



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

GIDEON SUNDAY

Speaker: Dr. Bill Duke

Sunday, May 4



Each year, Covenant gladly receives an encouraging and challenging update from our Gideons International. This year, our own Dr. Bill Duke will be our Gideon speaker.

Gideons International started distributing the Word of God in 1908 and have given away over 1.3 billion Scriptures. In 2007, over 70 million Bibles were distributed around the world. There are over 260,000 Gideons and Auxiliary members in 180 countries across the globe.

A love offering will be collected at the doors as you depart the morning worship services this Sunday. These funds will go to purchase Bibles for worldwide distribution. If you would like to make a donation by check, please make it payable to Gideons International.

Please consider this when you give: A Bible distributed to someone in the world cost \$5.00. For \$20, the Scriptures can be given to an entire 5th grade school class in Lancaster County. Through Gideons International, all gifts, great and small, result in enormous blessings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Graduate Recognition Day - Sunday, May 25th

Bible Drill & Awana Awards - Wednesday, May 28th

Baptismal Service at the River - Sunday, June 1st

Summer Schedule Begins - Wednesday, June 4th

Vacation Bible School - June 23-27

Atlanta Braves Trip - September 20-21

A WORD FROM OUR SEARCH TEAM

The search has begun for Covenant's next Minister of Music and Worship. Your search team met April 27th and prayed for God's hand to guide our process. They will be seeking congregational input in the days to come through written surveys on Sunday, May 11th, and will also be holding listening sessions with groups in our Music Ministry. We ask that all of you pray with us that we will be led by God to the person He has been training to minister with us at Covenant. Please continue to lift up our Search Team members in prayer: Karen Funderburk, Kent Jewell, Amy Jones, Merritt Morris, Carl Vincent, Jim Whitaker, and Ronnie Wall, Search Team Chairman.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Tim Howard

e-mail: Tim@CBCLancaster.org

MINISTRY SPOT LIGHT

The **Bereavement Team** is responsible for preparing and delivering a pre-determined meal to the family of a deceased church member on the day of that member's funeral or at a time more convenient. The Bereavement Team is divided into 7 sub-teams. The leader of the Bereavement Team is nominated by the Spiritual Gifts Committee and then enlists the captains of the 7 sub-teams and organizes and coordinates the rotation of each team as needed.

The responsibility of the **Building Maintenance Team** shall be to coordinate and oversee the improvement and maintenance of the church buildings. This includes 1) the purchase of any necessary equipment and supplies; 2) proper maintenance of the equipment; 3) planning and overseeing church-wide building maintenance work days; 4) recommending budget needs; 5) recommending and maintaining a list of reputable service providers; and 6) coordinating with the custodial staff regarding regular cleaning and maintenance needs of the building.

MISSIONS

YARD SALE FUND-RAISER: The Young Families Class is having a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 24th, from 7:00 a.m.-noon in the church parking lot. We are asking for donations from the church. Please bring any items to sale to Stephanie Williams' office. Any items not sold that day will be donated to Christian Services. Breakfast items will be available to purchase that morning. All proceeds will go to missions.

RIAH LAWRY TO WEST AFRICA: Riah and a team of youth from the JAARS Center will be going on a three week mission trip to Guinea-Bissau, West Africa from June 14th – July 5th. Riah has raised all but \$1,300 of her \$3,300 trip expense. If you would like to help Riah, please contribute to the "Mission Fund."

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR FISHING TRIP & SUPPER!

Our Men's Ministry will sponsor a day of fishing on Saturday, May 10th, for children age K-5th grade and their families. You and your family need to bring all fishing equipment and chairs. Hamburgers and fish will be served for supper. **Attention BAPTIST MEN and Children:** Please sign up by May 4th on the board in the main hallway to participate. Men, we need you to help the children fish. Contact Richard Harms if you have any questions. We will meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. and carpool to Mike Williams' pond, or you can meet us there. Maps are located at the sign up board.

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Springs: Earlene Joyner (Donna Johnson's mother)
Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL: Beth Beatham (Don & Benita Miller's daughter)
Home: Sara Grace Hudson, Debbie Caldwell (Mary Ann Shrum's mother)

Sympathy

...to Brandon Moore & family on the death of his grandmother, Mary Alexander of Indian Trail, NC.

Thank You

...from Union University President, David Dockery.
...from Calvary Baptist Church Lancaster for our OIAM partnership.

Congratulations

...to Ron, Dawn & Ron Robinson on the birth of a baby girl, Tori Dawn, born on April 21st. The proud grandparents are David & Sherry Faile.

Happy Birthday!

May 4 Keith Sellers
May 5 Joshua Story, Russ Terjung, Frazier Williams
May 6 Peggy Band, Kerri Brown, Angie Winkler
May 7 Angie Bryant
May 9 Jeana Aldridge
May 10 Don Miller



Wedding Announcement

Joy ten Bensel and Jeff Hartman were married on February 15th. Please join their family in celebrating their union by attending a drop-in on Saturday, May 31st, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by May 19th to 283-4631.

Welcome New Members

Covenant welcomes the following new members to our church through the Beyond worship service: **Carla & Blake Sigmon** (Carla comes by transfer of letter, and Blake comes to be baptized), **Joy & Michelle Dearmore** (Joy comes by transfer of letter, and Michelle to be baptized), **Chris & Logan Shannon** who come by transfer of letter, **Ron Bass** who comes to be baptized, **Ryan & Carrie Morris** (Ryan by profession of faith and Carrie by transfer of letter), **Mary Francis Blackman** by profession of faith, **Samantha McCorkle** by statement of faith, having been baptized as a believer, **Paul Soderland** who comes by statement of faith, having been baptized as a believer, and **Derek & Holly Lyver** (Derek comes by statement of faith, having been baptized as a believer, and Holly comes by transfer of letter).

STUDENT MINISTRY: Robbie Foreman
e-mail: Robbie@CBCLancaster.org

CALLING ALL GRADUATES IN 2008: Please notify the church office by Sunday, May 18th of any person graduating from high school or from **any other higher education institution**. High School graduates will be recognized on Sunday, May 25th. We will be providing a power point presentation for all of our high school seniors again this year. **Please have all pictures (limited to 5) turned in to the Church Office by Sunday, May 11th.**

MISSION TRIP CHANGES: The student ministry mission trip to Haiti has been cancelled due to political unrest. The United States Government has informed us that if we travel to Haiti they will not be responsible for our team. This means that we could end up stuck in Haiti (this is not a good thing). Our Haiti team will be heading to Los Angeles, CA, on June 8-14 to work with inner city ministries. If you have donated money for Haiti, it will be used for the LA trip. Thank you for your understanding.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

e-mail: Stephanie@CBCLancaster.org

ATTENTION 5TH GRADERS & THEIR PARENTS:

There will be a short meeting on Sunday, May 4th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center. The meeting is concerning the changes of our Student Ministry's Wednesday activities for our upcoming 6th graders. All parents and students are urged to attend.

AWANA FAMILY CAMPOUT:

May 16-17 at Andrew Jackson State Park in Lancaster. Cost is \$10.00 per family and includes the campsite and food for the campout. Family must provide camping equipment. If interested, please contact Stephanie Williams. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 7th - only 1 more week!

YOU ARE INVITED TO AWARDS NIGHT:

The Bible Drillers and AWANA Club of Covenant invites you to attend the 2008 Bible Drill and AWANA Awards on **Wednesday, May 28th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Worship Center.** (Please note the 6:30 p.m. start time.) Come out and support our children as they receive awards for their more than 8 months of work on learning God's Word. A reception will be held immediately following the Award program in the Fellowship Hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

"Power Lab" Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday, June 23-27, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 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.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for April: \$60,000

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	\$12,771	\$ 3,534	\$ 3,227	\$19,532
Week #2	11,962	4,365	33,321	49,648
Week #3	5,891	1,644	2,378	9,913
Week #4	<u>10,400</u>	<u>3,413</u>	<u>5,446</u>	<u>19,259</u>
Monthly Total	\$41,024	\$12,956	\$44,372	\$98,352

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 4/27/08: Worship - 438 / Sunday School - 273

Week of 4/21/08: Wednesday - 208 / Small Groups - 120

DONATIONS:

...in memory of Jan Westmoreland for her birthday by M/M Paul Pinkston.

...in memory of Kate Hughes by Anne Nims, Jane Brigman, Susan Gardner, Jennifer Boyles, William Williams Jr., M/M Travis Ford, M/M Bill Agnew, Sarah Welch, M/M Paul Pinkston, M/M Randall Garris, M/M Don Gibson, M/M Doug Massey, M/M Ben Moorefield, Jane Pittman, M/M Clarence Walter, M/M Edward Easterly, M/M John Aldridge, M/M Bill Hogue, and M/M Dan Williams.

***Your faithful contributions to the cause of Christ
through Covenant Baptist Church are greatly appreciated!***

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 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
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
6:00 pm Duke Small Group Study
6:00 pm Search Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 7

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

Menu:

Baked Potato & Salad
(Pizza for Kids)
Grilled Chicken Salad (Sign up on
Reservation Sheet for this option.)

Volunteer Team:

Pat Rutledge, Julie Dutton,
Tracey Denney

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, May 8

9:00 am ESL Class
Mom's Time Out
7:00 pm ESL Classes
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Saturday, May 10

3:00 pm Men & Children's Ministry
Fishing Trip

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Coffee Station:

Jimmy & Dale Starnes

Refreshment Station:

Kate Hughes Memorial SS Class

Greeters:

Keith & Annette Melton (9:00)

Bob & Evelyn Leaphart (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Doris Hammond, Sherry Chinn,
Michelle Woods, Angela Bryant,
Samantha McCorkle (9:00)

Carolyn Steele, Stephanie Williams,
Joy Bowles, Darlene Denyer (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Rheubin Brunson, Diane Barton

Power Point Operators:

Drew Dutton (9:00)

Cody Brown (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Chuck Funderburk (9:00)

Richard Band (11:00)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Nursery Volunteers:

Kendra Watts (Room 301)

Karen ten Bensel,

Carla Sigmon (Room 306)

Sound:

Richard Band, Chuck Funderburk

SAGA PICNIC

Tuesday, May 13

River Home of Mary Cudd

Make plans to join Mary at the river for some delicious "Patty's Hamburgers" and some great fellowship. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and drive the bus (if there is sufficient need) to Mary Cudd's river home. To help us plan for the meal, please sign up on the SAGA bulletin board.

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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Pastor	Bert Welch (283-1875 - 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
Interim Traditional Worship Leader	Jeanne Zaugg
Praise Team Accompanist	Kathy Wall
Interim Contemporary Worship Leader	Pete Lawry
Administrative Assistant	Pat Rutledge
Church Secretary	Gina Spencer
Church Hostess	Julie Dutton
Custodian	Joe Reuschling
Assistant Custodian	Georgia Yelton

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Gideon Sunday

Message by Dr. Bill Duke

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

Live For Me: *Serving Others: Answer The Call*

Teacher: Eric Kramer

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer

Bert Welch

Hymn 338

How Firm a Foundation

Children's Moment

Children's Bible Drill Team

Stewardship Prayer

Offertory

Lannia Broñola-Dickert

Musical Offering

Stand Up And Bless the Lord

Chorale

Hymn 261

Wonderful Words of Life

Message

Gideon Speaker

Bill Duke

Hymn of Response 604

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

Presentation of Decisions

Closing Prayer

A nursery is provided for Birth-age 4 in the Preschool Area.

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.