



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS September 16-23

Join us this Monday, September 17th, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. for the kick-off to our Season of Prayer for State Missions. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and a time of prayer. Please bring a salad to share. Men, you're invited to join us. Then on Wednesday, September 19th, at 6:45 p.m., we will have our State Missions emphasis. Throughout this month, we will collect the Janie Chapman offering. Our church's goal is for every member to give.



Worship at AJ State Park Sunday, October 7th

Our annual Vespers in the Park will be held on Sunday, October 7th! 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. Everyone is asked to bring a **finger food dessert** to share. Worship will follow in the Amphitheater. Andrew Jackson State Park is located 6.8 miles north of Covenant on Highway 521 North, toward Charlotte. **The Park entry fee will be waived for Covenant.** 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!

COVENANT'S 13th ANNIVERSARY Sunday, October 14th Combined Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Catered Meal at 12:15 P.M. (Turkey & Dressing Dinner)

Adult/Youth Plate - \$5.00 Child Plate - \$3.00

Tickets for the catered meal must be purchased in advance. They are available after each service on Sundays and Wednesdays or in the church office during the week.

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

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These are very productive days at Covenant! The late Summer early Fall weeks bring an influx of activities related to church organizational structure and process. We adopt our Organizational Roster which represents the heart for service and leadership at Covenant, begin the budgeting process which is the practical fueling of the ministry engine, and we evaluate our ministerial staff accomplishments and set new goals for the coming year. Along with those important ministry functions, we “cranked up” all the ongoing activities and opportunities that Fall brings. It is an exciting time!

I want to thank each and every member, friend and supporter of Covenant Baptist Church for helping Christ’s church known as Covenant achieve so much this past church year. Virtually every facet of her life has seen improvement and expansion over the past twelve months. We have a dedicated ministerial staff; a loyal, hard-working, enthusiastic core lay leadership team; a unified focus and purpose as a Kingdom-hearted fellowship, and the prayers and financial support of the church family. These are great days to be a part of Covenant. Invite someone to join the journey with you. To God be the glory!

25 DAYS COUNTING! For those that missed the great public invitation two weeks ago - **Each and every member and friend of Covenant is invited to Sarah Anne (our daughter) and Shaun Daley’s wedding ceremony and reception on Saturday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Historic Craig House.** (Around the corner from Covenant). The reception will be held in the Family Life Center. We chose not to send individual wedding invitations to any church members but rather offer a general invitation to all. Spread the word! **Everyone is invited!**

New Sermon Mini-Series

“PROPHET WITH A PUNCH”

This expository sermon mini-series comes from a mini-book with a major message. We will study the blunt and vivid sermons of the sixth century Prophet Haggai and see how his messages to God’s people concerning disappointment, lethargy and discouragement resulted in obedience to God.

September 30	<i>An Unproductive Harvest</i>
October 28	<i>Getting Started Again</i>
November 4	<i>The Weapon of Discouragement</i>
November 18	<i>The Blessing of Obedience</i>
November 25	<i>The Certainty and Security of God</i>

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Springs: Gipsie Miller (Don Miller's mother); Faye Garcia
Savannah, GA: Beth Moree (Phil & Marilyn McBrides' daughter)
Home: Turner Williams

Pray for Our Cooperative Program Missionaries:

Steven & Esther Roberts: Steve is a Navy chaplain in Japan. Praise God for the many American and Japanese nationals who are coming to Christ. Pray for the soldiers and families who are under the strain of long deployments, for lay leaders, and for strength and wisdom for Steve.

Thank You

...from a recipient of a Food Box.

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 16 Michelle Faile, Janelle Saboley, Neale Williams, Turner Williams
Sept. 17 Kathy Beaumont, Bob Leaphart, Vickie Moran, Sue Owens
Sept. 18 Stan Emanuel
Sept. 19 Linda Edwards, Jesse McPhearson
Sept. 20 Gregory Kramer, Grayson Ormond
Sept. 21 Talmadge Griffin, Caroline Hammond, Kristin Shaw, Sherry Williams
Sept. 22 Jerry Coble, Gale Davis, Alan Light

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 by this Sunday, September 16th.**

Volunteers Needed For Wednesday Clean Up

Volunteers help with clean up after our Wednesday fellowship meals. These clean-up crews, usually consisting of 3 people, work on a rotation basis. We are in desperate need of two more crews (6 more people). If you can help, please contact the church office or call Julie Dutton at 289-2806. Thanks!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT

General Fund Monthly Goal for September: \$45,275

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	\$15,041	\$3,035	\$1,177	\$19,253
Week #2	<u>9,198</u>	<u>5,287</u>	<u>1,721</u>	<u>16,206</u>
Monthly Total	\$24,239	\$8,322	\$2,898	\$35,459

Janie Chapman Offering To Date: \$741.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, 9/9/07: Worship - 446 / Sunday School - 296 / Baptism Service - 203

Week of 9/3/07: Wednesday night: 235 / Small Groups: 81

2008 MINISTRY SUPPORT PLAN:

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 this Sunday, September 16th.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16

- 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 Joint Meeting of Steering
Com. & Care Ministry Team
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm Beyond Leadership Team
5:00 pm *Credo* Rehearsal
6:30 pm YouthSINGERS

Monday, September 17

- 12:00 pm Week of Prayer Luncheon
6:00 pm Stewardship Comm. Mtg.
6:30 pm Global Missions WOM
7:00 pm Life Support WOM

Tuesday, September 18

- 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch WOM
6:30 pm Men's Rally
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Group

Wednesday, September 19

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

Menu:

Fried Chicken Dinner
(Pizza for Kids)

Volunteer Team:

Carl Vincent, Benita Miller,
John & Ann McManus

- 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 State Missions Emphasis
Wind Ensemble Practice
7:00 pm Fusion (Grades 9-12)
7:30 pm *Chorale* Rehearsal

Thursday, September 20

- 9:00 am ESL Class
6:30 pm Covenant Care Clinic Vol:
Vernon & Martha McManus,
Lee Thomas
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Celebrate Recovery Group
ESL Classes

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SEPTEMBER 16

Coffee Station:

Tim & Rhonda Steele

Refreshment Station:

Kate Hughes SS Class

Greeters:

Ruddy & Kim Bumgardner (9:00)
Wayne & Rhonda McMackin (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Cynthia Catoe, Lynn Jauch,
Jamie Sellers, Georgia Yelton (9:00)
John & Amy Jones, Lou C. Thomas,
Tracey Denney, Brandon Crane (11:00)

Children's Church:

Jana Fitzgerald, Michelle Faile (9:00)
Karen Bronson, Carolyn Steele (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Vernon McManus

Power Point Operators:

John Keown (9:00)
Cody Brown (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Chuck Funderburk (9:00)
Richard Band (11:00)

Sound - Wednesdays:

Richard Band & Chuck Funderburk

STEERING COMMITTEE & CARE MINISTRY TEAM JOINT MEETING Sunday, September 16th 4:00 p.m. in Room 106

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS/TEACHERS MEETING

Sunday, September 23rd, at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Lunch and childcare are provided.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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. Please sign up in the main hallway!

MISSIONS

OIAM - September:

On Wednesday, September 26th, we will offer two OIAM projects:

- ** Cut down and remove tree from home off Old Landsford Road and take wood for firewood to Senior Adult for winter warmth.
- ** Prayer Journey - Ride the bus or van to several locations around Lancaster and pray for our community.

Sign up to be a part of each of these projects.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK MEETING

A potential new cooperative ministry for the homeless is being seriously considered by the faith community of Lancaster. This ministry would address the needs of homeless families in our community, not transients or those choosing to live on the streets. The meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church (200 Gay Street) in Lancaster on Thursday, September 20th, at 7:00 p.m. All interested in learning more about this potential mission are invited to attend.

SAGA NEWS

SAGA Outing: Come join us on Friday, September 14th, for a dinner trip to Jefferson. We will leave from the church at 5:30 p.m.

SAGA Trip to the Billy Graham Library: We will leave Wednesday, September 26th, at 8:45 a.m. After enjoying our time there, we will have lunch out and return to Covenant.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

e-mail: Stephanie@CBCLancaster.org

Covenant Carnival: The Covenant Carnival is right around the corner, Wednesday, October 31st. Please sign up for a game outside of Ms. Stephanie's office. Also you can bring in bags of wrapped candy starting this Sunday and put it in the container outside of Ms. Stephanie's office.

Nursery Pager: If you have a nursery pager at home or someplace other than church, please bring it back in. We have gone from 15 pagers down to 9, so please turn them back in as soon as possible.

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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

“Every Member a Minister”

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 16, 2007

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

Building the Church with Proper Perspective (Philippians 4:1-13)

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

Worship Series: Hitting the Books - *“Not of This World”*

Teacher: Eric Kramer

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer

Hymn 60

Global Missions Update

Stewardship Prayer

Offertory

Musical Offering

Hymn 206

Hymn 216

Hymn 217

Message *Building the Church with Proper Perspective* Bert Welch

Response Song 417

Presentation of Decisions

Closing Prayer

Be Thou My Vision

Leanne Bailey

Lannia Broñola

Chorale

Blessed Be the Name

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Oh, How I Love Jesus

Trusting Jesus