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From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

- 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
Session Meeting
- 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
- 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
- May 26**
Graduation Recognition
Reception
Shepherding Groups Meet
- May 27**
Memorial Day - Office Closed
- May 29**
Mission Trip to Haiti Begins
Mission: Chattanooga Begins
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Session Meeting

The LORD has graciously ministered to Linda and me over the past few days by a grandson's drawing and a friend's letter.

I'm tempted to share with you the contents of the letter, but I won't do that. Most of you don't know the writer and it was a private communication. I will tell you that it brought tears to our eyes, joy to our hearts, and praise to our lips for the One Who has graciously blessed us. In the midst of life's challenges, it deepened our love for the King and renewed our assurances that His covenant promises are sure and certain.

While I can't tell you anything more about the letter, I will tell you about my grandson's drawing. It was of Moses, falling on his face before the Lord barefooted, his shoes to one side, a staff in his hand, and a bush blazing with fire.

I'd like to think this drawing shows that he was listening carefully to what grandpa was saying, but I'm not sure that's the case. I'm not questioning whether he was paying attention during the sermon, but I tend to think his drawing profoundly reflects what he's learned from his parents, his Sunday School teacher, and his teacher at school.

My conclusion is based upon what he drew on the other side of the page. There you see Moses and Pharaoh in a running debate. Nine times, Moses says, "Yes." And nine times, Pharaoh says, "No." Then finally, Moses once more says, "Yes," and this time Pharaoh responds, "Yes, yes, yes, yes!"

This second set of drawings are obviously depicting a story we haven't yet dealt with on Sunday morning. They depict the story of the plagues, told in Exodus 7-12. So I have to conclude that he's learned this story from his parents, his Sunday School teacher, and his teacher

at school.

It's a story that's important to him. Children don't usually draw pictures of things that aren't important to them. Linda provides each grandchild with a drawing book on which she has printed their names. Those books stay at our house. They use them to draw pictures when they're visiting with us. Their drawings tell us a lot about what's on their minds. They may picture a family moment, retell a favorite story, or depict one of their super heroes. Sometimes they draw a picture intended to please me. It's usually of someone hitting a ball, with the letters STL on their caps and a cardinal on their shirt. Obviously, all these drawings are precious to us.

This past week's "masterpiece" especially pleased me. I'm sure I don't begin to realize how many children would ever draw what my grandson drew this past week because they've never heard of Moses and don't know the story of the burning bush and the ten plagues.

So Linda and I want to say, "Thank you," to his parents, his Sunday School teacher and his teacher at school. Thank you for planting in his mind the seeds of God's story of redemption. I'm sure that at this point in his life he can't expound upon all the theological significance of what he's drawn, but the seeds have been planted and, by God's grace, will one day mature into profound thoughts about the One he loves and serves.

And thank you to a friend, who took the time to write us a brief note worth more to us than he can possibly imagine.

It's been great to be reminded that God is at work building His church, one brick at a time (1 Peter 2).

~Pastor Caines



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule

May 5

Worship

Infants

Gretchen & Mollee Brown
& Kay Gaither

Creepers

Dawn & Emilia Reynolds

Toddlers

Tracy & Michael Horton

Floater

Abby Horton

Sunday School

Infants

Jim & Connie Hildebrand

Creepers

Jason & Crystal Middleton

Toddlers

Susan Close & Ernie Brown

P.M.

Combined

The Tracy Brown Family

May Coordinator:

Teri Akovenko

BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower for Andrea Griggs is this Sunday 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LADIES TEA

All women are invited to CPC's Annual Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 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. Please contact Nancy Cooper with questions.

SPECIAL SPEAKER

The Women's Ministry has invited Carol Arnold to speak to our women on Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. Carol will speak about her life and her book *The Liberation of a Resentful Wife*. Please make plans to join us for this special speaker.

Guest Missionary Speaker

Dan & Iara Pinckney, long-time supported CPC missionaries now serving in Munich, Germany, will visit CPC this Sunday, May 5. They will share briefly during the Evening Service.

GRADUATES

This is the list of CPC members who are graduating from high school, college or grad school. If you know of someone missing from this list, please contact the church office promptly. Graduate recognition is Sunday, May 26.

High School

Christine Armao - Grace Baptist Academy
Elizabeth Beatty - Ringgold High School
Caden Brown - Ringgold High School
Elena Cross - Home School
Chris Gaither - Chattanooga Christian School
Austin Harnsberger - McCallie School
Andrew Helton - McCallie School
Abby Horton - Girls Preparatory School
Alexis Liner - Heritage High School
Kristen Liner - Heritage High School
Chandler Pepper - Chattanooga Christian School
Grace Smith - Chattanooga Christian School

College

Jessica Duble - Belmont University
Micah Schreiner - Covenant College

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

This 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.

RENT-A-YOUTH

Rent-A-Youth helps our students raise the needed funds to attend summer mission trips or summer camps. The youth need to have their trip paid for by June 3, so more jobs are needed. 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 rpgchatt@comcast.net.

WALK FOR LIFE

Choices is sponsoring *Spring for Life* this 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.

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 July 7 - 14. The cost is \$300 per individual or \$500 per family. The sign-up date has been extended until May 5. Please contact Chris Gregory if interested in participating.

BELARUS MISSION TRIP CONCERT

The mission trip team comprised of choir members from Lookout Mountain Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, and Covenant Presbyterian is presenting a concert at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 1, at 4:00 p.m. The concert is comprised of music they are performing while in Belarus. This concert is free, and there is a reception that follows.

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.

Wednesday's meal is Chicken & Rice. 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.

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.