



# The eNewsletter

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## *From the Pen of the Senior Pastor...*

### *Looking Ahead...*

- May 11** WM Ladies Tea
- May 12** Mothers' Day  
No Evening Activities
- May 15** Wednesday Night Supper  
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- May 16** Memorial Hospital Lunch
- May 19** Membership Sunday  
Brittne 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 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
- June 1** Men's Breakfast  
Belarus Mission Pre-Trip  
Concert
- June 2** Lord's Supper Celebrated  
Promotion Sunday  
Evening Bible Study  
Youth Group  
Kids, Inc.
- June 3** Music Camp
- June 4** Music Camp
- June 5** Music Camp  
Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- June 6** Music Camp

Allie Anderson McCutchen McIntosh.

She's been with her Lord for twenty years, having lived to be 102. She was my mother's mother, and the only grandparent I ever knew.

When I was seven and "Granny" was 63, she fell, broke her hip and walked with a limp the rest of her life. But Granny and I were joined at the hip. She loved to talk about the family history and I loved to sit and listen to her stories. Eventually, between her 80<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays, she wrote a two-hundred page book detailing the family history.

Her own story is remarkable. While still quite young, her mother died, her father remarried, and she was raised by "Grandma Hattie," who I vaguely remember.

Granny was a school teacher from 1909 until 1915. During her final two years of teaching in Lee County, SC, she met and married John Anderson McCutchen III ("Jack").

They had five children-four daughters and one son. Mom is their fourth child and her sister, Jane, who some have met, is the baby of the family. Grandpa was a deacon at Hephzibah (Isaiah 62.4) Presbyterian Church where the family faithfully attended and where my father and brother are both buried.

Grandpa Jack owned a farm ("Sunny Dale Farm") and a country store. In his early thirties he contracted tuberculosis, and at age thirty-five, in 1925, he died of a heart attack.

Five children, a farm to operate and a store to run, Granny was bolstered by a profound and unshakeable faith in her Lord and met the challenge. Then the "Great Depression" hit.

In 1933 she married a widower and friend of the family, Plummer Rose McIntosh. "Mr. Mac" died three years later.

In 1936 Granny was forty-four years old, twice widowed, her oldest child now twenty, her youngest twelve. As she testified often, by God's strength she kept the family together and didn't lose the farm. To this day, Sunny Dale Farm remains in the family and is operated by my cousin Buddy and his wife, Norma Jean, and their family.

"Miss Allie" is how most people, includ-

ing a few of her grandchildren, referred to her. She was a respected member of the "Hickory Hill" community, many of whom she has taught. She was looked to for counsel and advice and was known for her willingness to offer help and assistance to any in need, especially in times of sickness.

The family was "dirt" poor but they always had enough to eat, clothes on their back and a roof over their head. Since everyone else was poor, they didn't think of themselves as poor.

Aunt Penny, Granny's second child, was stricken with tuberculosis. Without the medical knowledge of today, Aunt Penny's illness required many trips between Bishopville and Columbia, where she received treatments in a sanatorium. Aunt Penny died soon after I was born, just shy of her thirtieth birthday. Granny wrote a book about Aunt Penny which reflects the faith and confidence of both of them in the sovereign purposes of a loving Lord.

Granny raised her children in the knowledge of the Lord. Three of the five are now with Him. Only my mother and her sister, Jane, still live.

It has always been important for me to remember Granny's story. I've never known any of the earthy struggles that confronted her. But I knew her. At her knee I learned about the importance of family and, most importantly, about what it means to love the Lord, to trust in His purposes, and to keep on keeping on, confident that He will supply the strength needed to meet and overcome the hardships of this world.

Granny and I didn't always see eye to eye. She talked often about how "Roosevelt saved the farm." And she was a staunch Southern Presbyterian. She was proud of the fact that I became a Presbyterian minister but couldn't understand why my credentials were with that "other" denomination.

But she loved me. And I loved and love her. Happy Mother's Day, Granny.

~Pastor Caines



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

May 12

Worship

#### Infants

Amy Wooten & Judy Foster

#### Creepers

Daniel & Camille Platt

#### Toddlers

Stephen & Mindy Haywood

#### Floater

Lucy Haywood

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Peggy Bandy & Peg May

#### Creepers

Debby Gardner  
& Vangie Wykoff

#### Toddlers

Adam & Leanna Cathey

### P.M.

No Evening Service  
Mothers' Day

#### May Coordinator:

Teri Akovenko

### BRIDAL SHOWER

There is a bridal shower for Brittne Canada on Sunday, May 19, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Brittne is registered at Lowe's and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

### MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

Help is needed for building renovations at the CPC supported ministry (Amani Ya Juu) warehouse on Saturday, May 18. Anyone skilled or unskilled who is willing to work is welcomed. The warehouse is located in the Highland Park area at 420 Willow Street. For info, contact Lewis Reid (423-227-2367, [l.g.reid@epbfi.com](mailto:l.g.reid@epbfi.com)).

### CHANGES TO THE DIRECTORY

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU

May 15 Cowboy Casserole  
May 22 Hot Dogs and the Fixings

### 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.

### YOUTH HAPPENINGS

#### HAITI NEED

The youth would like your help in collecting 24 ounce Powerade or Gatorade bottles for their trip to Haiti in a few weeks. The youth need about 30 bottles total. If you happen to have any, please consider dropping them off by Chris' office.

#### 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? Please email Christine Morrison at [rpgchatt@comcast.net](mailto:rpgchatt@comcast.net).

### 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.

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