



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

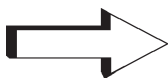
SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

This Sunday, September 2nd, 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. Division Directors will be located throughout the facility to give directions to new classrooms. Information sheets containing a more detailed description of classes will be located in the main hallway.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Adult Class Teacher</u>	<u>Room #</u>
Crib Nursery	301	Mike Jones	203
Preschool 1	306	Tim Howard	204
Preschool 2	305	Larry Owen & Galen Williams	205
Preschool 3	304	Jimmy Starnes	206
Preschool 4	303	Richard & Peggy Band	207
Kindergarten	216	Kent & Jean Jewell	208
1st & 2nd Graders	215	George Walrod	209
3rd & 4th Graders	213	Art Morris, Jim Whitaker	210
5th Grade	214	Don Miller	211
6th-8th Grade Girls	307	Kate Hughes	212
6th-8th Grade Boys	311	John McManus	Fellowship Hall
9th & 10th Grade Coed	309	Carl Vincent	106
11th & 12th Grade Coed	308	Lee & Lou C. Thomas	302

Baptismal and Communion Service Sunday, September 9th

Our baptismal service is scheduled for Sunday, September 9th, 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 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/picnic blanket.



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

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

e-mail address: Bert@CBCLancaster.org

New Sermon Mini-Series

“BUILDING THE CHURCH”

Jesus told the Apostle Peter...“*and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*” We are called to be co-laborers with God in His Kingdom work; therefore, it is imperative that we focus on building Christ’s Church according to His design. It is apparent that God is aggressively building and growing His Church known as Covenant, so let’s spend some time considering the following topics:

- September 2 Building a Confident Church
- September 9 Building a Healthy Church
- September 16 Building a Church with Proper Perspective

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

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Thank you to all who made the Children’s Ministry Day a success. From the crying babies to the staff, we appreciate all your hard work. And to the children who participated, you DID A FANTASTIC JOB!!! I’m so proud of you. WAY TO GO!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - IT’S A CHANGIN’!!! This Sunday is the first Sunday of our new year. We have new teachers and new classrooms for a lot of the classes. See the front page for a listing of classes and room assignments.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: There will be a training session for all those who have volunteered to help with Children’s Church. The meeting will be in the youth room at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 6th. If you are unable to attend, PLEASE SEE MS. STEPHANIE.

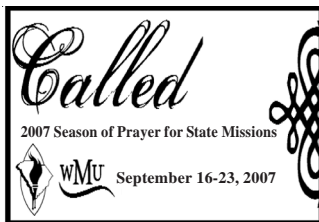
AWANA: We have gotten off to a great year at AWANA with 69 children enrolled and 30 leaders thus far. AWANA is for children age 3 through 5th grade and meets at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We still need workers for Wednesday night Nursery. Please see Michelle Faile or Stephanie Williams if you can help out in this great ministry. The times for the nursery are 6:00-7:30 p.m. Thanks!

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS

September 16-23

We are all Called to share the gospel. The Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions makes church planting, summer missions, and disaster relief possible.



Our Season of Prayer for State Missions is September 16-23 with a special Wednesday emphasis on September 19th, beginning at 6:45 p.m. Throughout this time, we will collect the Janie Chapman offering. Our church’s goal is for every member to give. Please pray about your involvement and plan to attend on Wednesday, September 19th!

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Home: Betty Martin, Donna Whitlock, Leah Din (Richard & Jimmie Harms' granddaughter)

Sympathy

...to Jennifer and Michael Mims in the death of their father, John Mims.

Staff Anniversary
Julie Dutton - Church Hostess
11 Years - 9/4/96

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 2 Brittany Bailey, David Chamberlain, Jimmie Harms, Ronda Mahaffey
Sept. 3 Sherry Faile, Jim Furse, Lowry Plyler, Brian Williams
Sept. 4 Lawana Bailey, Ann Tuttle, Marjorie Vincent, Marjorie Westerberg
Sept. 5 Aaron Melton, Joyce Sims, Jason Smith
Sept. 6 Becky Cauthen
Sept. 7 Mike Kimbrell
Sept. 8 Ken McPeak, Lamont McPhearson, Pat Owens, Darrel Trimble

Welcome New Members

Covenant welcomes **Keith, Annette & Parker Melton**. Keith and Annette come by Statement, and Parker comes by Profession of Faith as a candidate for baptism. Keith and Annette attend the Get REAL Sunday School Class. Parker is in the 7th grade.

Women's Celebration

All Covenant Women are invited to a Women's Celebration to be held Thursday, September 13th, at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by Women on Mission. Teesa Klear, missionary to East Asia, will be the speaker. She and her husband Bill have been working in East Asia for about six years and have seen God at work there. The celebration will be in the social hall, and friends are welcomed. The cost of the meal is \$5.00, and a nursery will be provided. Be sure to sign up by Sunday, September 9th, in the main hallway. Do come join us for a women's night out!

Men's Rally

All men and boys of Covenant are invited to a Men's Rally to be held Tuesday, September 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker Kent Thames will speak on his Gideon Extended Action trip to India. A hamburger supper will be served at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings or during the week in the Church Office.

 **KEITH'S KORNER - Rev. Keith Sellers** 
e-mail: Keith@CBCLancaster.org

Wednesday, September 12th, will be a real treat for us at Covenant. Nationally recognized Christian harpist, Greg Buchanan, will be here for a concert. Greg was here some 7 years ago, and we have managed to get on his hectic schedule again. For those of you who remember Greg, I know you will be here. For those who have never seen or heard him, he is truly a gifted musician, but even more, he is a Christian who uses his various harps to glorify God and encourage the Body of Christ. This is one of those events that you need to invite someone that is lost or unchurched to attend. Greg's testimony is inspiring. Don't miss this opportunity. A love offering will be received.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 2

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

Monday, September 3

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Group

Wednesday, September 5

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

Menu:

Ham Dinner
(Pizza for Kids)

Volunteer Team:

Eric & Carol Crook, Keith Melton

6:00 pm AWANA (Ages 3-5th grade)
Nursery for Birth - Age 2
Wildside (Grades 6-8)
Women's Bible 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
Sunday School Division
Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 6

9:00 am ESL Class
6:30 pm Covenant Care Clinic Vol:
Don & Benita Miller
6:30 pm Children's Church Leader
Training
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Celebrate Recovery Group
ESL Classes

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SEPTEMBER 2

Coffee Station:

Bob & Evelyn Leaphart

Refreshment Station:

Family Matters SS Class

Greeters:

Frankie Faile (9:00)

Darrell & Karen Young (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Doris Hammond, Joya Sellers (9:00)

Janet Hough, Stephanie Williams,

Diane Howard (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Rheubin Brunson

Power Point Operators:

Riah Lawry (9:00)

Cody Brown (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Caleb Lawry (9:00)

Ron York (11:00)

Sound - Wednesdays:

Richard Band & Chuck Funderburk

2008 MINISTRY SUPPORT PLAN

The Stewardship Committee has begun the 2008 Ministry Support Plan process. Those wishing to make a budget request for 2008 should pick up a request form in the church office. Completed 2008 Budget Request Forms are due back in the church office by September 16th.

BIBLE DRILL

For 4th-5th Graders
Wednesdays @ 4:45-5:30 pm
Beginning September 5th
Room 214

CONVERSATION WITH THE PASTOR

Our Pastor, Dr. Welch, leads an informal sharing time each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room 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!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH/MISSIONS: Tim Howard

e-mail: Tim@CBCLancaster.org

This Sunday is promotion day for our preschoolers, children and students. Please note where the class is for your child. There will be several classes that change location. A big thank you to our Sunday School team. We have been blessed with some great leaders and teachers this past year. This new year looks to be a good one with just a few changes in leaders and teachers.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study: Led by Dr. Welch in the Worship Center on Wednesdays from 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Women's Small Group: Focusing on Bible Study, fellowship and prayer - Led by Lynn Jauch in Room 209 on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Truth Project: A Focus on the Family Study - Led by Jim Whitaker in Room 205 on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Sermon to Life: Focusing on how the past Sunday's sermon impacts our lives. Led by Tim Howard in Room 206 on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Study of Luke: A women's Bible study led by Kate Hughes at 10:00 a.m. at the Springs Apartments Clubhouse beginning on Friday, September 14th. Please call Jo Ann Cox at 285-7584 for information.

Christ in Genesis 3: A women's 9-week Bible study led by Jean White on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Velta Morris, 937 Meadow Drive, beginning on September 12th. Please call Velta at 285-5168 for more info.

Prayer Study: Focusing on the model of Jesus - Led by Calvin Miller in Room 207 on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning September 26th.

SAGA NEWS

Our first SAGA luncheon for the new year will be on Tuesday, September 11th, at 11:45 a.m. This is a covered dish lunch. Our program will be presented by R.D. Howell focusing on "SEE Lancaster."

SAGA Outing: Come join us on Friday, September 14th, for a dinner trip to Jefferson. Sign up on the SAGA bulletin board.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for August: \$48,125
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	\$26,957	\$ 5,361	\$ 6,617	\$ 38,935
Week #2	10,016	9,425	1,410	20,851
Week #3	31,138	2,092	1,167	34,397
Week #4	<u>7,827</u>	<u>1,677</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>10,366</u>
Monthly Total	\$75,938	\$18,555	\$10,056	\$104,549

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 8/26/07: Worship - 557 / Sunday School - 314
Week of 8/20/07: Wednesday night: 254 Small Groups: 31

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: As you can see, August was a great month of financial support for the many ministries and mission efforts of Covenant. Due to the consistent giving of our church family and a generous gift from one of our members, we have been able to eliminate our deficit and emerge out of the summer in great shape. Let us give thanks to God for this good report and commit ourselves to being faithful stewards of the resources He has given each of us. God is doing great things among us. More and more people are participating in the ministries which in turn requires increasing financial support. May God bless you for your faithfulness to the Lord and His Kingdom work through Covenant Baptist Church.

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Minister of Music & Worship	Keith Sellers (289-9545 - 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
Praise Team Accompanist	Kathy Wall
Administrative Assistant	Pat Rutledge
Church Secretary	Gina Spencer
Church Hostess	Julie Dutton
Custodian	Joe Reuschling
Assistant Custodian	Suzanne Perry

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 2, 2007

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch
Building a Confident Church

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

Worship Theme: New Series - *“Hitting the Books”*
A focus on the sermon on the mount.
Teacher: Eric Kramer

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer		Bert Welch
Hymn 4		<i>To God Be the Glory</i>
Global Missions Update		Mickey Miller
Stewardship Prayer		
Offertory		Lannia Broñola
Musical Offering	<i>Sinner Saved by Grace</i>	Chorale
Hymn 354		<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i>
Message	<i>Building a Confident Church</i>	Bert Welch
Hymn of Response 615		<i>To the Work</i>
Presentation of Decisions		
Closing Prayer		

Nursery provided for Birth-age 3 during all Worship Services.
Sermon Outlines of today's message are located in the main hallway.
Audio CD's of Dr. Welch's message are available through the Church Office.