



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

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 4-6 (Starting Date TBA)
- 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.



WORSHIP AT AJ PARK

Sunday, September 14th

Special Guest: Mike Miller

Christian Storyteller and Humorist

Mike will have us all laughing with his “full contact storytelling and professional silliness with a divine purpose.” Supper will be provided at 5:30 p.m. with activities beginning at 4:00 p.m. This will be a grand time of good food, fun and congregational togetherness. Bring a friend!

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

e-mail: Bert@CBCLancaster.org

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE: Family Promise of Lancaster's goal is to alleviate homelessness by fostering the development of networks that provide temporary shelter, meals and assistance to families without homes, and increase community involvement in direct service advocacy. Family Promise's shorter version of the goal is: **To provide a temporary stay for a permanent solution with a new direction.** Churches are specifically asked to provide over night accommodations and meals for a week at the time. The families will spend the day at the Day Center located on Arch Street in downtown Lancaster where they will take care of personal hygiene needs, laundry, prepare breakfast and lunch meals, and attend training classes and job skills assessment, as well as financial counseling. All in a Christian environment!

Family Promise of Lancaster County currently has nine Kingdom-Hearted congregations signed on as host churches. They are: **Calvary Baptist, Covenant Baptist, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Grace United Methodist, Sherwood Baptist, St. Catherine Catholic, and Zion United Methodist.** The goal is to have thirteen host churches as well as a number of "supporting churches" that will donate supplies, volunteers and other resources to the ministry. There are 3 or 4 more churches currently considering joining as host churches.

Fund raising is picking up steam due to non-profit tax status with more congregations, organizations and individuals making direct contributions. **The newly established launch date has been set at January 1st, 2009.** This date will give adequate time for further development, hiring a full-time director, and training of volunteers. Please continue to pray for this much needed ministry in our area. A sign-up sheet for those interested in being a part of Covenant's Family Promise team is located on the Mission Board in the main hallway. Jim Keown is serving as our Church Coordinator.

GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE:

Dr. Lee and Lou C. Thomas will depart Friday, August 15th, for a mission trip to Macau to work along side our Southern Baptist mission partners at the Hope Medical Clinic. The Thomas' daughter and Covenant member, Rebecca, and her husband, Dr. Mike Dorrity, are currently in Macau as well.

Jim Whitaker will leave August 12th on a two week mission trip. His primary work projects are related to power, solar and microwave communications in Central African Republic, Congo and Camaroon.

Riah Lawry will give a brief mission report during the worship services this Sunday on her recent trip to Guinea-Bissau, West Africa.

STUDENT MINISTRY: Robbie Foreman

e-mail: Robbie@CBCLancaster.org

www.smcovenant.org

Paintball: The Student Ministry will play paintball in Rock Hill on Tuesday, August 12th. The cost is \$20.00 plus paintballs if you don't have equipment. Sign up in the student area. We will leave from the church at 8:30 a.m.

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 gym 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: Bill Emanuel, Marjorie Walrod, Alice Bynum

Pray for our students and leaders as they are at Camp Icthus in NC this week.

Thank You

...from Kathy Wall and Jeanne Zaugg.

Happy Birthday!

Aug. 10 Doris Bryant
Aug. 11 Ann Scott, Donna Whitlock
Aug. 12 Ray Dennis, Ron York
Aug. 13 Robbie Foreman, Lynn Funderburk, Chad Pinkston
Aug. 14 Brent Fields
Aug. 15 Steve Koss
Aug. 16 Caroline Moorefield, Judson Wyble



Welcome New Members

Covenant welcomes **David Bryant** who comes by Statement. David, the son of Bob & Doris Bryant, has a son, 14 year old Michael. **Jason & Heather Burley** come by Transfer of Church Membership. Jason is our new Minister of Music & Worship. He and Heather have a daughter, two year old Camryn.

You've Got Mail!

We need your assistance. Your Church Staff is trying to be as efficient and economical as possible with office expenses, while at the same time being effective. We are currently focused on how we communicate to the various committees and ministry teams as to upcoming meetings as well as forwarding information about upcoming events. As you know, the cost of mailing a physical letter or even a reminder card is very costly and will continue to be so in the days to come. **Therefore, our goal is to transition to a totally electronic reminder/communication process.** Almost everyone has e-mail, and we intend to use that as our primary conduit. **For those who do not have e-mail, an attempt will be made to hand out the information on a Sunday or Wednesday night or make direct telephone calls.** The last and most expensive course of action is to put a first-class stamp on a letter. Committee/Ministry Team leaders, your help with this effort is crucial. **We need your email address. Please send it to us at either CBCLancaster@comporium.net or Pat@cbclancaster.org.** One way to keep apprised of most events is to read this weekly newsletter. Thanks so much. (Your Church Staff)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams e-mail: Stephanie@CBCLancaster.org

Dear Church Family...Words cannot describe the feeling of gratitude we have for Covenant Baptist. Over the past few weeks, we have been showered with phone calls, notes of encouragements, meals, gifts and prayers. We are so very blessed to be a part of such a caring and compassionate body. May God continue to bless each of you, and thank you for your patience and understanding with me over the next weeks of continuing recovery. Love in Christ, Stephanie Williams & Family

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS: Due to the growth in the Children's Ministry, we desperately need volunteers in the Children's Sunday School area:

- Sunday School Teachers/Workers: Sunday Mornings from 9:50-10:45 a.m.
2 Preschool Teachers, 3 Preschool Assistants, 3 Elementary Assistants

Please contact Stephanie Williams, Leanne Bailey or Traci Harbin to volunteer.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Tim Howard

e-mail: Tim@CBCLancaster.org

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!

New Small Group - *Discovering the Power of Prayer*: This 4-week study, led by Tim Howard and using a book by Max Lucado, will begin on Wednesday, August 13th, at 6:30 pm in Room 204. Sign up in the hallway to attend the class.

South Carolina Baptist Ministry Training Event: The SC Baptist is holding a major ministry training event on Saturday, August 16th, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Second Baptist Church in Lancaster. Areas of ministry training include: Children, Youth, College, Senior Adults, Leadership, Missions, Sunday School, Discipleship, Singles, Evangelism, Stewardship, Disaster Relief, Men, Women, Worship, Technology and more. The cost is \$15 preregistered or \$20 at the door. This is a unique opportunity to have quality training for our ministry leaders. Please consider being a part of this training. For specific information about the training sessions, contact Second Baptist Church or visit www.scbaptist.org/epic.

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

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 8/3/08: Worship - 478 / Sunday School - 299
Week of 7/28/08: Wednesday - 70 / Small Groups - 34

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

YTD RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS THRU JULY 2008

Contributions & Interest Earned	\$349,881
Disbursements	<u>377,582</u>
Receipts over (under) disbursements	(\$ 27,701)

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.

COVENANT WOMEN

You are cordially invited to a Tea Party!
Sunday, August 17th
5-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Wear your favorite hat. If you wish, decorate your hat with coins and bills. Family Promise, a ministry to homeless families, will receive the collected monies. **Sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway by Wednesday, August 13th.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 10

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 Mtg.
4:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
6:00 pm Student Small Group

Tuesday, August 12

8:30 am Students Paintball Trip
6:30 pm Men's Rally

Wednesday, August 13

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

Thursday, August 14

3:30 pm Blood Drive
7:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Coffee Station:

Richard & Joyce Faulkenberry

Refreshment Station:

John McManus SS Class

Greeters:

Richard & Jimmie Harms (9:00)
Randolph & Lenora Carnes (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

9:00 am: Annie Owen, Kathy Welch,
Christina Furse, Karen ten Bensel
11:00 am: Lou C Thomas, Sara Parker,
Rosalie Woods, Jason & Nancy Smith

Counting Team Rotation:

Bob Penegar, Darrell Young

Power Point Operators:

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

Sound Operators:

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Nursery Volunteers:

Angela Bryant (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 are available in the main hallway. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 31st. **There are only 14 spots left!**

MEN'S RALLY

Tuesday, August 12th

6:30 p.m.

Country-Style Steak Breakfast
\$5.00 per person

Our guest speaker will be Tim Hammond who will present a program on the Men's Ministries of the Moriah Baptist Association and the Men's Fraternity. **Please sign up in the main hallway or in your Sunday School class by this Sunday, August 10th.**



Blood Drive

Thursday, August 14th

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
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“Every Member a Minister”

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 10, 2008

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

CRUCIAL QUESTIONS:

Why Is There so Much Sickness in the World?

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

The Next Steps to Connecting

Teacher: Art Morris

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer	Bert Welch
Global Missions Report & Commissioning	
Hymn 185	<i>Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners</i>
Stewardship Prayer	
Offertory	Lannia Broñola-Dickert
Musical Offering	<i>The Healer</i> Chorale
Hymn 412	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i>
Message	Bert Welch
<i>Why Is There so Much Sickness in the World?</i>	
Hymn of Response 317	<i>Only Trust Him</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.