



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 2-9

Sunday, March 2nd

Prayer Guides distributed to all Families

Monday, March 3rd - 12:00 noon

Prayer Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to attend.

WOM members, bring a salad to share. Beverages will be provided.

Wednesday, March 5th - 6:45 p.m.

North American Mission Study in the Worship Center

Theme: *Live with Urgency-Seize Your Divine Moment*

Find out what our missionaries are able to do because of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering - 100% of the AAEO funds directly support our North American Mission Board missionaries and their ministries.

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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The refrain of the beloved hymn, “*Count Your Many Blessings*,” encourages us to “count our many blessings and name them one by one.” If I took the time to do that each day, I would not get much accomplished. However, we all need to take time to reflect and give thanks for the many good things God sends our way and enables us to enjoy. One of the blessings I believe we would all give thanks for here at Covenant is our wonderful ministry through music. The dedication, passion and joy expressed by the various choirs, groups, ensembles, instrumentalists, and accompanists is remarkable. Keith Sellers does a remarkable work trying to coordinate this diverse ministry for the purpose of helping us worship our Lord. I personally may not fully appreciate each and every style of music, but I do appreciate that we are a church that attempts to reach the worshiper in his or her preference. Above all, God takes great delight in our “making a joyful noise unto Him.” So please take a moment and thank one of our music ministry folks the next time you see them. Let them know that you do appreciate their service to the Lord, His church, and you.

Adopt-a-Doc Update: Plans are being firmed up for the next Chinese physician to participate in our Adopt-a-Doc project in late summer or early fall. Doctor Eppie Chu, a professing Believer, is excited about her future experience among us. Cost for the project (which provides transportation and insurance) totals \$2000.00. At present, our Adopt-a-Doc fund has \$700.00. If you or your class would like to help with this project, simply designate your gift to Adopt-a-Doc.

Ashley Eith to Ecuador: Ashley Eith will participate in a dental and medical mission trip to Ecuador on March 8-16 with a team of her colleagues from the Medical University of South Carolina. We will connect with Ashley this Sunday morning via phone for a commissioning. Thanks to all who contributed to her trip expenses and for all who will pray for Ashley and the team.

Jesus, The Heart of our Faith

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

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*



🎵 KEITH'S KORNER - Rev. Keith Sellers 🎵

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This Sunday, March 2nd, the Campbell University Choir will be leading us in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. As a part of their sharing time, **they will sing during the pre-service time, starting at about 10:45 a.m.** So come into the worship center early and get a good seat (or your regular seat) and worship with some great music.

Thanks again to all of you that will host these students in your homes on Saturday. You make this type of event possible!

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Springs: Kate Hughes

Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, TN: David Cooper (Don & Cynda Cooper's son)

VA Hospital, Asheville, NC: Gene Stripling (Debbie Eith's father)

Home: Tracy Hudson, Charles Squires, Doris McKinney

Sympathy

...to Mickey Miller and family in the death of her half-sister, Beatrice Huettig of Redlands, CA.

Happy Birthday!

March 3 Meg Barton, Carol Crook, Paige Duke, Nell Herron, Joshua McBride

March 4 Elizabeth Bumgardner

March 7 Donna Boggs, April Dupree

March 8 Rocky Jordan

Welcome New Members!

Covenant welcomed 4 new members this past Sunday! **Glenda Bass** comes by transfer of letter. She attends the JOY Sunday School class and has a son, Ron, who attends the Beyond worship service. **Wesley & Nicole Phillips** and their daughter, **Isabella**, also come by transfer of letter. Wesley and Nicole also have 3 other children, Rebecca, Stephan and Gracie. Nicole attends the Get REAL Sunday School class and also sings in the Chorale.

Gym Key Change

The keys to our gymnasium have been changed due to the number of keys distributed and unplanned usage of the facility which causes schedule and custodial issues. Therefore, current gym keys may be discarded. If you need to schedule use of the gym, please call Pat in the church office.

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	11,733	3,965	5,638	21,336
Week #3	8,771	2,685	1,811	13,267
Week #4	<u>8,966</u>	<u>3,222</u>	<u>3,225</u>	<u>15,413</u>
Monthly Total	\$45,679	\$13,860	\$15,275	\$74,814

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 2/24/08: Worship - 460 / Sunday School - 282

Week of 2/18/08: Wednesday - 189 / Small Groups - 92

DONATIONS:...in memory of Robert Howle by Margaret Wilson, M/M Vernon McManus, M/M Don Gibson, M/M Bill Hogue, M/M Buddy Rutledge, M/M Bob Penegar, Rheubin Brunson, D/M Bill Duke, M/M Jerry Coble, M/M Gene Bailey, The Heath Springs Dental Associates, M/M Lamar Frasier, M/M Tom Hunter and D/M Jim Furse...in memory of Eleanor Palmer by D/M Jim Furse, M/M Vernon McManus, M/M Don Gibson, M/M Bill Hogue, M/M Buddy Rutledge, Margaret Wilson, Rheubin Brunson and M/M Jerry Coble...in memory of Ernest Bowen by M/M Bill Morris...in honor of Kate Hughes by M/M Bill Morris.

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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

OPERATION IN-AS-MUCH: Mark your calendars with these OIAM dates:
Saturday, March 29th - OIAM Training with Rev. David Crocker, founder of OIAM
Saturday, April 19th - OIAM

FAMILY PROMISE: Many of you have asked how you can help with the homeless ministry. We are beginning the process of developing teams and leaders to make our weeks of hosting successful, smooth and open to our congregation. If you are interested in leading a team or serving on one, sign up on the OIAM bulletin board or see Tim.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: For those of you who knit and crochet, the church has received information from an out-of-town former member concerning how they started a Prayer Shawl Ministry, complete with a brochure, a prayer shawl, a newspaper article and other information concerning this ministry. The Prayer Shawls are for those who are sick, grieving, going through trauma, care giving, having a new baby, someone in the military or any special time determined to be necessary by the group. Please see Pat or Gina for this info.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE: This Sunday, March 2nd, at 5:00 p.m.

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!!!!

TAKING OUR KIDS BACK CONFERENCE: We are waging a battle with the world for our children, and it's time for us as parents to take our children back. The conference will be held at Covenant on Saturday, April 5th, from 10am-2pm. The cost is \$15 per family (includes baby-sitting, lunch and lots of take home materials). Pick up a brochure from Stephanie Williams for more information.

PARENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! "Power Lab" Vacation Bible School will be held June 23-27 from 9 am - noon. You can register your child on-line at <https://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/cbclancasterse> or pick up a registration form in the office hallway. Also if you would like to volunteer, please see Georgia Yelton or Stephanie Williams.



Covenant Family Beach Retreat

May 2-4

Theme: The 11th Commandment

Leader: Dr. Welch

ONLY 3 MORE WEEKS TO SIGN UP!

Deadline: Sunday, March 16th

Brochures available in the main hallway.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 2

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 Children's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 pm *Credo* Rehearsal
6:00 pm YouthSINGERS
6:00 pm Duke Small Group Study

Monday, March 3

12:00 pm Prayer Luncheon - Fell. Hall

Wednesday, March 5

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

Menu:

Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Roll,
Egg Drop Soup
(Pizza for Kids)
Grilled Chicken Salad (Sign up on
Reservation Sheet for this option.)

Volunteer Team:

Kate Hughes SS Class

6:00 pm AWANA (Ages 3-5th grade)
Nursery for Birth - Age 2
Wildside (Grades 6-8)
6:45 pm North American Missions
Study in Worship Center
Wind Ensemble Practice
7:00 pm Fusion (Grades 9-12)
7:30 pm *Chorale* Rehearsal

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7

6:30 pm Holy Scraphters Night

BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, February 28th
3:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In The Gym

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Coffee Station:

Bob & Evelyn Leaphart

Refreshment Station:

Young Adults SS Class

Greeters:

Ray & Judy Dennis (9:00)

Darrell & Karen Young (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Doris Hammond, Melinda Whited,
Michelle Woods (9:00)

Stephanie Williams, Janet Hough,
Diane Howard (11:00)

Children's Church:

Michelle Faile, Sherry Chinn (9:00)

Carolyn Steele, Joy Bowles (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Rheubin Brunson, Vernon McManus

Power Point Operators:

Drew Dutton (9:00)

Leigh Jordan (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Chuck Funderburk (9:00)

Richard Band (11:00)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Nursery Volunteers:

Leanne Bailey,

Marjorie Vincent (Room 301)

Benita Miller,

Janet Hough (Room 306)

Sound:

Richard Band, Chuck Funderburk

Staff Anniversary

Joe Reuschling

Church Custodian

7 Years - 3/1/01

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!

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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, March 2, 2008

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

Jesus, the Heart of our Faith: *The Ministry of Jesus*

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

Lesson: *To Eat or Not To Eat* Teacher: Eric Kramer

Special Celebrations: Ending a 24-hour Fast, Baptism & Spaghetti Lunch

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Pre-Service Music	Campbell University Choir
Welcome	Bert Welch
Global Missions Commissioning	Ashley Eith
Call to Worship	Campbell University Choir
Prayer	Bert Welch
Hymn 36	<i>Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him</i>
Global Missions Update	
Stewardship Prayer	
Offertory	Campbell University Choir
Hymn 202	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>
Musical Offering	Campbell University Choir
Message	Bert Welch
Invitation Hymn 276	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</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.