



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION Sunday, August 24th

Sunday, August 24th, is Promotion Day for our Sunday School Ministry. Children will go directly to the new classes that correspond to their ages or new school grades. Students in grades 6-12 will meet jointly in the Student Space prior to going to their individual classes. We don't "promote" our Adults, but encourage each adult to find a class that best suits his or her needs. Division Directors will be located throughout the facility to give directions to new classrooms. Information containing a detailed description of classes will be located in the main hallway.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES TO RESUME AUGUST 27th

Our Wednesday night fall schedule will resume on August 27th, and along with it our Family Suppers. A permanent reservations sign-up sheet is located in the main hallway. Everyone is asked to make **NEW** reservations for the coming year. Last year's reservations have been deleted. **If you make a permanent reservation, a meal will be prepared for you each week.** If you prefer not to make a permanent reservation, you will have the option of signing up week-to-week after August 24th. We also need volunteers to help with clean-up on Wednesday nights. These clean-up crews, usually consisting of 3 people, work on a rotation basis. If you would like to be on a Clean-Up Team, please sign up on the board in the main hallway or call Julie Dutton at 289-2806.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 4:45 p.m. Bible Drill for Children Grades 4-5 (Starting Date: Oct. 15th)
- 5:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal ***
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA (Kids age 3-5th grade)
Nursery for Birth - Age 2
Student Worship (for Middle and High School students)
Women's Bible Study (6-7:30 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Small Groups (See Tim Howard for details)
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study in the Worship Center ***
Wind Ensemble Practice *
- 7:00 p.m. Student Small Groups
- 7:15 p.m. Chorale Rehearsal ***

* Please note the time change for the Fellowship Meal, Adult Prayer & Bible Study, Wind Ensemble Practice and Chorale Rehearsal.

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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A man hasn't been feeling well, so he goes to his doctor for a complete checkup. Afterward, the doctor comes out with the results. "I'm afraid I have some very bad news," the doctor says. "You're dying, and you don't have much time left." "Oh, that's terrible!" says the man. "Give it to me straight, Doc. How long have I got?" "Ten," the doctor says sadly. "Ten?" the man asks. "Ten what? Months? Weeks? What?" "Nine...Eight....Seven..."

Not only does that joke tie in with last Sunday's sermon, it also reminds us that the **NEW CHURCH YEAR COUNT DOWN HAS BEGUN!** Within a few days, Covenant will be at full throttle with our various ministry opportunities. We have had a super summer together and reached new heights in many areas. Now is a great time for you to consider how God may be leading you to get involved, or even more involved, in some area of ministry through your church. Maybe you feel led to come and join the Church family officially. Maybe you feel led to become active in a Sunday School class or Small Group. Maybe God is leading you to volunteer in some area of service or sing in one of our music groups. Perhaps the Lord has impressed upon you the need to support more faithfully and generously the ministries with your financial resources. Maybe God is calling you to begin a new ministry or mission venture. Whatever it may be, now is a great time to take that step forward. One thing is for sure, the biblical record clearly reveals that God constantly calls upon His people to move forward and never remain at status quo!

WORSHIP AT AJ PARK

Sunday, September 14th

Special Guest: Mike Miller

Christian Storyteller and Humorist



Our annual Vespers in the Park will be held on Sunday, September 14! Activities will begin at 4:00 p.m. with family fun and games. A hotdog supper (No reservations required!) will be provided at 5:30 p.m. at Shelter #1. A donation of \$5.00 per person is suggested to help cover the park usage fees, food and entertainment. Everyone is asked to bring a **finger food dessert** to share. Worship will follow in the Amphitheater. Our special guest, Mike Miller, will have us laughing with his "full contact storytelling and professional silliness with a divine purpose." Andrew Jackson State Park is located 6.8 miles north of Covenant on Highway 521 North, toward Charlotte. Don't forget your lawn chair or blanket to sit on. In the event of rain, all activities will be held at the church. Invite a friend!

STUDENT MINISTRY: Robbie Foreman

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BACK TO SCHOOL BASH:

The Student Ministry at Covenant will host a back to school bash on Wednesday, August 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center featuring a concert by the band, *The Glorious Unseen* (www.myspace.com/thegloriousunseen). This event is for all students in our area. All churches are welcome to attend. Cost: FREE!!!

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Florence: Jerry Baker (J.R. Baker's father)
Nashville, TN: David Cooper (Don & Cynda Cooper's son)
Home: John Keown, Ken Herron, Sally Hudson

Please Pray Daily For Those On Mission:

Macau: Lee & Lou C. Thomas, Mike & Rebecca Dorrity
Central African Republic: Jim Whitaker

Thank You

...from Alice Bynum...Wade & Karen ten Bensel...Tim & Linda Kevern.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to John, Angie & John (Jr.) Bryant on the birth of a baby boy, Robert David Paul Bryant, born on August 6th. Proud grandparents are Bob and Doris Bryant.

Happy Birthday!

Aug. 17 Debbie Faile, Ken Herron, Ottie Mae McNaughton, Dennis Williams
Aug. 18 Matthew Young
Aug. 19 Norma Burnette
Aug. 20 Penny Bailey, Bob Bryant, Jessica Butler, Jana Fitzgerald,
Doris Herzog, Charlotte Keels
Aug. 21 Lynda Burke, Kohl Whitfield
Aug. 22 Larry Bynum, Quinton Ingram, Jeremy Tiedt
Aug. 23 Reggie McCorkle, Rosalie Woods

CBC Decals Are In!

We have received a new order of CBC car decals, so get one and slap it on! Get the word out that Covenant is a great and vibrant fellowship. You never know how a small car decal may open up an opportunity to reach someone for Christ. Decals are located on a table in the main hallway.

You've Got Mail Again!

The intention of cutting back on our first-class stamped mailings was in no way intended to leave out any particular group of folks, but simply a way of being as efficient as possible with the increasing mailing expenses. We discovered that often times we were mailing a letter or card, making a phone call, and also putting the same information in the weekly newsletter. **For those of us who do not have computers at home, we will continue to send information by mail.** But for those who choose to regularly communicate by e-mail, we will send the information via the Internet. Communication is absolutely vital to our growing church. Thanks to those who personally brought this to our attention, and please remember our doors are always open for suggestions and comments on how to serve the Lord and this great church better!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

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ATTENTION ALL AWANA LEADERS: Our annual training session will be held on Wednesday, August 20th, in Room 106 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please contact Stephanie Williams or Michelle Faile if you are unable to attend. Child-care will be provided.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS: We still need 2 Pre-school Sunday School Teachers. If interested, or for more information, please see Stephanie Williams or Leanne Bailey. The new Sunday School year begins on Sunday, August 24th.

We are also in need of nursery workers for Sunday morning worship services. This is a once-a-month rotation. Please contact Stephanie Williams if you can serve in this wonderfully rewarding ministry.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Tim Howard

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SAGA (Senior Adults Growing Active) Outing to the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, NC on Thursday, August 21st. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. Trip cost is fuel plus lunch. Admission is free, however, donations are gladly accepted. A theater and simulator experience are available for \$4 each. Sign up on the SAGA board in the main hallway. SAGA is for those age 55 and up; however, any adult is welcome to join us!

Sunday School Growth and Changes:

The new Women's Sunday School Class for women 65 and older, led by Pat McManus, will begin this Sunday, August 17th. Please meet in Room 207.

The Young Adults Class, taught by Richard Band, will move to Room 204 beginning this Sunday, August 17th.

A new ladies Sunday morning Bible Study group will begin on August 24th. This group will be led by Allison Foreman and Kendra Watts and will meet in Room 210 at 10:00 a.m. Sundays.

Beyond:

Beyond is hosting a block party in early September. At this event, we will feed the neighbors, share in fun and fellowship, and pass out school supplies. Beyond is asking for single subject spiral notebooks, crayons (package of 8), and pencils. These supplies can be dropped off in the Family Life Center lobby.

MUSIC & WORSHIP: Jason Burley

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Now that school is starting back, it is the perfect time to join the Covenant Chorale for the 11:00 a.m. Traditional worship! Don't worry if you don't have any experience in a choir – come and give us a try. The Chorale practices on Wednesday nights from 7:15 until 8:30 p.m., and a nursery will be provided. It's also a great time to pray about becoming a member of the Praise Team for our 9:00 a.m. Contemporary worship. We're looking for committed members (singers and instrumentalists) who want to help lead our church into God's presence each week. The Praise Team practices on Thursday nights from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. If you're interested in either of these two music groups, see Jason!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for August: \$60,145

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

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Week #1	\$16,256	\$3,068
Week #2	<u>12,405</u>	<u>2,266</u>
Monthly Total	\$28,661	\$5,334

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 8/10/08: Worship - 503 / Sunday School - 293
Week of 8/4/08: Wednesday - 65 / Small Groups - 19

DONATION: In memory of Judy Dennis' mother by M/M David Dennis.

2009 MINISTRY SUPPORT PLAN

The Stewardship Committee has begun the 2009 Ministry Support Plan process. Those wishing to make a budget request for 2009 should pick up a request form in the church office. These completed 2009 Budget Request Forms are due back in the church office by September 28th.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17

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 Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm Ladies Tea Party
6:00 pm Student Small Group

Wednesday, August 20

6:00 pm Student Activities
6:30 pm AWANA Training - Rm 106
6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study
Adult Small Groups
Wind Ensemble Practice
Camp Worship for Children
Nursery for Preschoolers
7:00 pm *Back to School Bash* (Gym)
7:15 pm *Chorale* Rehearsal

Thursday, August 21

8:00 am SAGA Trip to Fayetteville
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Coffee Station:

Lee & Tina Carter

Refreshment Station:

JOY SS Class

Greeters:

Keith & Annette Melton (9:00)
Mike & Mary Etta Williams (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

9:00 am: Lynn Jauch, Dusty Threatt,
Georgia Yelton, Stephanie Williams

11:00 am: David & Ginger Steele,
Rena Livengood, Jamie Sellers

Counting Team Rotation:

Darrell Young, Diane Barton

Power Point Operators:

Robbie Foreman (9:00)

Cody Brown (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Chuck Funderburk (9:00)

Richard Band (11:00)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

Nursery Volunteers:

Karen ten Bensel (Room 301)

Sound:

Richard Band, Chuck Funderburk



Atlanta Braves Trip September 20-21

Braves
-vs-
New York Mets

We will stay at the Doubletree Hotel in the Druid Hills area and attend 2 Braves games, a Saturday night game and a Sunday day game. Brochures detailing costs are available in the main hallway.

**The deadline to sign up
is Sunday, August 31st.**



Blood Drive

Thursday, August 14

3:30 - 8:00 p.m.

In The Gym

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!

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Pastor	Bert Welch (283-1875 - home)
Minister of Music & Worship	Jason Burley (286-5683 - church)
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
Praise Team Accompanist	Kathy Wall
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, August 17, 2008**

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

CRUCIAL QUESTIONS:

Is It Possible To Have A Perfect Heart?

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

Come enjoy a Taste of Community.

Learn about our vision and join us for lunch afterwards.

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer	Bert Welch
Hymn 390	<i>We Are Called to Be God's People</i>
Stewardship Prayer	Tim Howard
Offertory	Lannia Broñola-Dickert
Hymn 2	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
Musical Offering	Chorale
Hymn 238	<i>Breathe on Me</i>
Message	<i>Is It Possible To Have A Perfect Heart?</i> Bert Welch
Hymn of Response 275	<i>I Surrender All</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.