



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

MARK THE DATE IN 2008!

January 9	Wednesday Night Ministries Resume
January 20	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Beyond Baptismal Service
Jan. 26-Feb. 8	Russia Mission Trip
January 27	Family Film Night
February 3	Souper Bowl Sunday
February 13	Churchwide Valentine Celebration
February 15-28	Ukraine Mission Trip
March 5	North American Mission Study
March 16	Children’s Ministry Easter Party
March 20	Maundy Thursday Service
March 23	Easter Sunday
March 28	Wycliffe Dinner Theater
April 19	Operation In-As-Much
April 27	Senior Adult Sunday
May 1	National Day of Prayer
May 2-4	Churchwide Beach Retreat
May 4	Gideon Sunday
May 28	AWANA Awards Night
June 7-14	Haiti Mission Trip
June 23-27	Vacation Bible School
July 2-6	Student Life Camp
July 4	July 4th Extravaganza
September 20-21	Atlanta Braves Trip
October 12	CBC Celebrates 14th Anniversary

**NEW SERMON SERIES
BEGINS SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH**

“The 7 Laws of the Spiritual Life”

This sermon series is based on the answer to the first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, which states: *“The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”*

In order to accomplish that, an attempt will be made to address seven Bible-based principles of the Christian life.

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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SO MANY NEEDS...SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES...

DENTAL MISSION TRIP: Ashley Eith, a wonderful young woman who grew up in Covenant, is now in Dental School at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. She and a team of 50 others will be traveling to Quito, Ecuador with Christian Dental and Medical Fellowship on March 8-16 to provide free dental care and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please be in prayer as the team prepares for this mission trip, and also please consider assisting Ashley with her trip expenses of \$1,750. If you would like to help, you may give your gift to Covenant designated **“Dental Mission.”**

HAITI SCOUTING TRIP: Robbie Foreman and Eddie Leaphart will be traveling to Leogane, Haiti for a pre-trip experience January 5-12. They will be partnering with New Missions, an organization established in 1983 that works with various churches and missionaries to share the Gospel among the people of Haiti. This pre-trip is in preparation for the Student Ministry Mission Trip planned for June 7-14. Our Wycliffe Dinner Theater on March 28th will be a major fund-raiser for the Haiti mission.

RUSSIA MISSION: Cathy Keown and Caleb Lawry will be traveling to Siberia, Russia on January 26-February 8 with the Global Aide Network (GAIN). Please pray for them as they prepare for this trip and for those who will be touched and reached by this effort.

ADOPT-A-DOC CONTINUES: In 2003, we sponsored the first Christian physician from China who participated in our Adopt-a-Doc program. As you may recall, over the years we have hosted David Cheang (2003), Ince Chan (2004), Cynthia Wong (2005), Ellen Tam (2006), and Inson Lou (2007). These Christian physicians are thriving in their professions, and some of that success is due to their experiences in the U.S. among American Believers. Due to your generosity, our Adopt-a-Doc fund began 2003 with over \$7,000 to provide travel and related expenses for the physicians. Because of the success of the program, the fund is currently down to \$172.00. If you or your Sunday School class would like to help replenish the fund, which will enable us to continue this most wonderful mission project, please make your contribution to Covenant and designate it to **“Adopt-a-Doc.”**

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE: Our newest local ministry opportunity is slowly but surely becoming a reality. Family Promise is a cooperative effort among the faith community of Lancaster to provide shelter and meals for families who are temporarily homeless. A Board of Trustees has been formed which includes Covenant members, Calvin Miller, Lee Thomas and Bert Welch. When adequate host churches come on board, each church will be responsible for housing and feeding these families for a week, four times over the course of a year. Please continue to pray for this much needed compassionate mission endeavor among our own citizens.

SO MANY NEEDS - SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES! As I have stated many times in the past, we have so many wonderful opportunities to pray for, participate in, and give to various mission endeavors. Any attempt to decide to endorse or not to endorse a mission project, or to “spread out” the request for financial support for a project would be an impossible task. I truly believe these projects and trips are orchestrated by the Lord Himself, and I feel that we would not be honoring these opportunities to share God’s love by deciding which ones to support and which ones to ignore for whatever reason. **Therefore, our consistent position has been to simply relay the information and opportunity to the congregation and allow you to respond as the Lord leads.** Some churches do not allow such openness because they fear the people will financially support special projects over the on-going budget needs of the overall church ministries. That has certainly not been our legacy at Covenant. People here understand that we must first support our comprehensive ministries through our Unified Church Budget and **THEN** give to the other opportunities as they arise. I am just thankful that God has provided us with so many opportunities to share the Good News both locally and globally.

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Home: Pam Sowell, Russ Haselden, Brent Whitlock, Cecil Gause (Pam Sowell's father)

Sympathy

..to Judy Dennis in the death of her grandmother, Rae West of Wilmington, NC.
..to Gina Spencer & Laine Dry in the death of their uncle, Collie Day of Great Falls.

Happy Birthday!

January 6 Betty Martin, Judith York
January 8 Bill Emanuel, Michael Mims, Sara Ava Shrum
January 10 Abby Baker, John Chinn, Bill Westmoreland
January 11 David Faile, Mary Edna Gibson, Frank Herzog, Meredith Yelton
January 12 Joel Denney, Olivia Ingram

SPIRITUAL GROWTH/MISSIONS: Tim Howard e-mail: Tim@CBCLancaster.org

Please be in prayer for our first Baptismal Service with Covenant's new Beyond Ministry. The Baptism will be held Sunday, January 20th, in the Family Life Center at the end of the worship service. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special day at Covenant. It is also the first Sunday of Beyond's second year.

FOR ALL COVENANT LADIES: The 2008 Women's Lifestyle Evangelism Conference will be Saturday, January 26th at Columbia First Baptist Church. (Thursday, January 24th at Taylor's First Baptist). Registration by mail must be post-marked by January 11th. Nationally known speakers and singing group *By Design* will lead the conference. Look on the bulletin board for more information and sign-up. We hope to go together as a group, but individual registration can be done online at www.scbaptist.org/women. It is 9:30 a.m. to 3:20 p.m., with lunch included, for \$20.00. Please turn in your money to Pat when you sign up.

SAGA NEWS (Senior Adults Growing Active)

Our next SAGA meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th, at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our program, "*Remembering the Depression*," will be led by Kate Hughes with an open invitation for our members to share any of their stories or memories. Bring a covered dish and join us.

The next SAGA Friday night dinner will be at the Captain's Galley in Lancaster on January 18th. We will meet at the restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

NEW SMALL GROUPS

Sign up for a new small group offered by Joe & Carolyn Murrow. The group will meet twice a month, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, from 7-8:30 p.m., starting January 8th, at their home (1245 Quiet Creek Drive, Lancaster), phone 313-5824. This group plans to study the new book on apologetics by Alex McFarland, *The Ten Most Common Objections to Christianity*.

Another new small group is offered by Mark and Alice Robson. The group will meet on Tuesdays at their home in Arrowood (1742 Shamrock Avenue). This group will focus on discipleship and will study Dallas Willard's book, *The Divine Conspiracy*. Sign up now if you are interested in this group.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: A new 4-week Bible Study, "*WHY BELIEVE? Investigate Evidence for Faith*," will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning January 9th. The study will be held at the home of Velta Morris (937 Meadow Drive) and will be guided by Jean White. Please call Jean at 283-9792 if you would like to participate.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6

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
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm *Credo* Rehearsal
6:00 pm YouthSINGERS

Tuesday, January 8

11:45 am SAGA Luncheon
6:00 pm Stewardship Co. Meeting
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Group

Wednesday, January 9

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

Menu:

Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich
(Pizza for Kids)
Grilled Chicken Salad (Sign up on
the Reservation Sheet for this option.)

Volunteer Team:

Ken Herron, Dana McBride

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 Adult Prayer & Bible Study
Wind Ensemble Practice
7:00 pm Fusion (Grades 9-12)
7:30 pm *Chorale* Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10

9:00 am ESL Class
6:30 pm Covenant Care Clinic Vol:
Gene & Carol Bailey,
Michael-Ann Mills
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Celebrate Recovery Group
ESL Classes

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Coffee Station:

Mike & Betty Kimbrell

Refreshment Station:

The Harvesters SS Class

Greeters:

Ron & Donna Johnson (9:00)

Bruce & Pam Sowell (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Doris Hammond, Sara Parker,

Melinda Whited (9:00)

Janet Hough,

Stephanie Williams (11:00)

Children's Church:

Michelle Faile, Sherry Chinn (9:00)

Stephanie Williams,

Brenda Stacks (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Dick Light

Power Point Operators:

John Keown (9:00)

Leigh Jordan (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Ronnie Wall (9:00)

Ron York (11:00)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

Nursery Volunteers:

Leanne Bailey, Donna Johnson,

Marjorie Vincent (Room 301)

Janet Hough,

Melinda Whited (Room 306)

Sound:

Richard Band & Chuck Funderburk

CONVERSATION WITH THE PASTOR

Our Pastor, Dr. Bert Welch, leads an informal sharing time each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room (located near the front foyer) for anyone interested in knowing more about Covenant. New members and those interested in becoming members are invited and urged to attend. No sign up is needed!

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

Our official/unofficial policy in the event of severe weather (snow, ice, etc.) is very simple. THERE WILL BE BIBLE STUDY AND WORSHIP SERVICES EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT COVENANT! If you can get to the building safely, come and join your fellow church members for study and worship. The status of Sunday evening ministries can be heard on the church answering service on Sunday afternoons. The status of the Wednesday evening ministries can be determined by calling the church office at 286-5683.

KEITH'S KORNER - Rev. Keith Sellers

e-mail: Keith@CBCLancaster.org

BAPTIST ALLSTATE: This weekend, three of our students are participating in the SC Baptist Allstate Chorus at White Oak Conference Center. Sara Parker, Jamie Sellers, and Caleb Story were chosen by audition to be a part of this 100-voice choir. They will rehearse Friday night and all day Saturday, then go to Sumter to minister on Sunday morning. Congratulations to Sara, Jamie, and Caleb. Please pray for them this weekend.

NEW VISION IN CONCERT: On Sunday, January 20th, *New Vision* from Charleston Southern University will provide the special music at the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship services.

STUDENT MINISTRY: Robbie Foreman

e-mail: Robbie@CBCLancaster.org
www.sm covenant.org

WINTER JAM TOUR: Sunday, January 13th, with Mercy Me, Skillet, Group 1 Crew, Barlow Girl and American Idol's Mandisa. The concert will be at the Charlotte Bobcats Arena in Charlotte, NC. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Sign up in the student room on Wednesday nights! Cost is \$10.00 at the door.

STUDENT LIFE TOUR: March 14-15, 2008 in Charlotte. The cost is \$44.00 and is due by January 13th. More information at <http://tour.studentlife.com>.

STUDENT LIFE CAMP: July 2-6, 2008 Summer Camp in Cleveland, TN
The cost of the trip is \$249.00, and a \$50.00 deposit is due by January 31st.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for December: \$70,860

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	\$17,668	\$ 2,547	\$20,672	\$ 40,887
Week #2	7,497	10,100	5,033	22,630
Week #3	17,487	7,026	3,125	27,638
Week #4	19,737	2,398	4,949	27,084
Week #5	<u>11,316</u>	<u>2,661</u>	<u>4,913</u>	<u>18,890</u>
Monthly Total	\$73,705	\$24,732	\$38,692	\$137,129

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING: \$15,037.20

(This includes \$376.30 from the Lottie Moon Post Office.)

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 12/23/07: Worship - 447 / Sunday School - 254
Monday, 12/24/07: Christmas Eve Worship - 313
Sunday, 12/30/07: Worship - 404 / Sunday School - 250

DONATION: ...in memory of Bob Dudley by Catawba Pest Control...in memory of Jan Westmoreland by Bill & Drew Anne Westmoreland and the Al McIntosh Family...in honor of Kate Hughes by her Sunday School Class and the Al McIntosh Family...in memory of Elaine Wade, Gretchen Henson, Neil McMackin, Julia Emanuel and Margaret Mobley by the Al McIntosh Family...in honor of Cliff & Nell Herron and Glen & Carolyn Breland by the Al McIntosh Family...in honor of Mary Cudd by Faye McIntosh & Family.

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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-Dickert
Praise Team Accompanist	Kathy Wall
Administrative Assistant	Pat Rutledge
Church Secretary	Gina Spencer
Church Hostess	Julie Dutton
Custodian	Joe Reuschling
Assistant Custodian	Suzanne Perry

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 6, 2007

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

7 LAWS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE: *He Is God, and We're Not!*

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

Temptation and Sin

Teacher: Eric Kramer

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Prayer

Hymn 27

Global Missions Update

Stewardship Prayer

Offertory

Musical Offering

Hymn 216

Message

Hymn of Response 301

Presentation of Decisions

Closing Prayer

Bert Welch

All Creatures of our God and King

Dr. Morgan

Lannia Broñola-Dickert

Chorale

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Bert Welch

I Am Resolved

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

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

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