



COVENANT CONNECTION

“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”

SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION **Sunday, September 9th, at 11:00 a.m.**

New Steering Committee Members

Frankie Faile, Jimmy Starnes

Current Steering Committee Members

Bob Martin, Lee Thomas, Ronnie Wall, Tom White
Bert Welch, Keith Sellers, Tim Howard, Robbie Foreman

New Care Ministry Team Members

Gene Bailey, Joel Denney, Ray Dennis,
Ken Herron, Keith Melton, Tim Steele

Current Care Ministry Team Members

Ken Bailey, Joy Bowles, Moby Faulkenberry, Richard Harms,
George Kennington, Micky Miller, Bruce Sowell, Marjorie Walrod

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 (pink sheets) 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. Don't forget your lawn chair/picnic blanket.

SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS **September 16-23**

Join us 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.

SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch

e-mail address: Bert@CBCLancaster.org

Our annual Service of Affirmation will be held at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service this Sunday, and I am looking forward to coming together to give thanks for those who have offered themselves in service to the Lord through Covenant Baptist Church. The Service of Affirmation is not an Ordination Service. We reserve ordination for those who surrender their lives to full-time Christian service such as Reverend Robbie Foreman, our Student Minister, who recently requested ordination and was ordained by Covenant into the Gospel Ministry.

Our Service of Affirmation is our way of "affirming" God's call to service for the members of our Steering Committee and Care Ministry Team. These two ministries focus specifically upon the important biblical roles of elders and deacons in the local church. Our Steering Committee provides spiritual direction and counsel to ensure we are on course to fulfill what we feel God has called us to do, and our Care Ministry Team is devoted solely to the care and encouragement of the church family. These folks do not engage in these vital ministries because they garnered more votes than someone else, or were coerced into service. These devoted Believers have offered themselves in service and followed through by sharing their personal testimony, calling to ministry, and their passion for service with the Affirmation Team. This affirmation process has served us well through the years. I trust you will be present this Sunday as these servants of God stand before you, their church family, and their God to receive affirmation for their willingness to serve.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Stephanie Williams

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THE COURT IS BACK IN SESSION!!!

The Court (Children's Church) is starting back up this Sunday, September 9th. Children, ages 3 through 2nd Grade, meet in the youth room at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. for your worship time!!

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!

KEITH'S KORNER - Rev. Keith Sellers

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HARPIST GREG BUCHANAN IN CONCERT

Wednesday, September 12th, at 6:30 p.m.

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.

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Please Pray For...

Home: Betty Martin, Donna Whitlock

Happy Birthday!

Sept. 9 Jason Aldridge, Conor Chinn, Travis Ford,

Karen Lange, Sarah Anne Welch

Sept. 10 Glen Breland

Sept. 11 Chuck Funderburk, Madeline Kersey, Galen Williams

Sept. 12 Brad Hicks, Allison Skipper

Sept. 13 Tom Baker, Mike Kersey, Sara Parker

Sept. 14 Kendall Butler, Darlene Denyer, Donna Johnson,
Steve Livengood, Lee Thomas

Sept. 15 Beverly Duke, Cynthia Williams

Women's Celebration

The Women's Celebration scheduled for Thursday evening, September 13th, has been postponed due to illness in the Klear family.

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.



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

ATTENDANCE: Sunday, 9/02/07: Worship - 392 / Sunday School - 289

Week of 8/27/07: Wednesday night: 240 / Small Groups: 70

DONATIONS:

...in honor of Jade Elizabeth Infinger by M/M Thomas Elledge Jr...in memory of Jan Westmoreland by M/M Jerry Coble...in memory of Carol Williams by M/M Vernon McManus...in memory of Linda Mitchell by M/M Vernon McManus and M/M Calvin Miller...in memory of Ruth Kirk by Hilda Knight.

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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY'S SERVANTS

Sunday, September 9

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
5:30 pm Fellowship Supper
6:30 pm Baptismal Service

Monday, September 10

11:30 am Stitchin' For Others WOM
1:30 pm Lydia WOM Group

Tuesday, September 11

11:45 am SAGA Luncheon
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Group

Wednesday, September 12

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

Menu:

Spaghetti Dinner
(Pizza for Kids)

Volunteer Team:

Gene & Carol Bailey, Ben White,
Emma Lee Higgins

SEPTEMBER 9

Coffee Station:

Rheubin Brunson

Refreshment Station:

George Walrod SS Class

Greeters:

Jimmy & Dale Starnes (9:00)

Tom & Jean White (11:00)

Worship Time Childcare:

Annie Owen, Kathy Welch (9:00)

Rena Livengood, Penny Bailey (11:00)

Children's Church:

Stephanie Williams,

Mike Hudson (9:00)

Tim & Jennifer Budrick,

Allison Foreman (11:00)

Counting Team Rotation:

Diane Barton

Power Point Operators:

Drew Dutton (9:00)

Leigh Jordan (11:00)

Sound Operators:

Ronnie Wall (9:00)

Dennis Cudd (11:00)

Sound - Wednesdays:

Richard Band & Chuck Funderburk

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
Harpist Greg Buchanan
7:00 pm Fusion (Grades 9-12)
7:30 pm *Chorale* Rehearsal

Thursday, September 13

9:00 am ESL Class
6:30 pm Covenant Care Clinic Vol:
Art Morris, Angie Dry,
Dale Starnes
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
Celebrate Recovery Group
ESL Classes

STEERING COMMITTEE & CARE MINISTRY TEAM JOINT MEETING

**Sunday, September 16th
4:00 p.m. in Room 106**

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH
VOLUNTEER TRAINING
Thursday, September 6th
6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room**

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

I would like to thank **Peggy Band** for her years of service as Sunday School Director. She faithfully led us and modeled what Sunday School is all about. Thank you again, Peggy, for your leadership.

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

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.

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.

MISSIONS

AFRICA LITERATURE PROJECT POSTPONED

Due to the quadrupling of the shipping cost to Africa, our Literature for Africa Project has been postponed indefinitely. We are seeking new avenues of sharing used curriculum. Until we announce a new opportunity, old curriculum may be disposed of.

FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

We have distributed 78 of 95 food boxes. Your generosity and compassion has helped many families in the Lancaster area.

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 stands for **S**enior **A**dults **G**rowing **A**ctive and is for all adults 55 and over.

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.

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Minister of Spiritual Growth	Tim Howard (285-7970 - home)
Minister of Students & Recreation	Robbie Foreman (285-3156 - home)
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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 9, 2007

Contemporary Worship - 9:00 A.M.

Message by Dr. Bert Welch

Building a Healthy Church (Romans 12:3-8)

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

New Series: Hitting the Books - *"Who's Your Daddy?"*

A focus on the sermon on the mount.

Teacher: Eric Kramer

Traditional Worship - 11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer

Bert Welch

Hymn 231

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Global Missions Update

Leanne Bailey

Stewardship Prayer

Offertory

O Worship the King

Chorale

Affirmation Service

Message

Building a Healthy Church

Bert Welch

Hymn of Response 297

Search Me, O God

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.