



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

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>

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 hamburger 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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I want to strongly encourage every member of Covenant to give to our annual Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions! (All you North Carolina residents are honorary South Carolinians. Let us remember, the glorious Kingdom of God has no boundaries!) This special missions offering goes to directly support the many mission organizations, projects such as starting new churches, camping ministries, summer missions, disaster relief, prison ministries, and collegiate ministries, to name a few. Here are some highlights from last year's impact of the offering we gave:

- * Currently over 200 new people per day are moving into South Carolina. New churches are needed to meet this growth.
- * Since 2002, the SC Baptist Convention has helped plant 101 new churches with 90% still ministering today.
- * So far in 2007, over 2400 people have attended new Southern Baptist Churches each week.
- * New churches in South Carolina include Hispanic, African-American, Brazilian, Native American and Multicultural. In the past 6 years, 11 new Hispanic churches have been planted in South Carolina.
- * In 2006, South Carolina Disaster Relief trained 2305 volunteers during two statewide training events.
- * 39 teams volunteered from South Carolina to assist in Disaster Relief during the 2006 hurricane season in the Gulf states.

Please give a warm welcome to **Josh and Janet Tucker** at Covenant this Sunday. Josh is the new Director of the Catawba Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship. We support this wonderful ministry through our church budget, with volunteers with the Good News Clubs in the local schools, and with our continued prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 23	Sunday School Leaders Luncheon
Wednesday, Sept. 26	SAGA Trip to Billy Graham Library
Sunday, Oct. 7	Worship at AJ State Park
Tuesday, Oct. 9	SAGA Luncheon
Sunday, Oct. 14	Covenant's 13th Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday, Oct. 31	Covenant Carnival
Tuesday, Nov. 13	SAGA Luncheon (noon) / Men's Rally (pm)
Monday, Nov. 19	Blood Drive
Sunday, Nov. 18	World Hunger Rice Bowls Collection
	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection
Dec. 2-9	Season of Prayer for International Missions
Monday, Dec. 3	International Missions Prayer Luncheon
Wednesday, Dec. 5	International Missions Study
Thursday, Dec. 6	Christmas Dinner Theater
Friday, Dec. 7	Christmas Dinner Theater
Saturday, Dec. 8	Christmas Dinner Theater
Sunday, Dec. 9	Adult Christmas Music
Tuesday, Dec. 11	SAGA Luncheon
Sunday, Dec. 16	Children's Ministry Christmas Play
Wednesday, Dec. 19	Children's Ministry Christmas Party
Tuesday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Springs: Gipsie Miller (Don Miller's mother)
Home: Faye Garcia

Pray for Our Cooperative Program Missionaries:

Mark & Alice Inman of Genoa, IL: Mark is a DOM and a church planting strategist for Fox Valley Association (FVBA). Praise God for the 14 missions to assist the churches this summer. Please pray for the FVBA churches where the population is exploding.

Thank You

...from Susan Lawson.
...from Durk & Sandy Meijer.

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 23 Doug Burnette, Brice Harbin
Sept. 24 Laine Dry, Marilyn McBride, Keith Melton, Richard Steele
Sept. 25 Aaron Catha, Joyce Faulkenberry, Jack Smith, Sarah Welch
Sept. 27 Carol Bailey, Jennifer Coblentz
Sept. 29 Tyler Vaughn

Health Screening Offered at Covenant

LifeLineScreening is a national provider of healthcare screenings and works closely with churches to offer low-cost health screenings to a community. The screenings will be held at **Covenant on Tuesday, October 2nd. Appointments must be made by calling 1-800-324-1851.** Of the 81 available appointment slots, 35 have already been taken, so call in as soon as possible if you are interested. The cost of the four screens is \$129.00. The four tests include: Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease and Osteoporosis. These tests assist with stroke prevention. Stroke is the third leading killer in America today. Brochures are available in the main hallway. You may visit their website at: www.lifelinescreening.com

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	9,198	5,287	1,721	16,206
Week #3	<u>7,657</u>	<u>1,560</u>	<u>2,257</u>	<u>11,474</u>
Monthly Total	\$31,896	\$9,882	\$5,155	\$46,933

Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions To Date: \$1,266.00
(Given in 2006 - \$3,577.00)

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, 9/16/07: Worship - 381 / Sunday School - 271

Week of 9/10/07: Wednesday night - 249 / Small Groups - 100

DONATION: ...in memory of Jan Westmoreland by M/M Joe Pappin.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 23

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
12:15 pm Sunday School Luncheon
5:00 pm Intercessory Prayer
5:00 pm *Credo* Rehearsal
6:30 pm YouthSINGERS

Tuesday, September 25

7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Group

Wednesday, September 26

8:45 am SAGA Trip to Billy Graham Library
4:45 pm Bible Drill (Grades 4&5)
5:30 pm Fellowship Meal

Menu:

Baked Potato & Salad
(Pizza for Kids)

Volunteer Team:

Pat Rutledge, Julie Dutton,
Tracey Denney

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
Personnel Comm. Meeting

Thursday, September 27

9:00 am ESL Class
6:30 pm Covenant Care Clinic Vol:
Greta Chandler, Angie Dry,
Diane Barton
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Celebrate Recovery Group
ESL Classes

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SEPTEMBER 23

Coffee Station:

Ron & Donna Johnson

Refreshment Station:

Proverbs 2 SS Class

Greeters:

Richard & Jimmie Harms (9:00)

Paul & Judy Pinkston (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Tim Kevern, Kathy Thompson,
Christine Pfister, Riah Lawry (9:00)
Chris & Marcy Brown,
Jamie Sellers, Traci Harbin (11:00)

Children's Church:

Galen & Stephanie Williams,
Mike Hudson (9:00)
Jason & Nancy Smith,
Carolyn Steele (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Dick Light

Power Point Operators:

Riah Lawry (9:00)
Leigh Jordan (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Caleb Lawry (9:00)
Ron York (11:00)

Sound - Wednesdays:

Richard Band & Chuck Funderburk

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!

Having trouble reading this newsletter?

Maybe you lost your glasses in the church parking lot. We found a pair. Are they yours? Lost and Found is located in the hallway cabinet outside Pat's office.

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 OPPORTUNITY:

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

Support For Mission Trip to China:

Brandon Spencer, son of Chuck & Gina Spencer, will participate in a two-week mission trip to China from October 17-28. If you would like to support Brandon in this effort, please designate "China Bible Trip" on your check.

SAGA NEWS

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. Sign up on the SAGA board!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

e-mail: Stephanie@CBCLancaster.org

Covenant Carnival:

Sign-up is under way for Sunday School classes and other groups to run a booth at the carnival. There is a sign-up sheet outside the Children's Ministry Office. Contact Stephanie Williams if you have any questions. [Donations of bags of wrapped candy are being accepted.](#) Please drop off all candy in the box outside Ms. Stephanie's office. Thanks!

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.

Children's Christmas Play:

If you are interested in your child being a part of our Christmas play, please contact Ms. Stephanie.

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Pastor	Bert Welch (283-1875 - home)
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

"Every Member a Minister"

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 23, 2007

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Josh Tucker

Director, Child Evangelism Fellowship

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

Worship Series: Hitting the Books (Luke 6:46-49)

Teacher: Art Morris

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer

Keith Sellers

Hymn 43

This is My Father's World

Global Missions Update

Linda Kevern

Stewardship Prayer

Offertory

Lannia Broñola

Musical Offering

He Touched Me

Chorale

Hymn 202

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn 203

His Name is Wonderful

Musical Offering

The Glory

Janet Tucker

Message

Joshua Tucker

Hymn of Response 541

Why Do I Sing About Jesus

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.