


Covenant Church

March 14, 2021



“Our promise to you, born out of His promise to us”

Exciting New Events for Moms

LEAD BY: CELIA SMITH



New Discussion Group starting Wednesday, March 31st!

Celia Smith is starting a discussion group for mothers who desire to grow spiritually and pass on a spiritual heritage to their children. This group will meet weekly at the church on Wednesday nights at 6:30p, beginning March 31st in Room 106. *Text or Call* Celia Smith with any questions: phone: 980-241-3065

A vibrant, geometric graphic with a background of teal, orange, and dark blue triangles and circles. The design features various patterns including polka dots and Easter eggs with different designs like zig-zags and dots. The text is centered and reads:

Covenant Kids Present:
TREASURE HUNT
JOIN COVENANT KIDS AS WE REJOICE IN THE
GREATEST LOVE
AND SWEETEST SACRIFICE OF ALL TIME!
SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH
2:00PM-4:30PM



The Children's Ministry is staffed by loving volunteers that have been carefully screened with a background check for our children's safety. We welcome your children to our ministry.

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

SUNDAYS

8:30a Children's Church (except 1st Sunday)

10:45a Children's Church (except 1st Sunday)

Nursery available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings (birth - 3 years).

WEDNESDAYS



Kids Praise Team - 5:00 - 6:00p



Royal Rangers - 6:30p for boys



Mpact Clubs - 6:30p for girls

FOR COVENANT KIDS INFO
Please text @covenantki to the number 81010.



NEED YOUTH INFO
Please text @a6adb2 to the number 81010.

"Here am I, Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

SEE WEEKLY CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

1st & 3rd Sunday & 3rd Wednesday Student Leadership Meetings:

- Students in grades 11th and 12th are invited to join
- Next meeting is on March 17th from 5-6:30p

Sunday evening – 6:00-8:00p

- Death and Life: The Story of Lazarus
- This is a two-week series on the death and life of Lazarus, and how Lazarus's story helps students when they go through hard times of their own.



Wednesday evening — 6:30-7:30p

11 WEEKS IN
1 JOHN
VERSE BY VERSE

- This series "11 Weeks in 1 John" is designed for students no matter where they are in their spiritual walk. Whether they're brand new to church or have been walking with the Lord for a long time, these 11weeks will engage everyone and will help them learn to walk in the light.

FINANCIAL UPDATE	<i>March 7, 2021</i>	<i>Year To Date</i>
Undesignated Giving	\$24,896.55	\$197,341.81
Budget Needs	\$20,075.67	\$200,756.70
Over (Under) Budget	\$4,820.88	-\$3,414.89
Renovation Project Giving	\$85.00	\$4,265.34
Other Designated Giving	\$320.00	\$14,038.00
Total Giving	\$25,301.55	\$215,645.15
Renovation Project Goal	\$300,000.00	
Renovation Project Total Giving	\$122,825.47	



MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

- SUNDAY SERVICE:**
Security Team March 14
Captain—Bill Lyda
 Tim Cloer, Phil Eastin,
 Brian Lane, Ronnie Mercer,
 Joe Roseman, Donald White,
 Darrell Dellinger
- Security Team March 21**
Captain—Brandon Hurt
 Cody Carpenter, Mike Finger,
 Joe Fletcher, Jon Kuster,
 Brack Rogers, Jeremy Upton,
 Jason Jenks
- Nursery on March 14**
Babies Rob and Lydia Reid
Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez
2s & 3s Michelle Cortez, Bethany Perez
- Nursery on March 21**
Babies David and Tonya Carpenter
Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez
2s & 3s Brian and Jenny Blevins



<u>Wednesdays At Covenant</u>	
3.17	Wednesday Night Bible Study
3.24	Wednesday Night Bible Study
3.31	Wednesday Night Bible Study
<u>Mark your Calendar</u>	
3.27	Covenant Kids—Treasure Hunt
4.1	Church Office Closes at 1pm
4.2,4.5	Church Office Closed
4.11	New Members
4.13	JOY Group
4.17	Blood Drive

WITH SYMPATHY Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to David Creech and family in the death of his sister, Nancy Griffin.

Sunday, March 14

7:15a..... Worship Team
8:30a..... Children's Church
8:30a..... Early Morning Worship
10:45a..... Children's Church
10:45a..... Worship Service
6:00p..... Equipping Believers | Bible Study—Choir Rm.
6:00p..... Covenant Students

Tuesday, March 16

10:00a..... Ladies' Prayer Group (Room 109)

Wednesday, March 17

5:00p..... Kids' Praise Team
5:00p..... Student Leadership Meeting
6:30p..... Covenant Students—Fuel
6:30p..... Royal Rangers & Mpac Girls
6:30p..... Wednesday Night Bible Study

Thursday, March 18

10:00a..... Ladies' Prayer Group (Room 103)



**SEND
GOOD NEWS
AND
GREAT JOY**

PACK A SHOEBOX!

**PICK UP AND DROP OFF
SHOEBOXES IN THE CAFÉ**

For more info...contact
Robin Goodson—704.732.2420;
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CONNECTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Connections for Prospective New Members is an ongoing seminar for prospective members and others who just want to know how our church body believes and operates. The class may be joined at any time. The class, facilitated by David Creech, meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45a in Room 118. Also, available on Wednesday nights upon request by calling the church office at 704.735.1559.

If you are currently attending another Sunday School class, you may request CDs and a workbook to complete on your own prior to becoming a member.

INFORMATION DIRECTIVES & DEADLINES

Newsletter: Deadline: Monday by 5p; News items: Brandy Mercer
Prayer Sheet: Deadline: Wednesday by 3p; Requests: Brandy Mercer
Announcements: Deadline: Monday by 5p; Ryan Stertzbach

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From Our Pastor

Supremely Surrendered

Romans 8: 25-28 *“But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*

No matter how long you have lived the Christian life, there are times that we simply don't know how to ask for what we need. We don't know precisely how to pray or to even ask for what His will is for our lives or a particular circumstance. In those moments, it is good to know that though we don't know what to pray; the Spirit in us does. Romans 8 reminds us that, even in our weakness, the Spirit Himself intercedes for us. He who searches our hearts knows the mind of Christ even when we don't. What does that mean? It means that even when I don't know what to say or pray, the Holy Spirit of God in me does. Our job is not to seek to do God's job. Our job is to allow the infilling of His Spirit in us so that He can lead us to right places and into right prayers and actions.

In my humble opinion, that can only happen as we release our will to His. It is only possible as we allow His Spirit to fill us to overflowing. The Bible encourages us to be continually filled (Ephesians 5:18) with His Spirit. That happens only when we release ourselves completely to His leading. We must choose to be abundantly submitted and supremely surrendered to His will for this to happen. We must be like the first disciples that waited in “that” upper room. It is His responsibility to fill us. We cannot fill ourselves. Our responsibility is to wait for the PROMISE! The filling is His part!

Acts 2:1-4 *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Michael E. Devine

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Monday—Thursday, 8:30a—5:00p; Friday, 8:30a—11:30a

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