



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

Holy Week Observances

Palm Sunday - March 16th

Combined Worship

11:00 a.m. in the Worship Center

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

An Easter Cantata Presented by Covenant's Music Ministry

Maundy Thursday Service - March 20th

7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center

A solemn service of song and scripture commemorating the Last Supper our Lord shared with His disciples.

A nursery will be provided for birth to age 3.

Good Friday Service - March 21st

Sponsored by Beyond - 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Come and reflect on the events that transpired on the day our Lord was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Learn how Jesus “finished” the covenant made between God and Abraham.

Resurrection Sunday - March 23rd

Dr. Welch's Message:

Jesus, The Heart of Our Faith: *The Hope of Jesus*

Flowering The Cross

Covenant's beautiful Easter morning observance of decorating the cross on the front church lawn with flowers will continue this year. Everyone is invited to place flowers on the cross as you arrive at church on Easter Sunday morning.



**Daylight Saving Time
Begins this Sunday!**

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

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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I hope you have made plans to attend the Dinner Theatre on Friday, March 28th. Many months ago, the Wycliffe Dinner Theatre Ministry coordinator called and asked if we would be interested in serving as a host church for their 2008 drama tour. I had attended a production a few years earlier at the JAARS Center in Waxhaw and was impressed by the experience, so I agreed to present the opportunity to the congregation. Today there is a team of Covenant folks working on the event. **Basically, the Dinner Theatre's purpose is to raise awareness of Bible Translation, not to raise funds for Wycliffe, JAARS or the theatre troupe.** There will be an opportunity to give a free-will offering at the conclusion of the evening through an envelope provided at each table that will help cover the cost for the drama production and the meal.

The Wycliffe Theatre leaders also request that any offering above and beyond the actual costs be used by Covenant for a mission endeavor. **We have chosen to use the extra funds to support our upcoming Student Ministry mission trip to Haiti in June.** Our Student Ministry will be the servers and hosts for the event that night, and I trust you will give generously to support their mission. At present, we have **already filled over half of the available 250 reservations,** so do not wait – sign up as soon as possible. There is a reservation table located in the main hallway each Sunday. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Bible translation and to support our mission to Haiti.

SILENT WITNESS BUTTONS: Free Easter 2008 buttons are available in the baskets in the main hallway. Take one and share one with a friend at work, school or the neighborhood. This button may very well serve as a "talking point" opportunity to witness for the Lord and explain the glory of Easter Sunday!

CROSSPOINT CHURCH BIRTHDAY: Crosspoint Church, the new Baptist church we have helped sponsor through gifts and prayers, is about to celebrate her First Anniversary on Sunday, March 16th. As a gesture of our on-going support of this new congregation, we are asking that **each Sunday School class member sign the Happy Birthday card which will be attached to your records this Sunday.** Feel free to write additional comments on the cards. Please keep Crosspoint and her leaders in your prayers as they work to reach folks in the fast-growing panhandle section of Lancaster County.

DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE: On Wednesday, March 12th, Shirley Buckner and James West of the Moriah Baptist Association (Lancaster County Baptist Churches) Disaster Relief Ministry will speak at the 6:45 p.m. session in the Worship Center. Come and learn how our local churches are directly involved in disaster relief ministry in North America.



MEN'S RALLY

Thursday, March 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Caleb Lawry. He will speak on his recent mission trip to Siberia. A Chicken Bog dinner will be served at \$5.00 per person. **Please sign up in your Sunday School class or in the main hallway by this Sunday, March 9th.**

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Springs: Kate Hughes

Home: Traci Harbin

Please be in prayer daily for...

Ashley Eith on mission in Ecuador, March 8-16.

Sympathy

...to Angie Dry and Michael-Ann Mills and their families in the death of their grandmother, Ouida Plyler.

Congratulations

...to Frankie & Michelle Faile on the birth of a grandson, Ashton Francis Blackmon, born on March 2nd. The proud parents are Jon & Mary Frances Blackmon.

Happy Birthday!

March 9 Kate Hughes, Stacy Story

March 10 Karis Daley, Garen Hicks, Danny Kennington, Tim Kevern

March 11 Jennifer Hinton, John Humphries, Phil McBride, Dusty Threatt

March 12 Ben Champion, Nathan Lange, Chris Watts

March 13 Joy Butler, John Duke, Mary Etta Williams

March 14 J. R. Baker, Doris McKinney

March 15 Allyson Griffin, Lindsey Jordan

Welcome New Members!

Covenant welcomes **Bob & Doris Bryant** who come by Transfer of Church Membership. Bob and Doris live in Waxhaw, NC, and attend the JOY Sunday School Class.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for March: \$54,350

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	\$16,581	\$4,426	\$4,889	\$25,896

***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.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING TO DATE: \$701.00

(Given in 2007: \$5,045.24)

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 3/2/08: Worship - 542 / Sunday School - 325

Week of 2/25/08: Wednesday - 223 / Small Groups - 109

YTD RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS THRU FEBRUARY 2008

Contributions & Interest Earned	\$ 93,217
Disbursements	<u>118,757</u>
Receipts over (under) disbursements	(\$ 25,540)

DONATIONS:...in memory of Robert Howle by M/M Randall Garris, M/M Ben Moorefield, Sarah Welch and the John McManus Sunday School Class ...in memory of Eleanor Palmer by Sarah Welch...in memory of Beatrice Huettig by M/M Allen Bowen...in honor of Calvin & Mickey Miller for their 60th wedding anniversary by M/M Walter Nash.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: Grow closer to God AND make more friends by participating in one or both of the following Bible studies:

★ *Why Believe – Investigate the Evidence:* Guided by Marjorie Walrod on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Springs Apartments Meeting Room.

★ *Colossians:* Guided by Velta Morris on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Hope Davis in Shiloh Commons Development.

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 have asked how to 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.

SAGA NEWS: Our next SAGA luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 11th, at 11:45 a.m. Hosts are Dave and Jane Denyer. Bring a covered dish and join us for a great time of food, fellowship, and a special program.

Also, sign up now to join us for a supper trip to Captain Steve's in Fort Mill on Friday, March 14th. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and take the bus.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

e-mail: Stephanie@CBCLancaster.org

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE: This Sunday, March 9th, at 4:00 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 CHILDREN 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.

STUDENT MINISTRY: Robbie Foreman

e-mail: Robbie@CBCLancaster.org

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION:

Men and Women's Softball sign-ups are underway. Sign up in the main hallway. The cost per person will be determined when we get our completed roster. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 30th. The men's season begins on April 7th.

Wycliffe Dinner Theatre

Friday, March 28th @ 6:30 PM - CBC Family Life Center

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 provided for children birth – age 11.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 9

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

Monday, March 10

11:30 am Stitchin' For Others WOM
1:30 pm Lydia WOM - Room 106

Tuesday, March 11

11:30 am SAGA Luncheon

Wednesday, March 12

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

Menu:

Ham Dinner
(Pizza for Kids)
Grilled Chicken Salad (Sign up on
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
6:15 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, March 13

9:00 am ESL Class
Mom's Time Out
7:00 pm Men's Rally
Praise Team Rehearsal
ESL Classes

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Coffee Station:

Mike & Mary Etta Williams

Refreshment Station:

John McManus SS Class

Greeters:

Pat & Sue Owens (9:00)
Tom & Jean White (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Pat Rutledge, Annie Owen,
Karen ten Bensel (9:00)
Jason & Nancy Smith,
Rena Livengood, Sara Parker (11:00)

Children's Church:

Tim & Georgia Yelton (9:00)
Carolyn Steele, Joy Melton (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Vernon McManus, Dick Light

Power Point Operators:

John Keown (9:00)
Cody Brown (11:00)

Sound Operators:

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Nursery Volunteers:

Leanne Bailey,
Brenda Stacks (Room 301)
Lynn Lingle,
Carla Sigmon (Room 306)

Sound:

Richard Band, Chuck Funderburk

Covenant Family Beach Retreat May 2-4

***ABSOLUTE DEADLINE
to sign up is
THIS Sunday, March 9th!***

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 Students & Recreation	Robbie Foreman (285-3156 - home)
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Church Accompanist	Lannia Broñola-Dickert
Praise Team Accompanist	Kathy Wall
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP **Sunday, March 9, 2008**

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

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

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

Understand Me: Jesus Our Atonement

Teacher: Art Morris

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer

Tim Howard

Hymn 216

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Global Missions Update

Sylvia Plyler

Stewardship Prayer

Offertory

Lannia Broñola-Dickert

Musical Offering

Chorale

Hymn 217

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Musical Offering

The Lord's Prayer

Nicole Phillips

Message

The Teachings of Jesus

Bert Welch

Invitation Hymn 287

Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord

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.