

# The eNewsletter

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## Looking Ahead...

### June 21

The Edge Conference  
Men's Proverbs Bible Study  
MS Morning Bible Study

### June 23

Morning Worship  
Sunday School  
Griggs Wedding Shower

### June 24

HS Evening Bible Study and  
Soccer

### June 25

General Assembly  
Ladies' Morning Bible Study

### June 26

General Assembly  
Ladies' Summer Prayer Group  
GriefShare  
Rising 12th Grade and College  
Freshmen Parent Meeting  
Ladies' Evening Bible Study  
Prayer Group

### June 27

General Assembly  
Swim Day

### June 28

General Assembly  
Men's Proverbs Bible Study  
MS Morning Bible Study

### June 29

Youth & Family CFC Soccer  
Game

### June 30

Morning Worship  
Sunday School

### July 1

HS Evening Bible Study and  
Soccer

### July 3

Prayer Group

### July 4

Church Office Closed - 4th of  
July

### July 5

Men's Proverbs Bible Study  
MS Morning Bible Study

## From the Pen of our Congregational Care Pastor...

Over the past weekend, I joined a large television audience to watch the USGA golf championship taking place in Carmel, California. There was much to admire in the telecast. The course, itself, is stunningly beautiful as it stretches along cliffs adjacent to the Pacific Ocean. Aggressive shot-making and low scores were possible because of benign weather conditions. The imaginative and golf ball manipulative skills of the golfers were fun to observe. Over 9200 accomplished players battled through weeks of qualifying rounds, until a lone victor emerged Father's Day evening. Gary Woodland used a consistently pure swing to secure the victory.

Any golfer worth his salt knows consistency is the most important trait of any golf swing. Successful rounds are all about repetition. Being able to repeat a good swing, whether it be over championship links or at the local municipal course, is the key.

The Apostle Paul knew and understood the value of repetition. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul constantly repeated the foundational truths of biblical doctrine, and he did so not only within each of his epistles, but sometimes within the same sentence. An example of this is found in Paul's epistle to the Ephesians. As he unfolds the glorious mystery of our salvation, Paul repeats the phrase "in Christ" or "in Him" throughout the first chapter and nearly ten times in verses 3-14, which is one long, doxological sentence in the original language.

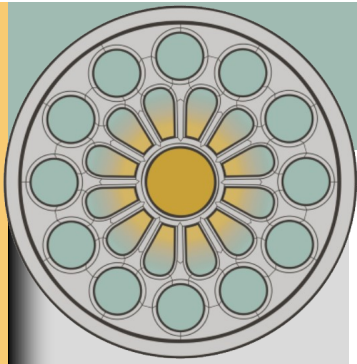
It seems that God, through His instrument, Paul, wants this truth embedded in our hearts. "In Christ" is used again and again to cause us to remember one of the most foundational aspects of salvation - our union with Christ.

The believer's union with Christ is a central doctrine in Scripture. God's Word teaches us that we are chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world and that we are united to Christ by God's justifying grace, alone, through our faith, alone, because of the atoning death of Christ, alone. The nature of this union is not only that we are in Christ, but that He is in us! (Sidebar - Check out Rankin Wilbourne's very helpful book, [Union with Christ](#).)

The implications of this inviolable connection are astounding. Jesus, Himself, teaches us those implications. In John 15, Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (v. 5). At the root of our sanctification is our union with Christ. As branches, we bear fruit precisely because we are united to Christ the vine, and we are connected to the vine because of the work of God the Father, who is "the vinedresser" (John 15.1). Also, in His high-priestly prayer, Jesus expressed the profound union He has with believers, saying, "I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me" (John 17.23). Here, Jesus reveals that our union with Him - God the Son - has the direct implication that, in Christ, the Father loves us as He loves His only begotten Son. And, since we are united to Christ, we are united with Him in His death, and, therefore, we shall also be united with Him in His resurrection (Romans 6.5).

In Him, In Him, In Him....we are the victor. (Romans 8.37)

~Pastor Mullinax



## What's Happening?

### Nursery Schedule June 23

**Front Desk**  
John Pearce

### Worship

**Infants**  
Tammy Bacon &  
Lilly Wooten

**Crawlers**  
Lexi & Mandy Bacon

**Toddlers**  
Mike & Tyler Bacon

### Sunday School

**Infants**  
Susan Helton &  
Amy Wooten

**Crawlers**  
Jason Middleton &  
Domekia Gaines

**Toddlers**  
Thomas Blackburn

### BRIDAL SHOWER

A bridal shower honoring Jessica Allison (bride-elect Eric Griggs) is this Sunday, June 23, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Perseverer's Classroom. The couple is registered at Amazon, Crate & Barrel, and Target.

### 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 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting is June 26. For more information, contact Susan Gunter at 423.463.2930.

### PARENT MEETING

Parents of rising High School Seniors and College Freshmen are invited to a parent meeting on Wednesday, June 26, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact Jeremiah or Abby for details. Hope to see you there!

### SWIM DAY

Swim Day at the May's pool is Thursdays, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This invitation is open to anyone at CPC. Parents, please remember that you are personally responsible for the supervision of your children and cleanup.

### YOUTH & FAMILY CFC SOCCER NIGHT

Join us on Saturday, June 29, for a fun night watching soccer and fellowshiping at Finley Stadium! The game starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$10. Contact Abby or Jeremiah for more details.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following update to your CPC Membership Directory.

Brandon and Annabelle Cross

621 Memorial Drive  
Apt. 103  
Chattanooga, TN 37415

Chris and Andra van der Merwe

936 Mountain Creek Road  
Apt. P190  
Chattanooga, TN 37405

### SOLOMON'S PORCH CLASS

Beginning Sunday, June 30, Dr. Bill Higgins is teaching on American and Scottish Presbyterian History in the Solomon's Porch Class for the Summer Semester.

### OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office is closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There is no newsletter sent out that day.

### SHINE CAMP

For those who registered, SHINE: Creative Arts Camp for Girls begins Monday, July 8, at 8:30 a.m. If you're interested in volunteering to help in the cooking and painting classes, please contact Rebekah Bennett at rebekahjbennett@gmail.com.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ladies, you are all invited to a pool party and BYOP (bring your own picnic) supper at Anne Wagner's home on Friday, July 19, at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Diane Lazor at dlazor7@gmail.com.

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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