



The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of the Associate Senior Pastor...

Looking Ahead...

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Fathers' Day
No Evening Activities

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Building Andrew & Tori Smith
a New Home
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Building Andrew & Tori Smith
a New Home
Summer Schedule-No Evening
Activities

July 1

Building Andrew & Tori Smith
a New Home

July 2

Building Andrew & Tori Smith
a New Home
Ladies' Summer Bible Class

July 3

Building Andrew & Tori Smith
a New Home
Mission: Chattanooga

Paul Brand was born in southwestern India to missionary parents. He was an orthopedic doctor (and author) who chose his patients among the untouchables. Along with his wife, who was also a physician, he spent a lifetime working with the marred and useless limbs of leprosy victims, transforming the way in which medicine approaches the painful and often exiled world of the leper. Whereas the disfigurements of leprosy were once treated as irreversible consequences of the disease, Dr. Brand brought new hope to sufferers of leprosy by utilizing the body's capacity to heal. "I have come to realize " he once noted, "that every patient of mine, every new born baby, in every cell of its body, has a basic knowledge of how to survive and how to heal that I shall never know. That knowledge," continued Brand, "is the gift of God, who has made our bodies more perfectly than we could ever have devised."

CPC supported missionaries Drs. Sujai and Layanya Suneetha, with Nireekshana ministry in Hyderabad, India, were mentored by Dr. Brand late in his career. They tell of the great impact he had on them personally and professionally. Author Philip Yancey was another greatly influenced by Brand.

Yancey tells of his experience as a young journalist interviewing this dignified Christian statesman and surgeon. He recalls Brand speaking of his patients with tears as he described their experience with the disease, the experimental surgeries and their long-standing suffering. And in the midst of many memorable conversations Yancey recalls the healing presence this physician was to his crippled and weary belief in God. To Yancey, Brand represented faith and hope in action, in reality and in efficacy. As

Dr. Brand restored the image of God in lives maimed by disease, so he also formatively planted the image of God in the once doubt-ridden world of a young author. Writes Yancey, "You need meet only one saint to believe, to silence the noisy arguments of the world."

How often God uses a faithful believer to rouse a distracted world. It is the old man with Scripture permeating his words and thoughts and actions that gives us one more reason to inspect stumbling blocks of doubt. It is the godly woman, while selflessly attending to others and singing theology-rich hymns that makes us wonder again at the person of Christ. One of the most effective apologetics is a life lived for Jesus. One of the most telling defenses of the Christian worldview is a life transformed and sustained by the presence of God. Such lives are certain reminders that God is real and worthy to be followed. "His salvation is near to those who fear Him," proclaims the psalmist, "that His glory may dwell in our land" (85:9).

Oh, that our committed lives might silence the arguments of a noisy world. Oh, that our joyful service to our King and His subjects might be the better defense of our faith. Oh, that captured hearts might, in word and deed, declare and display the excellencies of His grace.

~Pastor Mullinax



What's Happening?

Nursery Schedule June 16

Worship

Infants

Esther McEachern
& Joyce Trask

Creepers

David & Kate Lambeth

Toddlers

Gerald & Donna Schreiner

Floater

Wes Gaither

Sunday School

Infants

Tim, Susan & Elyssa Gunter

Creepers

Mike & Holly VanderGriend

Toddlers

Eric Mantel
& Lucy Wykoff

P.M.

No Evening Service
Fathers' Day

June Coordinator:

Amy Creamer

BRIDAL SHOWER

There is a bridal shower for Emily Morris on Sunday, June 23, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Emily is registered at Target, Anthropologie, and Belk.

THE EDGE CONFERENCE

This year's Middle School Edge Conference is June 17 - 20. We will leave from the church on Monday, June 17, at 2:00 p.m. and return on Friday, June 20, at 12:00 p.m.

WM SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

It is not too late to join either of the Summer Bible Studies this Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Brenda Mason, Dianne Cosby and Emily Calloway are teaching *Becoming a Woman of Strength* by Cynthia Heald in the Perseverers Classroom. Marla Neal is teaching a Precept study on 1 Peter in the Ladies Sunday School Classroom. There is a fellowship time at 9:30 a.m. and child care is provided.

MISSION: CHATTANOOGA

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

On-Campus activities: Crafts & Missions for Kids (a missions lesson and crafts for elementary age children); Caring Bee (Knitting/Crocheting); Cooking with a Purpose (meets June 26, July 10, July 24 and August 7); Missions Support (stamp ministry & letter writing); Prayer Group (7:00 p.m.).

Off-Campus: Weekly Visitation (at local nursing homes, assisted living facilities, with our shut-ins).

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.

CPC SWIM DAY

Swim day at the May's pool continues throughout the summer on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 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.

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STEPS2HOPE LAUNCH RALLY FOR ANDREW & TORI SMITH

Please join us as we officially kick off the Team Andrew building project with a Launch Rally this Monday evening, June 17, at the Chattanooga Convention Center at 5:30 p.m. This event will be covered by the media as we display the architectural plans, thank our donors and share more details with the community about how they can get involved in the house build. Light snacks will be served. Construction of the Smith home is taking place from June 27 - July 4. There are many types of volunteer opportunities available, not just construction. If you are interested in being a part of this project in any way, please contact Beth Griggs at bwgriggs@comcast.net.

PRISON MINISTRY TRAINING

Orientation and training for ministry at Walker State Prison (WSP) is Saturday, June 22, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at CPC. Mark Casson will facilitate the session. If you signed up or would like to be a mentor at WSP, your attendance is required at this training.

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 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.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. The third Thursday of each month, we provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you can contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes or fruit this week, please call or email the church office.

CHICKS 'N CHOCOLATE

On Friday, June 21, at 6:30 p.m. the women of CPC are invited to Caffeine Addicts in Ringgold on Nashville Street. Snacks will be provided so bring your favorite game and plan to have a good time with the CPC women. RSVP to Leanna Cathey (leannacathey@gmail.com) by June 20.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

More volunteers are needed to fill monthly, quarterly or Sunday evening nursery slots. If anyone has any changes to their nursery volunteer status or would like to be added to the nursery schedule, please call or email Heather Harris.