



# The eNewsletter

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

### *Looking Ahead...*

**May 24**

Retirement Celebration for  
Esther McEachern

**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  
No Youth & No Kids, Inc.

**June 3**

Music Camp

**June 4**

Music Camp

**June 5**

Music Camp  
Mission: Chattanooga  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**June 6**

Music Camp

**June 7**

Music Camp

**June 9**

Deacons Meeting  
Music Camp Musical  
Presentation

**June 10**

Belarus Mission Choir  
Trip Begins

**June 11**

Ladies' Summer Bible Study

**June 12**

Mission: Chattanooga

**June 13**

CPC Youth to Six Flags

**June 16**

Fathers' Day  
Summer Schedule-No Evening  
Activities

**June 17**

Youth - The Edge Conference

At daybreak, April 19, 1775, British muskets felled seven militiamen arrayed against the Redcoats on Lexington Common. A patriot paper read: "The public most sincerely sympathize with the friends and relations of our deceased brethren, who gloriously sacrificed their lives in fighting for the liberties of their country. By their noble, intrepid conduct they have endeared their memories to the present generation who will transmit their names to posterity with the highest honor."

This past Thursday, May 16, 2013, two hundred thirty eight years later, the Pentagon confirmed the death of two more American soldiers who were killed as the result of an apparent suicide car bomb in Kabal Province, Afghanistan. About 1,321,612 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines have now mustered into the ranks of the Lexington men.

I well remember Memorial Day, 2004. Could it possibly have been nine years ago? I was in Washington, DC with my father for the dedication of the much delayed and much anticipated National World War II Memorial. My dad (a WW II veteran) and I had promised each other that when and if the memorial was ever completed we would be there for its dedication. The inspiring and impressive memorial, located on the mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, was officially received on behalf of the American people by then President Bush. All other living presidents at the time (Clinton, Bush, Sr., Carter and Ford) were present, along with many other officials and dignitaries. Only President Reagan was unable to be there. He, in fact, passed away only a few days later at his ranch in California.

The memorial commemorates the United States participation in the 20th century's defining event. World War II

was the largest and most devastating war in history. Freedom was threatened as never before. In a show of resolve and unity this country had never before experienced, Americans from all walks of life joined together to defeat tyranny. Recognizing the spirit and sacrifice of all the American people in defense of freedom, the memorial honors the 16 million who served in uniform, the more than 400,000 who died and the citizens on the home front.

While at the dedication with hundreds of thousands of others that weekend, I was overwhelmed with tearful gratitude. Gratitude, especially to my parents' generation of Americans (and I think Mr. Brokaw was right in his assessment of adopting the term "greatest generation" for them) who in the very difficult and dark times of World War II, valiantly secured the liberties, forged the values and laid the foundation for the prosperity that I have so often taken for granted.

As this year's Memorial Day approaches, I hope, with a view of God's over-arching and benevolent providence toward us, that our thanks will be to the dwindling generation of senior citizens as well as the generations who served before them and all the living veterans. We have been bequeathed much in national liberties at a great cost. Freedom is never free. May we ever be prompt and vigilant, as good Christian citizens, to safeguard these blessings.

*To whom much is given, much shall be required.*

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule

May 26

### Worship

#### Infants

Emily Calloway  
& Sherry Baierl

#### Creepers

Lisa Hobbs  
& Carla Stevenson

#### Toddlers

Teri & Josh Akovenko

#### Floater

Scott Beatty

### Sunday School

#### Infants

Heather & Grace Morrison  
& Sandy Coffey

#### Creepers

Kelly, Madeleine,  
& Abigail Jennings

#### Toddlers

Aaron & Michelle Self

### P.M.

No Evening Service

Shepherding Groups Meet

### May Coordinator:

Teri Akovenko

### MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

This summer at CPC Mission: Chattanooga will meet each Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

On Campus activities: Knitting/Crocheting; Crafts to Care; Cooking with a Purpose (meets every other week; this week is kitchen clean-up); Missions Support (stamp ministry & letter writing); Prayer Group and the Sanctuary Choir practice continue.

Off Campus: Weekly Visitation (at local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, with our shut-ins); Warehouse Renovation and other construction/renovations projects as needed.

### RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Come help us celebrate Esther McEachern's 32+ years of service to the Hamilton County School Systems. Join us for dessert in Schum Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 24, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. No gifts please.

### GRADUATES RECOGNITION SUNDAY

This Sunday, May 26, will be Graduate Recognition Day at CPC! During the Sunday School hour there will be a reception in the courtyard for graduates and their families.

### 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 at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. The concert is comprised of music they are performing while in Belarus. This concert is free and there is a reception that follows.

### 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.

### MARRIAGE MATTERS

CPC is offering a Couples Retreat in the Smokies, September 20 - 22. Jon Harris is speaking on commitment, connection and conversation. The cost is \$200/couple with a non-refundable \$100 deposit due July 14 and final payment due August 11. Please contact Marty & Nancy Cooper, Jason & Catherine Coffey, Jon & Heather Harris or Eric & Boo Mullinax for more information.

### SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool begins Thursday, June 6 from 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are responsible for the supervision of your children and for clean up.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m. the Men's Ministry of CPC would like to invite men of all ages to the monthly Men's Breakfast. Mark Casson, the MNA Director of Prison Ministries, is sharing about Metanoia Prison Ministries which is the PCA's initiative to take the gospel into prisons. He will be recruiting men to become actively involved in this ministry to local institutions.

### FAMILY RAFTING WEEKEND

Grab the family and get ready to have a great weekend camping and rafting! CPC is putting together a group to go rafting on the Nantahala River Gorge in Topton, North Carolina, the weekend of July 26 and 27 for \$60 per family. Each family is responsible for their own camping equipment and a portion of the food needed for breakfast and lunch on Saturday. North Carolina law requires rafters to be at least 7 years old and to weigh a minimum of 60 pounds to go rafting. Plans are to leave the church parking lot around 5:30 p.m. Friday evening but your family is welcome to come at their leisure. Please contact Chris Gregory for more information.

### YOUTH HAPPENINGS

#### 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).

#### CPC YOUTH SIX FLAGS TRIP

Middle School and High School students are invited to spend the day at *Six Flags over Georgia* on Thursday, June 13. The trip is \$26 as well as additional money for lunch at the park. The group will leave the CPC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and returning around 6:00 p.m. Everyone interested should sign up on the sheet outside Chris' office and turn in their money by Sunday, June 9.

### SOLES FOR SOULS CAMPAIGN

We are collecting shoes to help the Homeless Health Foot Clinic in Chattanooga. Please bring new or used (in good condition) gym shoes, sandals or any kind of shoes that fit young and old. Supplies such as socks, bleach, foot powder, triple antibiotic ointment, Band-Aids, nail files, and 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 at 423.580.4376 you have any questions.