



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

COVENANT EXTENDS UNANIMOUS CALL TO JASON BURLEY

On Sunday, July 6th, Jason Burley received a unanimous call to become our new Minister of Music and Worship. Jason, Heather and Camryn participated in three introduction venues last weekend and were presented to the congregation in all three worship services. On behalf of the church family, Dr. Welch officially extended an invitation for Jason to join our staff team, and he readily accepted. Jason’s first Sunday at Covenant will be on August 3rd. Notes of welcome may be sent to 503 Canebrake Drive, Anderson, SC 29621 or emailed at JBURLEY@CHARTER.NET.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

July 27	Charlotte Knights Baseball Game Outing
August 4-8	Icthus Student Summer Camp
August 12	Men’s Rally
August 14	Blood Drive
August 22-23	Rafting Trip
August 27	Wednesday Night Fall Schedule Begins
September 6	Student Ministry Car Show at CBC
September 7	Baptismal Service at the River
September 9	SAGA Begins a New Year
September 10	State Missions Emphasis
September 13	Nutrition Seminar
September 14	Worship at A.J. Park (afternoon)
September 20-21	Atlanta Braves Baseball Trip
October 12	CBC 14th Anniversary Celebration

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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I have truly enjoyed watching the Olympic Trials in Omaha this past week. The dedication, discipline, training and passion of these world-class athletes is so impressive! I was especially taken with Dara Torres, the 41 year old swimmer who won her first gold medal in 1984. In each point of competition, I marveled at the attention to details by the Olympic hopefuls. Each athlete looks for any advantage available to run, swim, jump and throw their very best. Case in point is the new (\$550) Speedo LZR Racer swim suit many of the swimmers are wearing. It is a high tech suit made with polyurethane panels with hidden zippers and laser-bonded seams to reduce drag. Olympic star Michael Phelps said, "When I hit the water, I feel like a rocket." Another said, "Putting on the suit kind of makes you feel like a super hero."

There are many spiritual lessons we can learn from these athletes as they compete for the highest prize, the gold medal! We too are to take advantage of every possible avenue to succeed spiritually. That means we should refrain from being involved in sin which drags us down and causes us to miss the mark of God's high calling to us in Christ. (Philippians 3:14) The writer of Hebrews knew nothing of Speedo swim suits, but he did know the value of being free from anything that hinders our walk with Christ.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Hebrews 12:1)

Not many of us could even be shoehorned into a Speedo LZR body suit, but we do have available to us special heavenly garb to wear.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:10-18)

CARE MINISTRY & STEERING COMMITTEE SERVANTS

If God is leading you to serve as a member of the Care Ministry Team or the Steering Committee, fill out a form from the main hallway and give it to one of the Staff Ministers, or if you would like to recommend someone for service, fill out the form below:

RECOMMENDATION FOR SERVICE

Please detach and place in offering plate or give to Dr. Welch by July 30th!

CARE MINISTRY TEAM

Our Care Ministry Team functions
in the biblical role of deacons.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Our Steering Committee functions
in the biblical role of elders.

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN: David Cooper (Don & Cynda Cooper's son)
Home: Jerry Baker (J.R. Baker's father), Michele Mcguire (Bob & Doris Bryant's daughter)

Please Pray Daily For Those On Mission:

Guinea-Bissau, West Africa - July 2-17: Jim Whitaker
Fuquay Varina, NC - July 6-12: Chuck Funderburk, Tim Howard, Dag Owens,
Bruce Sowell, Elliott Wall

Happy Birthday!

July 13 Bailey Koss, Ryan Garris, Sara Grace Hudson,
Logan McDowell, Max Morris, Lee Anne Revels
July 14 Mike Jones, Marian Mollohan, Josh Tiedt
July 15 Isabella Phillips
July 16 Mallory Baker, Ruddy Bumgardner, Samantha McCorkle
July 18 Greta Chandler, Dennis Cudd, Richard Faulkenberry,
Laurie Melton, Anna Williams
July 19 Johanna ten Bensel



Welcome New Members

Covenant welcomes six new members. **Daniel Mills** and **Christi Murray** come by Statement of Faith. They are planning to marry in August. **Jody** and **Karen Whitfield** come by Transfer of Church Membership. They have two sons, Jakob and Cole. Jody and Karen attend the Young Families Class. **Kristan Wagher** and **Kristy Jester** came by Profession of Faith and were baptized at the river last month. Kristan is the daughter of Gladys Moss.

Maximized Living Nutrition Seminar:

Maximized Living means maximized nutrition. The Recreation Ministry will host a Nutrition Seminar on Saturday, September 13th. Registration for the seminar will begin in August. For more information, contact Robbie Foreman.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

e-mail: Stephanie@CBCLancaster.org

AWANA WORKERS: Anyone who is interested in being a leader in AWANA for the 2008-2009 year, please see Stephanie ASAP. We will have an offsite Awana training session on Saturday, August 9th, at Meredith Broome's river home. It will be an all day training event, and childcare will be provided. Please e-mail Stephanie to register.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS: Due to the growth in the Children's Ministry, we need volunteers in the following areas:

- Nursery Workers during Worship Services and on Wednesday nights
- AWANA Workers: Wednesday nights during the school year
 - 1 Cubbie Leader: Ages 3-5
 - 2 Sparks Leaders: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
 - 4 T&T Leaders: 3rd - 5th Grade
 - 4 Awana Listeners
- Sunday School Teachers/Workers: Sunday Mornings from 9:50-10:45 a.m.
 - 3 Preschool Teachers
 - 2 Preschool Assistants
 - 4 Elementary Assistants

See Stephanie for more details or to volunteer.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Tim Howard

e-mail: Tim@CBCLancaster.org

CBC - Projects of the Month: Like any facility, ours shows that it gets used. It gets used a lot. Help us address these small areas of concern. If you feel led to take on one of the projects listed below, call Tim Howard. If you see a need, let Tim know so we can place it on the list.

- 1) Fill dings and scratches in walls
- 2) Hang AED units
- 3) Fix window latch in Student Ministry area

Promise Keepers Conference: There will be a Promise Keepers Conference in Atlanta, GA, on August 1 & 2. The cost is \$90 per person. There is a 10% group discount for a group of 11 to 24. A 15% discount is offered if there are more than 25. Additional costs not included are fuel, food and lodging. Sign up in the main hallway to see who and how many are interested in this men's outing.

MINISTRY SPOT LIGHT

The **Vehicle Maintenance Team** shall be responsible for overseeing the maintenance of all church vehicles, making sure that they are in safe working condition, arranging for necessary repairs, and recommending budget requests. A ministry of this team is CAM (Covenant Auto Ministry).

Ministry Team Sign Up: Our Spiritual Gifts Committee has been working very hard these last two months to secure leaders for our Ministry Teams. Most leaders are in place. Please commit to pray and seek which ministry team(s) that God is calling you to serve on and sign up for it in the main hallway.

STUDENT MINISTRY: Robbie Foreman

e-mail: Robbie@CBCLancaster.org
www.smcovenant.org

Icthus Summer Camp 2008 - August 4-8th: We will be heading up to Bryson City, NC again this year for our summer camp. Our theme is Ultimate Faith Challenge. We will be white water rafting, hiking and doing some other fun activities. We will team up with First Baptist Church of Dillon this summer. Sign up outside the student room. The cost is \$165.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$82.50 is due by this Sunday, July 13th, with the balance due by August 3rd.

Charlotte Knights Game - July 27th: We will attend a Charlotte Knights baseball game with a postgame concert by KJ-52 on Sunday, July 27th. The cost is \$15.00, and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 20th. A sign-up sheet is located in the hallway in the student area.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for July: \$57,420
Forward In Faith (Building Fund) Monthly Goal: \$11,675

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Week #1	\$13,107	\$7,869

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 7/6/08: Worship - 491 / Sunday School - 304
Week of 6/30/08: Wednesday - 68 / Small Groups - 26
July 4th Extravaganza: 318

YTD RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS THRU JUNE 2008

Contributions & Interest Earned	\$304,432
Disbursements	<u>314,672</u>
Receipts over (under) disbursements	(\$ 10,240)

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13

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 Steering Committee Meeting
5:00 pm Recreation Team Meeting
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
6:00 pm Student Small Group

Tuesday, July 15

6:30 pm Ladies Softball Game

Wednesday, July 16

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
7:00 pm Student supper at Bojangles
7:15 pm *Chorale* Rehearsal

Thursday, July 17

9:00 am ESL Class
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
7:30 pm Ladies Softball Game

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Coffee Station:

Billy & Debbie Faile

Refreshment Station:

George Walrod SS Class

Greeters:

Frankie & Michelle Faile (9:00)

Billy & Debbie Faile (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

9:00 am: Karen ten Bensel,
Christina Furse, Annie Owen,
Kathy Welch

11:00 am: Jason & Nancy Smith,
Rena Livengood, Sara Parker,
Rosalie Woods

Counting Team Rotation:

Darrell Young, Diane Barton

Power Point Operators:

Robbie Foreman (9:00)
Leigh Jordan (11:00)

Sound Operators:

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

Nursery Volunteers:

Rhonda Steele (Room 301)

Sound:

Richard Band, Chuck Funderburk



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 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 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!

CBC Rafting Trip August 22-23 On the French Broad River

Space on the river is limited and fills up very quickly. Act fast to book a seat by contacting Galen Williams at 704-764-5792 for more information. Rafting Cost is \$43.00 (plus lodging, food, etc.). Minimum age is 8. **The Deadline to register is July 20th.**

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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, July 13, 2008

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

CRUCIAL QUESTIONS: *Whatever Became of Sin?*

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

DVD: "One Prayer" by Craig Groeschel - *If God would answer just "One Prayer," it would be to "Make us, the church, ONE."*

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer		Bert Welch
Hymn 344		<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>
Children's Moment		Children's Camp Report
Stewardship Prayer		
Offertory		Lannia Broñola-Dickert
Musical Offering	<i>Have a Little Talk With Jesus</i>	Barkman/Hinson Quartet
Hymn 301		<i>I Am Resolved</i>
Message	<i>Whatever Became of Sin?</i>	Bert Welch
Hymn of Response 290		<i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i>
Presentation of Decisions		Bert Welch
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.