

The eNewsletter

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Looking Ahead...

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Men's Proverbs Bible Study
Taters and Tubesteaks
- April 27**
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Clothes Swap
- April 28**
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- May 4**
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Group
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Morning Worship
Sunday School
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Prophets
- May 15**
Senior Night and Recognition
Wednesday Night Activities
Session Meeting

From the Pen of our Executive Pastor...

"What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun."
Ecclesiastes 1.9

This verse from Ecclesiastes was something of a theme verse during my time studying computer science at Covenant College. One of my professors would reference it regularly, instructing us on what it meant to be a Christian computer scientist. He would humble us in the reality that even with all the technological development in the world there was nothing truly new. The Internet, Facebook, laptops, and iPhones were simply faster and fancier versions of stone tablets. Ecclesiastes 1.9 is helping us understand that knowing our limitations gives us wisdom. After all, everything we create points us to our innovative, Sovereign Creator.

In this newsletter, I would like to share with you a few new updates in the life of our church. First, this month, the Pastoral Staff hired a Pastoral Administrative Assistant, Shannon Ratliff. Shannon, daughter-in-law to Gary Ratliff, has served in this capacity in three different area churches. She holds a degree in organizational management from Covenant College, and we are very excited to have her join us. Shannon is working Tuesdays through Thursdays and maintains the schedules for Pastors Jones, Mullinax and myself. You may reach Shannon at pastor@cpccchatt.org or call her directly at 423-899-5099.

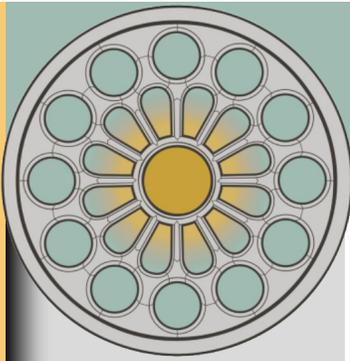
Second, you may have noticed on the back of our new bulletins a link to www.cpcchatt.org. This address will direct you to our new church website that went live last week. Through our new website we hope to keep you more informed of church events, pastoral blog entries, resources, and more. There are aspects of our website that are still under development, but our goal is to roll out more features and opportunities in coming months.

Third, our office has recently migrated our email and data to Office 365, creating a more efficient internal data structure. Whenever you upgrade any system, there are always learning curves. Please be patient with us as we learn a few new tools that will help us communicate with you more effectively over time.

So many "new" things happening behind the scenes at Covenant Presbyterian Church, but none of it is ultimately something "new under the sun". As the Church, we continue to serve the faithful and gracious King. In Him we live and move and have our being. As this is a special week of reflecting upon the Resurrection, it is also a time for us to dwell on the newness He brings through our union to Him in Christ, both in His death and resurrection. In Him, we experience something new – for His work in us testifies to the world and points one another to who He is as our Sovereign Redeemer.

~Pastor Bennett

What's Happening?



Nursery Schedule April 28

Front Desk
Catherine Coffey

Worship

Infants
Mindy Haywood

Crawlers
Lucy & Iris Haywood

Toddlers
Stephen & Clyde Haywood

Sunday School

Infants
Tammy Higgins

Crawlers
James Creamer

Toddlers
Ernie Brown

TATERS AND TUBESTEAKS

Join us for a night out with the family tomorrow, April 26. The dogs and brats dinner begins at 5:45p.m. in Coolidge Park. Stay for the Lookouts vs. Biloxi Shuckers game at AT&T Park at 7:15 p.m. The cost remains \$5 per person, with a family max of \$15. Due to the increase of ticket prices, we need a more accurate headcount than previous years. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office.

HIKING KINSHIP GROUP

Ladies, come explore the outdoors with us! This Saturday, April 27, at 12:00 p.m., we'll hike to Sunset Rock, via the Bluff Trail. Trail type is out and back, and is rated as an easy 3.4 miles. For more information, you may contact Breezy Atkinson at breezyatkinson@yahoo.com.

CLOTHES SWAP

The CPC Clothes Swap is this Saturday, April 27, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the home of Janet Wade. Due to schedule/location limitations, we ask for you to please bring your clothes the day of the swap, as there will be no early drop off. Contact Sarah Wade at sarahwade@catt.com with any questions.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men's Ministry invites men, women, and teens to their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall. Dr. Joe Kickasola, Professor of Film and Digital Media at Baylor University, will be speaking on *Cult and Culture: Religion at the Movies*. Nursery is provided for children through age seven.

YOUTH CAR WASH

The CPC youth are hosting a Fundraiser Car Wash on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We are hosting the event at the church this year as a way to reach out to our community and highlight our church. The car wash is free, so please help by planning to get your car washed and/or by sponsoring a CPC youth. Contact Abby Horton or Jeremiah Hill for more details.

SHINE CAMP

This July, CPC is launching SHINE: A Creative Arts Camp for Girls. Stop by the SHINE table in the Lobby on Sunday for info.

LADIES' TEA

Ladies, you are invited to the Ladies' Tea on Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for girls (age 10 and under), with a family maximum of \$20. Nursery and Childcare (children up to age 8) are available by registration only. Please register by May 5 at the Women's Ministry Table in the Lobby.

LUNCH AND LAWN PARTY

Parents, please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18, as Covenant Kids hosts a Lunch and Lawn Party. We have so many fun activities for you to enjoy with your children! Lunch will be provided, and children will receive a new Covenant Kids t-shirt, so you won't want to miss out! Stay tuned for more details!

GRIEF SHARE

CPC will host a 12 week grief support group beginning Wednesday, May 22, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. GriefShare will help and encourage those who have experienced the death of a loved one. To learn more, visit www.griefshare.org or contact Eric Mullinax at emullinax@cpcchatt.org.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 26, is Graduate Recognition Day at CPC. Please let us know if you are graduating or have a graduate in your family. We are recognizing graduates from high school, college, trade school, masters, and doctorate programs. Please email the Church Office with the name of the graduate, degree earned, name of school, and graduation date.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Make plans to join us on Wednesday evenings for our fellowship meal. Cost is \$4 per adult and \$2.50 per child, with a family max of \$15. This week's entrée is Taco Salad. Parents, remember to supervise your children until the children's wing opens at 6:50 p.m.

For the month of May, the following Shepherding Groups are responsible for clean-up duty: J. Bennett/B. Higgins, K. Brown, T. DeMarco, T. Horton, E. Mullinax, M. Griggs/N. Lazor, and T. Wright.

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

The May birthday and anniversary calendar is available for pick up at the Welcome Center.