



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”



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.

Worship Service will feature Historical Power-point, Special Music, Children's Choir, and Parade of Flags.

Dr. Welch's Anniversary Message:

“What Does Being Kingdom-Hearted Mean?”

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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We are getting older! In fact, we are about 13 years old - **we are a teenager!** Now before you get any flashbacks, wild ideas, or fond memories, we plan on being an obedient teenager that seeks to please the Father. One of the characteristics of an obedient church is one that gives away her life. A giving church is a healthy, mission-focused fellowship, one that is obedient to the truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We have received so much in our short life, and all the glory goes to the Father.

I want to ask you to consider giving in a special way on our **Anniversary Sunday, October 14th**. As you know, the Moriah Baptist Association (56 Southern Baptist Churches in Lancaster County) decided some years back to start a new church in the Indian Land area of the county. After much prayer and hard work, the new church start was constituted on March 18, 2007, and named *CrossPoint Church*. They are currently meeting at Audrey Kell High School and average about 100 worshippers per week.

At the end of this year, Covenant will complete her third year of financial support for the new church through our budget. The Moriah Baptist Association will cease financial support in March 2008. CrossPoint is reaching many young families with children, and they face some challenging days ahead without continued support from outside sources. **I would like to propose that we collect a Love Offering for CrossPoint on the day of our anniversary.** I like to think of this as the “new church” (that is what we were known as for months before we selected our official name) helping out the “newest church.” The Steering Committee, Care Ministry Team, and the Stewardship Committee consider this a wonderful opportunity to help out our sister church in her infancy.

If you feel led to give an “above and beyond” gift to CrossPoint Church, simply include your gift in your regular offering envelope on the line marked “other” and designate it to CrossPoint, OR you may give a gift at the door as we depart our 11:00 a.m. Unified Worship that day. Please make checks payable to Covenant.

I think this special offering reveals the true spirit of cooperation we have as a church. Thank you for being such a generous fellowship of faithful Believers! May God be pleased and honored in our giving and encouragement to our sister church to the north.

12 DAYS AND COUNTING! Sarah Anne and Shaun’s wedding is on Saturday, October 6th, at 2:00 p.m. at the Historic Craig Farm. Please remember, every member and friend of Covenant is invited to come and share this special day with the Welches.

New Sermon Mini-Series Begins This Sunday

“Prophet With A Punch”

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.

New Wednesday Night Bible Study Begins

The Book of Acts

“The Unfinished Book in the Bible”

Come join in this new Bible study led by Dr. Welch beginning October 3rd at 6:45 p.m. in the Worship Center.

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Piedmont: Gibson Bumgardner (son of Jamie & Jennifer Bumgardner)
Magnolia Place, Spartanburg, SC: Dena Band (Richard Band's mother)
Springs: Gipsie Miller (Don Miller's mother)
Roper Hospital, Charleston, SC: Sarah Brown (Moby Faulkenberry's sister)
Home: Bill Emanuel, Heather Steele (Richard & Carolyn Steele's daughter-in-law)

Pray for Our Cooperative Program Missionaries:

Alberto & Elizabeth Camacho of Pepekeo, HI: Alberto is a church planting missionary for the Big Island Association. Please pray for two new home Bible studies that began this year.

Staff Anniversaries

Bert Welch, Pastor
Pat Rutledge, Administrative Assistant
13 Years - 10/1/94

Thank You

...from Darrel & Ada Trimble

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 30 Donnie Catha, Hope ten Bensel
Oct. 1 Laraine Broach, Billy Cauthen, Jacob Owens
Oct. 2 Joe Murrow, Josiah Shrum
Oct. 3 Bill Duke
Oct. 5 Doug Perry
Oct. 6 Sam Catlett, Margaret Faulkenberry, Lynda Guess, Kathy Welch

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	7,657	1,560	2,257	11,474
Week #4	<u>11,263</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>3,744</u>	<u>16,707</u>
Monthly Total	\$43,159	\$11,582	\$8,899	\$63,640

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS

Janie Chapman Offering To Date: \$2,284.00

2006 Offering Total: \$3,577.00

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, 9/23/07: Worship - 385 / Sunday School - 288

Week of 9/17/07: Wednesday night - 251 / Small Groups - 117

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 30

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
5:00 pm *Credo* Rehearsal
6:00 pm YouthSINGERS

Tuesday, October 2

7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Group

Wednesday, October 3

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

Menu:

Chicken with Mushroom Gravy
(Pizza for Kids)

Volunteer Team:

Kate Hughes SS Class

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

Thursday, October 4

9:00 am ESL Class
6:30 pm Covenant Care Clinic Vol:
Gene & Carol Bailey,
Michael-Ann Mills
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Celebrate Recovery Group
ESL Classes

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

SEPTEMBER 30

Coffee Station:

Steve Epps

Refreshment Station:

Young Adults SS Class

Greeters:

Ron & Donna Johnson (9:00)

Bob & Pat Dudley (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Pat Rutledge, Dale Starnes (9:00)

Norma Burnette,

Galen Williams (11:00)

Children's Church:

Stephanie Williams,

Sherry Chinn (9:00)

Stephanie Williams,

Carolyn Steele (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Bob Penegar

Power Point Operators:

Drew Dutton (9:00)

Cody Brown (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Ronnie Wall (9:00)

Dennis Cudd (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 (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!

SECURITY RISK!

In light of the recent rash of church break-ins in the area, we need to remind EVERYONE to do your part in protecting our property. Please remember to secure any outside doorways after you depart the building. Classrooms with exterior doors should be double checked after each meeting. Our church facility is utilized by many groups throughout the week, so we need to be keenly aware of this security risk.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH/MISSIONS: Tim Howard

e-mail: Tim@CBCLancaster.org

GAiN CarePacks Due October 3rd: Kent and Jean Jewell and Linda Kevern will be leaving on Friday, October 5th, to work in the GAiN Warehouse in Pennsylvania and will carry your donated CarePacks with them.

World Hunger Emphasis: We will again participate in a World Hunger emphasis through the use of the Rice Bowl containers. We will collect these filled bowls on Sunday, November 18th. Rice Bowls are available in the main hallway. You may also use your "World Hunger" envelope which will be included in your envelope mailing packet.

SAGA NEWS: (Senior Adults Growing Active)

Tuesday, October 9th - 11:45 a.m.: Our October meeting will be held at the home of Bob and Helga Penegar (968 Shiloh Unity Road). This will be a fish fry and fellowship and is open to anyone age 55 and older. In order to adequately prepare, please sign up on the SAGA bulletin board.

Friday, October 12th: We will meet at Captain's Galley in Lancaster at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy supper together.

Thursday, October 25th: We will travel to Gold Hill, tour the town, and have lunch.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

e-mail: Stephanie@CBCLancaster.org



Covenant Carnival

Wednesday, October 31st

6:00-8:30 p.m.

A Christian Alternative to Halloween. Invite your neighbors!

There will be a variety of games and big events including a Rock Climbing Wall, Deluxe Moon Bounce, One on One Challenge, and an Extreme Obstacle Course in the gym. Concessions will be sold.

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!

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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
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 30, 2007

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

Prophet With A Punch: *The Unproductive Harvest* (Haggai 1:1-11)

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

Hitting the Books - *Do you think you're a peace maker?*

Teacher: Eric Kramer

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome		Bert Welch
Musical Offering	<i>O Worship the King</i>	Chorale
Prayer		Bert Welch
Hymn 20	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>	
Global Missions Update		Linda Kevern
Stewardship Prayer		
Offertory		Lannia Broñola
Hymn 412	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i>	
Message	<i>The Unproductive Harvest</i>	Bert Welch
Hymn of Response 483		<i>Footsteps of Jesus</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.