



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

Inbound Basketball

For 1st-6th Grade Boys and Girls



Evaluations: December 11th & 13th

Practice Begins: December 20th

First Game: January 8th Season Ends: February 26th

All games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Registration cost is \$30.00 per child. Registration forms and coach sign-ups can be found in the main hallway or in the front foyer of the church. **Deadline to Register is November 23rd!**

CALLED FAMILY FORUM

Wednesday, November 7th, 6:45 p.m.

To discuss the Personnel Committee's recommendation that...“The position of Children's Ministry Director be expanded to full-time (40 hours per week) effective January 1, 2008, pending the adoption of the proposed 2008 Church budget.”

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

Sunday, November 11th

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Services

We would like to have a picture from your years of service. Family members are asked to submit a photo of their deceased military veteran for this service as well. We will copy them and return the originals. If you submitted a photo last year, there is no need to re-submit it. These will be used in our Veterans Day Recognition.

Deadline to submit a picture is this Wednesday, November 7th.

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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Don't do it! Are you crazy? Why would you want to do something like that? What if every church did it? I have heard those and many more comments through the years. Mostly from fellow Pastors. It has to do with keeping an updated church membership roll - more specifically, removing the names of folks who are no longer a part of the church in any way.

One of the many things that distinguishes Covenant from many other churches is the importance and value placed upon church membership. We try our best to place value to that decision and encourage members to remain actively involved in the life and ministry of Covenant. Many factors impact church life today including the fact that we are living in an increasingly mobile society, and it seems as though many church members simply enjoy "church hopping" from time to time.

Unfortunately, over time, some folks seem to slip between the cracks of involvement, and we lose touch with them. Some move out of town. Others join churches that fail to notify us. (I can't understand that one with all the avenues of communication we have today!) Periodically, Pat Rutledge (Administrative Assistant) and I go through the membership rolls to identify those members who remain on our rolls but have been inactive "members" for a long period of time. We then make an effort, beyond the ongoing Sunday School class and deacons' efforts to contact these folks, to discern their membership status. This process was recently completed to a degree, and we have removed from our roll or transferred to other churches 24 people. This process was brought to the Steering Committee for their input as well. The vast majority have moved from the area and joined other churches. We only remove someone with their permission, and would never, ever remove someone unilaterally.

We also have another group of people that are a concern - people and families on which we no longer have any address or contact information. Can you help us out? If you know of the current situation, address, or contact point of any of the following families, we would like to reach out to them. Please contact Pat in the Church Office or jot me a note.

Gloria Brann	Jerold & Victoria Lambert	James & Lisa Strange
Gale Davis	Chuck Latimer	Tom & Tami Talbert
Donald & Cynthia Dobbs	Nicholas Lotze	Ron & Patty Thompson
Briana Edwards	Rita Parker	Traci Carnes Watterson
Bob Evans	Stephanie Smith	

It may not look good on paper. We are not crazy. We have done it before. If every church did what we do then we may have a more realistic view of the Church of Christ in the world today.

THANKS FROM YOUR MINISTERIAL STAFF!

Many thanks to the classes and individuals who sent cards and gifts during Clergy Appreciation Month. We are all so blessed to be serving the Lord through this dynamic and loving church family! May God continue to bless our journey together.

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Home: Mary Etta Williams, Mary Cudd
Baton Rouge, LA: Billy Hogue (Bill & Virginia Hogue's son)
Winston Salem, NC: Otis Beshears (Virginia Hogue's sister)

Sympathy

...to Jack & Marilyn Smith in the death of his brother, Floyd Smith of Florida.

Happy Birthday!

Nov. 4 Cheryl Keyser
Nov. 5 Jimmie Jordan, Len Keyser, Abby Smith
Nov. 6 Banks Baker, Judy Dennis, Paul Hammond, Calum Henderson
Nov. 7 Emma Lee Higgins, Anna Scott
Nov. 8 Ray Funderburk, Kristian Howard, Benita Miller, Darrell Young
Nov. 9 Bobby Bumgardner, Luke Lawry, Keefe Owens, Brantley Smith,
Ted Williams

His & Her Wedding Shower

You are invited to a wedding shower this Sunday, November 4th, for Cliff McMackin and Erin Noonan. Cliff is the son of Wayne & Rhonda McMackin. Cliff and Erin are registered at Silver & Spice, Belk, Pottery Barn, and Home Depot. Please drop in from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome New Members

Covenant welcomes **Dale, Peggy & Brent Comstock** who come by Statement. Peggy is Ken Bailey's sister. The Comstocks make their home on Arundel Drive.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for October: \$49,470

Forward In Faith (Building Fund) Monthly Goal: \$11,675

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>
Week #1	\$18,121	\$ 3,443	\$ 4,988	\$26,552
Week #2	8,259	2,206	3,609	14,074
Week #3	7,465	5,668	2,025	15,158
Week #4	<u>8,217</u>	<u>1,036</u>	<u>3,093</u>	<u>12,346</u>
Monthly Total	\$42,062	\$12,353	\$13,715*	\$68,130

***DESIGNATED FUND:** This amount represents any and all monies given to CBC **other than** General Fund and Building Fund, such as Missions, Mission Trips, Beyond Worship, Seasonal Mission Offerings, Wednesday Suppers, Coffee Money, Churchwide Trips/Events, etc.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 10/28/07: Worship - 373 / Sunday School - 283
Week of 10/22: Wednesday pm - 249 / Small Groups - 109

 **KEITH'S KORNER - Rev. Keith Sellers** 
e-mail: Keith@CBCLancaster.org

CHRISTMAS AT COVENANT

“Code Red - An ER Christmas” Dinner Theater: December 6, 7 & 8
Presented by the Music Ministry featuring YouthSINGERS and Credo

“Christmas Is Jesus”: December 9 - Combined Service at 11:00 a.m.
Special Music presented by the Music Ministry featuring
Chorale, Credo, Praise Team and Instrumental Ensemble

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 4

8:45 am Pre-service Music
9:00 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Coffee & Conversation
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Conversation with the Pastor
11:00 am Traditional Worship
11:00 am Beyond Worship
2:00 pm McMackin Wedding Shower
4:00 pm Steering Committee Mtg.
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm *Credo* Rehearsal
6:00 pm YouthSINGERS

Tuesday, November 6

7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Group

Wednesday, November 7

4:45 pm Bible Drill (Grades 4&5)
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal

Menu:

Spaghetti Dinner
(Pizza for Kids)

Volunteer Team:

Jamie Furse, Holly Lyver,
Sue Owens

6:00 pm AWANA (Ages 3-5th grade)
Nursery for Birth - Age 2
Wildside (Grades 6-8)
Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Adult Small Groups
6:45 pm Called Family Forum
Wind Ensemble Practice
7:00 pm Fusion (Grades 9-12)
7:30 pm *Chorale* Rehearsal

Thursday, November 8

9:00 am ESL Class
6:30 pm Covenant Care Clinic Vol:
Art Morris, Pat Rutledge,
Greta Chandler
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Celebrate Recovery Group
ESL Classes

Friday, November 9

6:30 pm AWANA Boys Lock-In

Saturday, November 10

8:00 am CAM Day

MEN'S RALLY

Tuesday, November 13th

6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Asaph Din
(Richard & Jimmie Harms' Son-in-Law)
"Life As A Christian in Pakistan"
Roast Beef Dinner: \$5.00 per person
Tickets available on Sundays and
Wednesdays.

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Coffee Station:

Jimmy & Dale Starnes

Refreshment Station:

Young Families SS Class

Greeters:

Mike & Kathy Thompson (9:00)

Bob & Evelyn Leaphart (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Doris Hammond, Donna Johnson,
Sara Parker, Melinda Whited (9:00)

Rena Livengood,

Diane Howard (11:00)

Children's Church:

Samantha McCorkle,

Sherry Chinn (9:00)

Joy Bowles, Jana Fitzgerald,

Brenda Brunson (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Bob Penegar

Power Point Operators:

John Keown (9:00)

Cody Brown (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Ronnie Wall (9:00)

Ron York (11:00)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

Nursery Volunteers:

Leanne Bailey, Melinda Whited,

Linda Kevern (Room 301)

Brandon Crane,

Brenda Brunson (Room 306)

Sound:

Richard Band & Chuck Funderburk

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

ENDS THIS SUNDAY!

Don't forget to set your clocks
back one hour before going to
sleep Saturday night.

AWANA LOCK-INS

November 9-10 Awana Boys

November 16-17 Awana Girls

SAGA NEWS

Our next SAGA lunch meeting will
be on Tuesday, November 13th, at
11:45 a.m. Roy Still will present a
program on his mission trip to Africa.
Hostesses are Betty Kennington and
Mary Edna Gibson. Plan now to
bring a covered dish and join us!

STUDENT MINISTRY: Robbie Foreman

e-mail: Robbie@CBCLancaster.org

www.smcovenant.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES FOR STUDENTS: November 7th

For Wildside: *Reeled In*: Jesus Fills The Nets

For Fusion: *Simplify Your Life*: Why Do I Say "Yes?"

UPCOMING BIG EVENTS:

January 25-26, 2008 The Revolve Tour (Girls only trip!)

March 14-15, 2008 Student Life Tour, Charlotte, NC

July 2-6, 2008 Student Life Camp, Cleveland, TN

SPIRITUAL GROWTH/MISSIONS: Tim Howard

e-mail: Tim@CBCLancaster.org

Feed 100 Families for Thanksgiving: Beyond is undertaking this project to feed 100 families. We are keeping the meal simple, providing rice or mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, sweet potatoes, bread and a turkey. If you would like to help provide food or even deliver, please see Tim.

New Ministry to Homeless Families: Family Promise of Lancaster County is the name of the developing ministry to help homeless families. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Covenant Auto Ministry (CAM): Another CAM day has been scheduled for Saturday, November 10th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Ernie Jordan's Shop (maps are available in the main hallway). If you have any special needs or requests that need to be addressed, please contact Larry Owen at 286-6060 (home) or 289-7714 (cell). As always, donations are gratefully accepted.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: It's time to think about filling those shoe boxes. Pamphlets for filling a box are now in and available in the main hallway. We will collect these shoeboxes on Sunday, November 18th.

World Hunger Emphasis: We will again participate in a World Hunger emphasis through the use of the Rice Bowl containers. We will collect these filled bowls on Sunday, November 18th. Rice Bowls are available in the main hallway. You may also use your "World Hunger" envelope which will be included in your envelope mailing packet.

Women on Mission News: On Monday, November 5th, at 6:45 p.m., our WOM will participate in the Women's World Day of Prayer program to be held at Glenwood Heights Baptist Church. We will meet at Covenant at 6:30 p.m. to go as a group. This is sponsored by the Moriah Baptist Association, and the program has been prepared by the Baptist Women's Union of Africa for use by Baptists around the world. Prayer items for women on every continent will be included. An offering will be taken.

Women on Mission wants to thank you for participating in our Prisoner Packets project! The collection box for self-embossed stamped envelopes will be in the hallway through this Sunday. Our AWANAs will package the envelopes, along with the toiletries our women have purchased, at their lock-ins this November. Then in early December, they will be taken to the Moriah Association office to be delivered to Columbia along with those from other participating churches in Lancaster County. Anyone interested in helping check the packets and inserting Scripture portions at St. Andrews Baptist in Columbia on Monday, December 10th, let us know. A hot lunch will be provided. For questions on any of the above WOM events, call Mickey Miller at 285-7095 or Lou C. Thomas at 283-2134.

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Pastor	Bert Welch (283-1875 - home)
Minister of Music & Worship	Keith Sellers (289-9545 - home)
Minister of Spiritual Growth	Tim Howard (285-7970 - home)
Minister of Students & Recreation	Robbie Foreman (285-3156 - home)
Children's Ministry Director	Stephanie Williams (704-764-5792 - home)
Church Accompanist	Lannia Broñola
Praise Team Accompanist	Kathy Wall
Administrative Assistant	Pat Rutledge
Church Secretary	Gina Spencer
Church Hostess	Julie Dutton
Custodian	Joe Reuschling
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"Every Member a Minister"

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 4, 2007

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

Prophet with a Punch: *Overcoming Disappointment* (Haggai 2:1-9)

Beyond Worship - 11:00 A.M. in the Family Life Center

Hitting the Books

Teacher: Eric Kramer

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome	Bert Welch
Musical Call to Worship	Chorale
Prayer	Bert Welch
Hymn 248	<i>God, Our Father, We Adore Thee</i>
Stewardship Prayer	
Offertory	Lannia Broñola
Hymn 65	<i>Just When I Need Him Most</i>
Message	<i>Overcoming Disappointment</i> Bert Welch
Hymn of Response 476	<i>Be Strong in the Lord</i>
Presentation of Decisions	
Closing Prayer	

Nursery provided for Birth-age 3 during all Worship Services.

Sermon Outlines of today's message are located in the main hallway.

Audio CD's of Dr. Welch's message are available through the Church Office.