



# COVENANT CONNECTION

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*“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”*

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

### *Our High School Graduates*

***Justin Dutton - Buford High School***

Plans to attend USC-L

***Luke Lawry - Homeschooled***

Plans to attend Central Piedmont Community College

***Ethan Kramer - Lancaster High School***

Plans to attend USC-L majoring in Business Administration

***Holly McElhiney - Parkwood High School***

Plans to attend South Piedmont Community College majoring in Nursing

***Brandon Moore - Buford High School***

Plans to attend Clemson University majoring in Mechanical Engineering

***Joy ten Bensel Hartman - Parkwood High School***

Attends USC-L majoring in Nursing

### *Our College Graduates*

***Michael Bailey***

BS in History from USC-Columbia

***Paul Bailey***

BS in Computer Technology Support & Training Management - USC-Columbia

***Steve Daley***

PhD from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

***Holly Emanuel***

BA in Secondary Education/English from Clemson University

***Gregory Kramer***

BS in Business Administration from College of Charleston

***Joya Sellers***

BA in Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education - Anderson University

## SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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I want to encourage you to be especially prayerful of our...

**RIVER BAPTISMAL** service and fellowship which has been a wonderful tradition at Covenant for the past thirteen years. It is not only a great time of fellowship and food, it is AN IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE for each and every member of Covenant. Each baptismal candidate walks into the water to symbolically say, "I am a Christ follower." They come to honor our faith tradition of Believers Baptism and to express to their church family their devotion to Christ and His Church. Don't miss the opportunity to share in this day of gathering.

**SEARCH TEAM** as they prayerfully and seriously seek to find the person God has chosen to lead us forward in our Music and Worship ministry here at Covenant. Please pray daily for the process and that God will reveal His will clearly to them.

**STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGES** as we seek to meet the financial challenges before us. I am totally confident that God will provide our every need and that He will cause this great congregation to fully support the mission and ministries He has called us to accomplish for His glory. As Pastor, I ask that you prayerfully consider making an "above-and-beyond" offering to Covenant to help address our needs.

### 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 or a church staff member this Sunday.**

Our baptismal service is scheduled for Sunday, June 1st, at the river home of Mary Cudd on beautiful Lake Wateree. [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. **In order to adequately prepare, please sign up for the hamburger supper in the main hallway.** You are invited to come early to enjoy an afternoon of swimming and fellowship. Don't forget your lawn chair or picnic blanket.

**The church bus and van (40 total passengers) will depart the church parking lot at 4:30 p.m. for anyone wanting a ride to the river. We will return immediately after the baptismal service.**

### FLAGS OF GRATITUDE



This Sunday, May 25th, we will have the service flags of each branch of the military displayed in the Worship Center to commemorate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day of remembrance and tribute to the men and women who have served and died securing and protecting our nation's freedom.

## OUR FAMILY NEWS

### *Please Pray For...*

Springs: Jerry Baker (J.R. Baker's father)

Piedmont: Margaret Edwards (Malcolm Edwards' mother)

Home: Hilda Knight, Mitchell Evans (Brenda Faulkenberry's brother-in-law)

### *Happy Birthday!*

May 25 Richard Band, Jenny ten Bensel

May 26 Lynn Simril

May 27 Russ Haselden, Wesley Phillips, Jean White

May 28 Beth Bumgardner, Tim Denyer, Bud Wilson

May 29 Angie Dry, Julia Miles, Haley Reeves

May 30 Susan Dunn, Tracy Hudson, Luke Kennington, Baylee Starnes

### *Open Windows*

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

## 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 at 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. until 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. We still need the following leaders for Power Lab VBS: Pre-School Games, 2 Year old Teacher, 3 & 4 Year old Teacher, Toddler and Nursery Leaders. If you would like to volunteer, please see Georgia Yelton or Stephanie Williams.

### **SUMMER CHILDREN'S CAMP:**

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



## Atlanta Braves 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. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 31st.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Tim Howard

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**SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY:** “*Gaining a New Attitude on Life*” is a 4-week study by Max Lucado. Beginning Wednesday, June 4th, this group will be led by Tim Howard and will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. Please sign up if you are interested in this class.

### MINISTRY SPOT LIGHT

The responsibility of the **Grounds Team** shall be to coordinate and oversee the improvement and maintenance of the church grounds. This includes: 1) the purchase of equipment and supplies; 2) proper maintenance of the equipment; 3) coordination with the custodian on regular grounds maintenance; 4) planning and overseeing churchwide grounds maintenance work days; and 5) recommending budget needs.

### MISSIONS

**YARD SALE FUND-RAISER:** The Young Families Class is having a Yard Sale this 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. **Attention Volunteers:** Larry’s volunteer base is low, so please contact him and let him know if you can help on this date.

## 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	9,716	1,590
Week #3	<u>12,003</u>	<u>2,706</u>
Monthly Total	\$36,128	\$8,636

**ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 5/18/08:** Worship - 451 / Sunday School - 280  
**Week of 5/12/08:** Wednesday - 229 / Small Groups - 78

**DONATIONS:** ...in memory of Kate Hughes by M/M Ben Brown, M/M Jim Alexander, Hulene McLean, the Town of Central, M/M Stan Emanuel, M/M Don Miller, D/M Lee Thomas and M/M Lee Carter...in honor of Hilda Knight by Richard Knight.

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 25

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 Bible Drill  
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer  
6:00 pm Search Team Meeting

### Monday, May 26

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed  
7:30 pm Men's Softball Game \*

### Wednesday, May 28

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

#### **Menu:**

Dominos Pizza & Salad  
or  
Grilled Chicken Salad  
(Sign up on Reservation Sheet  
for this option.)

6:00 pm AWANA (Ages 3-5th grade)  
Nursery for Birth - Age 2  
Wildside (Grades 6-8)  
6:30 pm Adult Small Groups  
AWANA Awards &  
Bible Drill  
6:45 pm Wind Ensemble Practice  
7:00 pm Fusion (Grades 9-12)  
7:30 pm *Chorale* Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 29

9:00 am ESL Class  
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
8:30 pm Women's Softball Game \*

### Saturday, May 31

8:00 am CAM Day

\* Games played at Camp Clyburn

## SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

### **SUNDAY, MAY 25**

#### **Coffee Station:**

Jim & Gwen Furse

#### **Refreshment Station:**

John McManus SS Class

#### **Greeters:**

Eric & Carol Crook (9:00)

Jim & Gwen Furse (11:00)

#### **Worship Time Childcare:**

Doris Hammond, Brenda Stacks,

Kathy Thompson (9:00)

Traci Harbin,

Galen & Stephanie Williams (11:00)

#### **Counting Team Rotation:**

Dick Light, Bob Penegar

#### **Power Point Operators:**

Drew Dutton (9:00)

Leigh Jordan (11:00)

#### **Sound Operators:**

Chuck Funderburk (9:00)

Richard Band (11:00)

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28**

#### **Nursery Volunteers:**

Karen ten Bensel,

Marjorie Vincent (Room 301)

Annette Melton,

Carol Crook (Room 306)

#### **Sound:**

Richard Band, Chuck Funderburk

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SCHEDULE TO BEGIN JUNE 4**

6:00 pm Student Activities

6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study

Adult Small Groups

Wind Ensemble Practice

Camp Worship for Children

Nursery for Preschoolers

7:15 pm Chorale Rehearsal

## *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!

## **Covenant Baptist Church**

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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 25, 2008**

### **Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.**

Graduate Recognition / Memorial Day / Observance of the Lord's Supper  
*Celebrating the Grand Achievement*

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

Teacher: Art Morris Theme: Relationships

### **Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.**

Welcome & Prayer	Bert Welch
Graduate Processional	
Hymn 629	<i>God of Our Fathers</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Guide Me with Your Word</i> Chorale
Graduate Recognition	Robbie Foreman
Stewardship Prayer	
Offertory	<i>At Your Table, Lord</i> Chorale
Message	<i>Celebrating the Grand Achievement</i> Bert Welch
Observance of the Lord's Supper	
Hymn of Response 483	<i>Footsteps of Jesus</i>
Presentation of Decisions	
Memorial Day Observance	
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.