

The eNewsletter

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From the Pen of our Music Ministries Director...

Music Camp

176 campers, along with 70 teachers and helpers, have converged upon CPC's campus this week, working together to prepare for a musical in one week's time. Days have been filled with singing, drama, recess, crafts, Bible class, and snacks. It has taken time and effort from many people with many different gifts to make music camp a success. Music camp pre-dated me, having been started by Todd Gaither in the early 1990's, so long ago! I inherited that legacy in 2006, and music camp has been and continues to be a fixture not only in our church's life, but also in the fabric of our community.

As we gathered this week, children and helpers have learned about missionaries in five different areas serving God in five different ways: puppet ministry, deaf ministry, radio ministry, medical ministry, and church planting ministry. To accomplish these ministries has taken many different skill sets. All have honored and served God through their work and service in different ways.

If there has been one overarching theme this week, other than the parables being taught each day, it has been this: *let your light shine*. All of these kids are great in their own special way, and they all have been given unique personalities, gifts, and dreams.

As a child, or sometimes even as an adult, it can be difficult to figure out how we should serve God. It's easy to see how a pastor serves God through him being in the front of the church preaching every Sunday. Other ways of serving sometimes are seen in a different light, or to our younger ones, not really seen at all. I have seen several

friends at a younger age accept Christ and then feel as if they must enter full-time ministry. This may not be a calling, but more a reaction of wanting to serve and seeing no other tangible way to carry that out.

I think we can do a better job of helping Christians discover how they are equipped to serve God's purposes. The example given by these missionaries can show us that God has and will equip His people in special ways in order to serve His kingdom in their own unique way. We all serve as ambassadors of God through our vocations. We can be a witness to God's love and faithfulness to our co-workers. Moms and dads are equipped by God with the ability to nurture and love their children. Doctors can serve as God's hands. Those equipped technologically can impact how and who hears God's word. Puppets, sports, art, theater, music, language study, mechanics, builders, bakers, cooks, cleaners, lawyers (yes, even lawyers), accountants, bankers, teachers, businessmen, plumbers, electricians, counselors, and publishers can all be used in God's kingdom to declare His glory and love to a fallen world.

Encourage our children to find their gift. Help them understand how their talents can be used for the kingdom of God. Use your own talents often. As the children have sung this week in one of their many songs, "*It isn't all about you. It isn't all about me.*"

~Jeremy Gaines

Looking Ahead...

June 7

Men's Proverbs Bible Study
Music Camp
HS Mother/Daughter Cook
Night

June 9

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Music Camp Performance and
Ice Cream Social

June 10

HS Evening Bible Study and
Soccer

June 11

Ladies' Morning Bible Study

June 12

GriefShare
HS Parent Meeting
Ladies' Evening Bible Study
Prayer Group
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

June 13

Swim Day
Braves Baseball

June 14

Men's Proverbs Bible Study
MS Morning Bible Study

June 15

Hiking Kinship Group
WM Council Meeting and
Brunch

June 16

Father's Day
Morning Worship
Sunday School

June 17

The Edge Conference

June 18

The Edge Conference
Ladies' Morning Bible Study
Craft Kinship Group
Summer Session
Swap Kinship Group

June 19

The Edge Conference
GriefShare
Ladies' Evening Bible Study
Prayer Group
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

What's Happening?

MUSIC CAMP

As you read in the article this week, Music Camp is having an incredible week with 176 campers, along with 70 teachers and helpers, in the halls. Please plan to attend their program this Sunday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m. An Ice Cream Social will follow the program.

LADIES' SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES

~Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 p.m. in the Frederick Room. Emily Calloway is teaching on *Son of David* by Nancy Guthrie. Hope you all can join us!

~Tuesday mornings, at 10:00 a.m. in the Visitors' Classroom. Lynda Brown is teaching on *The Holy Spirit* by Sinclair Ferguson. Nursery and Childcare are available for children age 7 and younger. Hope you all can join us!

YOUTH AND FAMILY CFC SOCCER NIGHT

RESCHEDULED

Due to the weather forecast of storms Saturday night, this event has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 29. If you have already purchased tickets, CFC should be able to refund or exchange your tickets if you email them at tickets@chattanoogaafc.com. We want to make sure this is a fun event for the entire family and apologize for any inconvenience caused by this change. Contact Abby or Jeremiah with any questions.

LADIES' SUMMER PRAYER GROUP

This summer, join us as we pray for CPC families, loved ones, and others around the world. We would love to have older women come and encourage our younger wives and mothers. We plan to meet at the church every other Wednesday beginning June 12, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Susan Gunter at 423.463.2930.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL LUNCH

Our church has the privilege of being a part of a luncheon ministry at Memorial Hospital. Thursday, June 20, we'll provide lunch to families in the surgery waiting room. If you are able to contribute sandwiches, chips, snack cakes, or fruit, please call or email the church office.

HIKING KINSHIP GROUP

Ladies, come enjoy the outdoors with us! Next Saturday, June 15, at 12:00 p.m., we'll hike the Raccoon Mountain Reservoir Loop. For more information, you may contact Breezy Atkinson at breezyatkinson@yahoo.com.

MEMBERSHIP

If you are interested in joining the church, new members may meet with the Session on Sunday, June 16. Please call or email the Church Office for an appointment.

CRAFT KINSHIP GROUP

Ladies, be sure to join us at the church on Tuesday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. This month's theme is all things patriotic. As always, you are welcome to bring any project, and we'll visit while we work together. Contact Amy Wooten at mattwootenfam@comcast.net to let her know if you'll be attending.

BUDGET REPORT

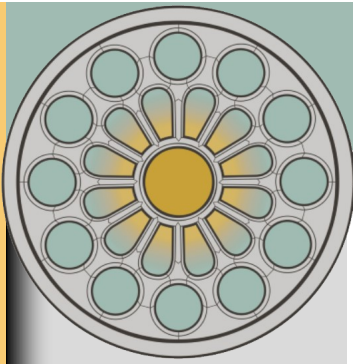
Through May 31:

Budget:	\$730,962
Actual:	\$596,417
Shortfall:	\$134,545

THANK YOU

"We wish to thank our Covenant family for the calls, cards, prayers, and expressions of love over the past few weeks. You have helped us endure the start of a difficult season."

~Phil and Sarah Wade



Nursery Schedule June 9

Front Desk
John Pearce

Worship

Infants
Sally Forrester &
Grace Pippin

Crawlers
Justin Martin & Meg Ferrel

Toddlers
Daegan & Capps Brown

Sunday School

Infants
Becky Pearce &
Sarah Blackburn

Crawlers
Eva Herberich &
Rachel Baierl

Toddlers
Susan Steere