



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

GRADUATE RECOGNITION Sunday, May 25th

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.

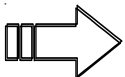
Baptismal Service at the River Sunday, June 1st

**If you are considering making a decision
for Christ and desire Believers Baptism,
please contact Dr. Welch.**

Fellowship Supper - 5:30 p.m.

Baptismal Service - 6:30 p.m.

Our baptismal service is scheduled for Sunday, June 1st, at the river home of Mary Cudd on beautiful Lake Wateree. Come and celebrate this wonderful experience with your church family. Maps to the Cudd home are located in the main hallway. A hamburger supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by the baptismal service at 6:30 p.m. Each family is asked to bring a finger food dessert and soft drinks to share. Everything else will be furnished. You are invited to come early to enjoy an afternoon of swimming and fellowship. Don't forget your lawn chair or picnic blanket.



**In order to adequately prepare, please sign up
for the hamburger supper in the main hallway.**

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT COVENANT!

- √ Our Worship attendance total has averaged 473 for the year!
- √ We have 10 new Believers to be baptized on May 18th and June 1st!
- √ We have welcomed 40 new members this church year!
- √ Awana enrollment (children's ministry on Wednesday) has soared to 116!
- √ Our Sunday School and Small Group participation has remained very strong.
- √ We have had 5 mission trips since January 1st and 4 more in the next 2 months.
- √ Over 220 Covenant folks participated in Operation in-as-Much!
- √ Over 100 people gathered at Covenant for the National Day of Prayer.
- √ Forty-two enjoyed a day of family fishing fun and fellowship last Saturday.
- √ Fifty-eight will participate in the Family Campout at AJ Park this weekend!
- √ Student participation in Small Groups and Wednesday night is soaring.
- √ Our wonderful Music Ministry continues to thrive under interim leadership.
- √ The Drama Ministry has been revitalized, and great plans are underway.
- √ New folks are coming to Covenant every week!

God is doing these and many other great things through Covenant. In the midst of these challenging times, let us all give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings He is sending our way. I am reminded of Paul's words...*"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."* (Philippians 4:8)

Covenant is a mature, growing, loving, gracious, outwardly focused fellowship of Kingdom-Hearted Believers who love the Lord and one another. We realize that, together with God's presence, we can...*"accomplish immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."* (Ephesians 3:20)

The Church is a divine institution empowered by God's Holy Spirit. We are not perfect, nor do we always make perfect decisions or totally agree with the many aspects concerning her life. But church life must always be about honoring Christ and fulfilling our God-given mission. It is not about one's own desires or opinions. Christ's description of the Church as a human body perfectly describes the interrelated nature of each part to the whole. A healthy body functions well when each part functions in harmony with the whole.

I think an appropriate question for each of us to ask from time to time is this:
What would Covenant Baptist Church be like if everyone was as committed as I am?

A WORD FROM YOUR SEARCH TEAM

The search for Covenant's next Minister of Music and Worship is heating up just as the heat of summer approaches. We have received more than 60 resumes and prayed for God's leadership as we look through them. We have ideas about music ministry supplied by our members through surveys and listening sessions. Now we need your continued careful prayers to bring the correct minister to join the Covenant staff to plan and carry out ministry through music. Please commit daily to pray in support of each of us and our search. ~~ Ronnie Wall for the Minister of Music Search Team

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Springs: Hilda Knight, Jerry Baker (J.R. Baker's father)
Presbyterian: Mitchell Evans (Brenda Faulkenberry's brother-in-law)
Home: Jerry Coble, Yoshi Kurima

Congratulations

...to Chad & Marie Pinkston on the birth of a baby girl, Regan Elizabeth, born on May 9th. The proud grandparents are Paul & Judy Pinkston.

Thank You

...from Harriet Hughes Fellman.

Happy Birthday!

May 18 Tom Baker (Rugby Road), Johnathon Catoe
May 19 Doris Hammond, Lisa Kennington
May 20 Jacob Hendrix, Rhonda Steele
May 21 Joe Connor, Ted Reeves, Marjorie Walrod, Sherry Woods
May 23 Ashley Eith, Jordan Shrum, Jimmy Starnes
May 24 John McManus, Jeremy McPhearson

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 3-5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Joy and Jeff are registered at Target. Please RSVP by this Monday, May 19th, to 283-4631.

Welcome New Members!

Covenant welcomes **Gladys Moss** who comes by Transfer of Church Membership. Gladys has a daughter, Kristan, and a step-daughter, Kristy. She lives in Fort Mill.

Moriah Baptist Association Spring Session

The Spring Session of the Moriah Baptist Association will be held on Tuesday, May 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at Oakhurst Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

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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 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.

CAMP WORSHIP: The summer Wednesday night children's program kicks off on June 4th @ 6:30 p.m. This year, our emphasis will be on drama!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "Power Lab" Vacation Bible School will be held 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.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Tim Howard

e-mail: Tim@CBCLancaster.org

MINISTRY SPOT LIGHT

The **Decoration Team** shall be responsible to plan and oversee appropriate seasonal and on-going decorations for the worship center and other areas of the church building.

The **Fellowship Team** shall be responsible for the church kitchen, including its operation, cleanup and inventory, and for overseeing all meal needs of the church. This shall include Wednesday night supper, special occasions like Anniversary Sunday, AJ Park, Baptism, Senior Adult Sunday and other events hosted by the church.

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.

COVENANT AUTO MINISTRY (CAM): Another CAM day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 31st, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Ernie Jordan's Shop (maps are available in the main hallway). If you have any special needs or requests that need to be addressed, please contact Larry Owen at 286-6060 (home) or 289-7714 (cell). As always, donations are gratefully accepted.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for May: \$48,275

Forward In Faith (Building Fund) Monthly Goal: \$11,675

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Week #1	\$14,409	\$4,340
Week #2	<u>9,716</u>	<u>1,590</u>
Monthly Total	\$24,125	\$5,930

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 5/11/08: Worship - 424 / Sunday School - 260

Week of 5/5/08: Wednesday - 200 / Small Groups - 91

DONATIONS: ...in memory of her mother by Judy Robinson...in memory of Kate Hughes by M/M Thomas Everett, M/M Charles Watford, M/M Richard Steele, M/M Charles Cousins, D/M Jim Furse, M/M Norman Smith, M/M Jack Bethea and the SAGA group...in honor of Mary Cudd and Bob & Helga Penegar by the SAGA group.

Open Windows

The Summer Quarter (June, July, August) *Open Windows* are available for pickup in the main hallway.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 18

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 Meeting
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm Beyond Leadership Team
6:00 pm Search Team Meeting

Monday, May 19

6:30 pm Global Mission WOM
7:00 pm Life Support WOM

Tuesday, May 20

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch WOM
7:30 pm Women's Softball Game *
9:30 pm Men's Softball Game *

Wednesday, May 21

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

Menu:

Sub Sandwiches
(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, May 22

9:00 am ESL Class
Mom's Time Out
7:00 pm ESL Classes
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
8:30 pm Women's Softball Game *

Saturday, May 24

7:00 am Young Families Yard Sale

* Games played at Camp Clyburn

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

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Coffee Station:

Darrell & Karen Young

Refreshment Station:

Young Adults SS Class

Greeters:

John & Kim Humphries (9:00)
Moby & Brenda Faulkenberry (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Tim & Georgia Yelton,
Lynn Jauch, Dusty Threath (9:00)
Lou C. Thomas, Tracey Denney,
Brandon Crane (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Vernon McManus, Dick Light

Power Point Operators:

Riah Lawry (9:00)
Cody Brown (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Jay Hinson (9:00)
Dennis Cudd (11:00)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Nursery Volunteers:

Leanne Bailey,
Kendra Watts (Room 301)
Kathy Welch,
Carla Sigmon (Room 306)

Sound:

Richard Band, Chuck Funderburk



Atlanta Braves Baseball Trip September 20-21

We will stay at the Doubletree Hotel in the Druid Hills area and attend two Braves games, a Saturday night game and a Sunday day game. Brochures are available in the main hallway. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 31st.

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 18, 2008

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

DIARY OF A CRYING PROPHET: *Tarnished Treasure*

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

A Taste of Community and Baptism

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer

Stewardship Report

Hymn 335

Children's Moment

Stewardship Prayer

Offertory

Musical Offering

Message

Hymn of Response 412

Presentation of Decisions

Closing Prayer

Bert Welch

Doug Burnette

Standing on the Promises

Bert Welch

Jane Denyer

Danelle Johnson

Ken Bailey

Bert Welch

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

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.