



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

Jesus, The Heart of our Faith



Dr. Welch and the Music Ministry will lead us in six worship experiences that will take us on a journey focused on the life of Christ.

February 24 - *The Person of Jesus*

March 2 - *The Ministry of Jesus*

March 9 - *The Teachings of Jesus*

March 16 - Palm Sunday Musical

“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”

March 20 - Maundy Thursday Service

March 23 - Easter Sunday: *The Hope of Jesus*

WYCLIFFE DINNER THEATRE

Friday, March 28th @ 6:30 PM

Covenant Baptist Church – Family Life Center

Come experience this moving portrayal of how God is calling and preparing national Bible translators from some of the most difficult areas of the world to fulfill the Great Commission. The theatre is performed by Wycliffe’s traveling drama troupe, and a delicious meal is provided. **The tickets are free and must be obtained from one of our table hosts or at the sign-up table in the main hallway of Covenant.** There will be a love offering taken at each table to cover the drama and meal fee and for our upcoming Student Ministry Mission Trip to Haiti in June. **We have room for only 250,** so get your ticket soon! Childcare will be provided for children birth – age 11.

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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Last Sunday's message entitled, "There is No Growth Without Struggle," was a reminder to me of how important it is to respond to the difficulties of life with a living faith. As I developed that sermon, names and faces of the Covenant family continued to appear in my mind as I reflected over the last 15 years. Together, we have endured and grown through the personal trials we all must face and have seen God's hand of grace in our midst. On Sunday, I surveyed the crowded Worship Center and looked into the faces of many who are currently enduring trials and tests in their lives. What I saw was the actualization of the text I was preaching! In that room were a host of people whose lives were being buffeted by difficulty, yet they remain grounded in their faith and loyalty of their Lord. They were present and accounted for in worship! They stood and sang the songs of praise and hymns of our faith with zeal! They came to be with fellow Believers in their journey of life and faith. After each worship service, I retreated into my study and paused in prayer, thanking God that the people of Covenant Baptist Church are not merely talking the talk, they are walking the walk. "Developing Kingdom-hearted Believers" is much more than our church slogan, it is a daily goal. Thank you, church, for affirming in real life what I preached last Sunday. To God be the glory. My final sermon in this series is entitled, "God Is For Us." I trust you will be present in worship and in Bible study.

Passing on the Blessing! The medical equipment used in our Covenant Care Medical Clinic for twelve years is now on its way by container shipment to Macau, China along with other medical supplies to be used at the HOPE Medical Clinic supported by our Southern Baptist Cooperative Program funds and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Every time you give your offering, we are supporting our missionaries around the world!



Covenant Family Beach Retreat

May 2-4

Theme: The 11th Commandment

Leader: Dr. Welch

ONLY 5 MORE WEEKS TO SIGN UP!

Deadline: Sunday, March 16th

Brochures available in the main hallway.

STUDENT MINISTRY: Robbie Foreman

e-mail: Robbie@CBCLancaster.org

www.smcovenant.org

QUESTIONS concerning the Student Ministry, trips/events, etc.? Email them to info@smcovenant.org.

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY: Sunday, February 24th at 4:45 p.m. - *The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told*: Helping students think through, write out, and share their testimonies. This class is a requirement for all those students who are going to Haiti, but is open to any student or adult who would like to participate. Please sign up at the student ministry table.

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Springs: Kate Hughes, Rhonda Kramer
 Lancaster Convalescent Center: Eleanor Palmer
 Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, TN: David Cooper (Don & Cynda Cooper's son)
 VA Hospital, Asheville, NC: Gene Stripling (Debbie Eith's father)
 Home: Stacey Melton

Thank You

...from Lancaster Christian Services Angel Tree Project.

Happy Birthday!

February 18 Caroline Carnes, Ronnie Carnes, Scott Thompson
 February 19 Brett Bumgardner
 February 20 Jeff Band, Jennifer Parsons, Lori Williams
 February 21 Cynda Cooper
 February 22 Dale Comstock, Jessica Cudd, Nicholas Mills
 February 23 Bob Penegar Sr.



Is This Your Video?

"David, God's Champion" was submitted to the church library, but seems to belong already to another library. You can pick it up in the CBC library cabinet.

Moriah Association Annual Stewardship Banquet

This annual stewardship banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, at 6:30 p.m. at Lancaster First Baptist Church. Guest speaker will be Dr. Monty Hale, Director of the Associational Services and Pastoral Ministries Office of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. The cost of the meal is \$8.00. Please call the church office by Wednesday, February 20th, to make reservations.

Making Change Seminar

A transformational guide to Christian money management seminar will be held on Monday, April 28th, at First Baptist Church of Rock Hill from 6-9 p.m. Dinner will be served. Cost is \$10.00 per person. If interested, call the Church Office at 286-5683 to make your reservation. Dr. Welch will be staff sponsor of this event.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for February: \$45,760

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	\$16,209	\$3,988	\$ 4,601	\$24,798
Week #2	<u>11,733</u>	<u>3,965</u>	<u>5,638</u>	<u>21,336</u>
Monthly Total	\$27,942	\$7,953	\$10,239	\$46,134

***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, Churchwide Trips/Events.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 2/10/08: Worship - 510 / Sunday School - 325
Week of 2/4/08: Wednesday - 228 / Small Groups - 84

DONATIONS:...in memory of Allen Bowen's father by M/M Vernon McManus, Kate Hughes and M/M Richard Steele...in memory of Matthew Pitmon's father by M/M Vernon McManus...in honor of George & Betty Kennington by the John McManus Sunday School Class.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Tim Howard

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS/LEADERS MEETING:

Sunday, March 16th, at 12:00 noon. Lunch and child care will be provided.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY:

Truth Project: A Focus on the Family Study - Led by Jim Whitaker in Room 210 on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. beginning next week, February 20th.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Operation In-As-Much: Mark your calendars with two important OIAM dates:
Saturday, March 29th - OIAM Training
Saturday, April 19th - OIAM

HOPE of Lancaster is having its annual meeting on Tuesday, February 26th. If you would like to represent Covenant at this informational and planning meeting, see Tim Howard.

Evangelism Opportunity: Covenant will sponsor an informal meeting with representatives from Christ for All Peoples, a ministry based in Charlotte that attempts to reach immigrants, especially Muslims, with the Good News of Jesus Christ. The meeting will be held at the Moriah Baptist Association office (914 West Meeting Street) on Thursday, February 21st, at 11:00 a.m. Come and learn more about this ministry.

SAGA NEWS (Senior Adults Growing Active)

Friday Night Dinner Out - Friday, February 15th: We will load the bus at 6:00 p.m. and head to Captain Steve's in Fort Mill, SC. Please sign up soon so that we can call in advance and also have adequate transportation.

Outing to Discovery Place - Monday, February 25th: We will load the bus at 9:00 a.m. and head to Discovery Place where we will view the exhibit, "*Rockwell's America, Celebrating the Art of Rockwell's America.*" The cost is \$10.00 plus lunch. Sign up ASAP.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

e-mail: Stephanie@CBCLancaster.org

PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please remember to pick up your children on time from all of our Children's Ministry activities, especially at the end of our Sunday School session on Sundays. Please remember, Sunday School is over at 10:45 a.m. for all ages, and our Sunday School teachers' time is important. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR SCHEDULE CHANGED: Parents, please note that we will have choir practice for our Easter music at 4:00 p.m. (changed from 5:00 p.m.) this Sunday, February 17th. Children, please remember to bring your books with you!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EASTER PARTY: We will have our Annual Easter Party on Sunday, March 16th, from 3-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great time for families, so come out with your Easter basket!!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - WE ARE GOING TO CAMP!!!

This year, Covenant Kids are going to Camp Pinehill in Bennettsville on July 7-11.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 17

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
4:00 pm Care Ministry Team Mtg.
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm Beyond Leadership Team
5:00 pm *Credo* Rehearsal
6:00 pm YouthSINGERS
6:00 pm Duke Small Group Study

Monday, February 18

6:00 am Students Ski Trip
6:30 pm Global Missions WOM
7:00 pm Life Support WOM

Tuesday, February 19

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch WOM

Wednesday, February 20

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

Menu:

Hamburger Dinner
(NO Pizza)

Grilled Chicken Salad (Sign up on
Reservation Sheet for this option.)

Volunteer Team:

Carl Vincent, Benita Miller,
John & Ann McManus

6:00 pm AWANA (Ages 3-5th grade)
Nursery for Birth - Age 2
Wildside (Grades 6-8)
Women's Bible Study
6:15 pm Truth Project 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, February 21

9:00 am ESL Class
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
ESL Classes

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Coffee Station:

Lee & Tina Carter

Refreshment Station:

Kate Hughes SS Class

Greeters:

Mike & Kathy Thompson (9:00)
Mike & Mary Etta Williams (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Lynn Jauch, Jamie Sellers,
Georgia Yelton (9:00)
John & Amy Jones, Janet Hough,
David & Ginger Steele (11:00)

Children's Church:

Sherry Chinn, Sara Parker (9:00)
Brenda Stacks,
Samantha McCorkle (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Bob Penegar, Rheubin Brunson

Power Point Operators:

John Keown (9:00)
Leigh Jordan (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Ronnie Wall (9:00)
Ron York (11:00)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

Nursery Volunteers:

Donna Johnson,
Linda Kevern (Room 301)
Annette Melton,
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 morning 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!

Open Windows

The Spring Quarter
(March, April, May)

Open Windows are available
for pickup in the main hallway.

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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	Georgia Yelton

“Every Member a Minister”

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP **Sunday, February 17, 2008**

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

7 LAWS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE: *God Is For Us!*

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

Knowing Jesus: *Solitude*

Teacher: Art Morris

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome	Bert Welch
Global Missions Update	
Prayer	Bert Welch
Hymn 4	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>
Stewardship Prayer	
Offertory	Lannia Broñola-Dickert
Musical Offering	<i>If God Be for Us</i> Chorale & Credo
Hymn 61	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>
Message	<i>God Is For Us!</i> Bert Welch
Invitation Hymn 283	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated</i>
Closing Prayer	

A nursery is provided for Birth-age 3 in the Preschool Area.
Children's Church is provided for ages 3 through 3rd grade in the Student Room.
Sermon Outlines of Dr. Welch's message are located in the main hallway.
Audio CDs of Dr. Welch's message are available through the Church Office.