brown. Please contact your shepherding elder to let him know when you can help.

### 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](mailto:kristin.sotelo@gmail.com).

### WALK FOR OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting a *Walk for Ovarian Cancer Awareness* April 6 at 10:00 a.m. The route will take participants through the UTC campus and along the beautiful Chattanooga Riverfront. The event will start and end at First Presbyterian Church. Goody bags will be given to participants. Following the event, attendees can participate in various activities including inflatables for the kids, face painting, entertainment and a BBQ lunch. Please register at [www.active.com/running/chattanooga-tn/a-smile-to-remember---walk-for-ovarian-cancer-awareness-2013](http://www.active.com/running/chattanooga-tn/a-smile-to-remember---walk-for-ovarian-cancer-awareness-2013) by Thursday, April 4. For the 1 mile fun walk or the 5K run, cost ranges from \$15 for ages 6-12 to \$20 for ages 13 and older.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

April 10	Barbecue
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