

## Covenant Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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### Sundays

Worship: 9:00am & 11:00am

Sunday School: 10:00am

### Wednesdays

6:30pm Youth Groups & Adult Studies

7:30pm Taize Worship



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*God Moves in Mysterious Ways...*

*...as we prepare to celebrate the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 11*

Everyone loves a good mystery and most especially we enjoy God, the *Mysterium Tremendum*, the greatest mystery of all. The Day of Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the Church universal--the day when the disciples gathered in one place in Jerusalem as Jesus told them to do. He promised that God would send a Comforter, and Advocate filling them with hope and renewed energy. The Spirit of God came as unexpectedly as the wind whipping through the trees in the midst of a violent storm. Can you imagine the terror that must have overcome them? It was the last thing their sad and fearful hearts were expecting.

Jesus promised they would be filled with this Spirit so they could go to the ends of the earth continue to do his work on this earth. The Spirit drove the disciples out into the streets of Jerusalem. Courageous energy surrounded them and in the chaos they were suddenly changed from despair and discouragement and could then embrace a new and bold vitality. They were transformed by the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit.

Joyce Rupp reminds us that each year we are invited to be attentive to God's power and presence in our lives. Sure, it could come as "the rush of a mighty wind"...maybe like a powerful tornado...And then again, the Spirit could come in a puff or a gentle breeze...All I know is that the wind indeed does blow where it wills...and when we least expect it, the Spirit moves in and around and through us...virtually taking over our very lives wherever we need the energy of God's Spirit—those times when we try to control an uncomfortable situation; or when we are most vulnerable; when our defenses are down or when our hearts and minds are open...the choice is ours...

As we prepare our hearts and minds to welcome and experience the Spirit of God on the Day of Pentecost, we can take on the prayer from Ephesians as our own: May the Spirit..."enable you to grow firm in power and regard to your inner self...Glory be to God whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine..." (Eph 3: 14-21) (*May I Have This Dance?* Joyce Rupp; 1992 Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN) Come join the celebration of Pentecost Day at Covenant...and don't forget to wear something **RED!**

*...Blessings, Joanne*

### ***Children's Membership Class is Hard at Work***

Grayden Beaufort and Jade Brown are learning and growing in their faith. They're discovering what it means to follow Jesus Christ and to claim him as the center of all that they say and do and to accept him as Savior. They are also preparing to enter the waters of baptism. They are making their way through the congregation asking questions and learning what it means to be a responsible and committed member of the Church. They know that they can't do any of this without God's help and the support of this loving congregation.

Grayden is the son of Todd & Jennifer Beaufort and Casey Perry is his Sponsor. Jade is the granddaughter of Rev. Essie Thompson and Renié Palmer is her Sponsor. They will make their Confession of Faith during morning worship on June 1 and will be Baptized at St. Paul's Christian Church in Raleigh at 3pm that same day. Let Jade and Grayden know how proud you are of them and that you support them with your love and prayers...it's what church families do, you know...☺



**Dr. Richard L. Hamm to Preach at Covenant  
This Sunday, May 4 at 11am**

We're looking forward to welcoming Dick and Mindy Hamm to Covenant on May 4 at 11am. Early in his career, Dick has served Disciples congregations in Indiana, Kansas & Missouri and then served as Regional Minister in Tennessee (1990-1993) and as our General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. & Canada from 1993 to 2003. He has written 3 books that are available in our church library: *2020 Vision for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)* and *From Mainline to Front Line* and *Recreating The Church: Leadership For The Post-Modern Age*. He also lectures and teaches Disciples Polity at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

He is now serving as Executive Administrator for Christian Churches Together, a new and very broad ecumenical organization that includes communions from five "families": Mainline Protestants, Historic Black Churches, Evangelicals/Pentecostals, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox as well as several Christian organizations including Sojourners, Bread For the World and Habitat for Humanity.

Dick and Mindy continue to live in Indianapolis and are good friends of Covenant. They have two adult children, David, who is a member here at Covenant and along with his wife Mandy are the parents of Yavin & Jadzia--Dick & Mindy's two grandchildren, (and yes, they are still geniuses ☺). Their daughter, Laura, is an ordained Disciples minister serving Heritage Christian Church in Silver Spring, MD.

***Plan now to be in worship, May 4, as we warmly welcome Dick and Mindy as he offers us God's Good News for the Church. You'll be glad you did!***

***Now a word from our Moderator.....Nurture and Outreach***

I love planting trees. You plant trees in the fall, after the leaves have fallen and in my preparation for planting, I have to have hope that the tree, through nurturing and watering through the long winter and the annual reawakening of the flowers and plants blooming once again that the tree will grow straight, tall and strong. I am reminded of the patience needed to watch the tree grow because it takes a long time to see the results of our work. Just as the tree planting in a time of greater darkness and cold, we hope and have faith that the turn of the season, you'll see, in time, the results of your nurturing. Who in our neighborhood or community will you serve by nurturing, watering, or planting of seeds to help them grow stronger in their faith?

***Chris Hitch***

Join us for Worship at 11am on June 8 as we  
honor our high school graduates!



Melissa Bone  
Ashleigh DeMartin  
Drew Kidwell  
Nicole Nystrom

## *Taizé Worship:*

### *A Contemplative Prayer Service*

*Wednesday Evenings, 7:30-8:00 pm*

*Come, join us for this contemplative prayer service and find renewal as we unite our voices in songs of prayer to God.*

*The Table is set every week and bids you welcome as we share the Bread & Cup together.*

*For more information about this time of worship, please contact Rev. Perry at [covenantcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:covenantcc@bellsouth.net) or (919)481-4715*

## Children and Youth Ministries

**Fundraiser for the Youth Summer Mission Trip:**

**YARD SALE**

**Saturday, May 10**

**7am - noon**

**You can help us raise money by bringing in items to sell! You can drop items off at the church Mon-Fri during the hours of 9am-1pm.**



*So, Noah he built him, he built him an  
Arky, Arky....*



Thanks to **Hillyer Memorial Christian Church** in Raleigh, our children have a wonderful hand-me-down Ark to play on!

The Ark arrived, not by flood, but by truck as the children and men gathered around taking a break from their hard work on Saturday, April 12.

**...built it out of hickory barky, barky children of the Lord!**

## Covenant Coffee House

Friday, May 2

7:00-9:30pm

Come and hang out with friends and listen to  
**AWESOME LIVE MUSIC**  
Performed by: Chris Ruggero and David Healy



Our Final Fun for the Season let's enjoy the world God has created and help take care of it this Sunday, May 4. Please meet at the Bond Lake Boathouse in Cary at 3:00 p.m. to pick up litter around the park grounds. We will finish at 5:00 p.m. and head to the church for a cookout and celebration of our accomplishments for the season.

Hope to see you there!

All children, Kdgn-5<sup>th</sup> grade invited to participate. Questions?  
Contact Jody Barish: 460-2820 or [jodylb23@yahoo.com](mailto:jodylb23@yahoo.com) or Rev.  
Perry: 481-4715; [annaperry2@yahoo.com](mailto:annaperry2@yahoo.com)

## 2008 CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Christian Church in North Carolina, PO Box 1568, Wilson, North Carolina 27894  
(252)291-4047

**Deadline: May 15 for all camps**

Late fee: \$25.00

### CAMP CAROLINE

Choose Camp by Grade Completed:	Date of Camp:	Fee:	Begins	Ends
Sailing Camp for Grades 4-7	June 13-15	\$125	4:00 pm	11:00 am
Camp for Grades 1-3	June 13-15	\$125	4:00 pm	11:00 am
Camp for Grades 3-5 I	June 15-20	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
Love Camp for Grades 6-7	June 15-20	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
CYF Conference for Grades 9-12	June 22-27	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
Horse Riding Camp for Grades 3-6 **See Below	June 22-27	\$410	7:00 pm	11:00 am
Uno Camp for Grades K-1 w/1 parent or grandparent	June 28-29	\$65	11:00 am	11:00 am
Coed Sports Camp for Grades 4-7	June 30-July 4	\$300	11:00 am	11:00 am
Horseback Riding II for Grades 3-6	July 7-11	\$400	11:00 am	11:00 am
Kayak Camp for Grades 5-8	July 7-11	\$310	11:00 am	11:00 am
Created to Be Me for Grade 8	July 13-19	\$310	4:00 pm	11:00 am
Camp for Grades 3-5 II	July 20-25	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
Camp for Grades 6-7 II	July 20-25	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
Sailing Arts & Stars for Grades 4-6	July 27-31	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
Forensic Camp for Grades 6-8	August 4-8	\$310	11:00 am	11:00 am

# Covenant's Community Garden:

## "GARDEN of HOPE"

You can get involved in this wonderful outreach ministry by

### *ADOPTING the GARDEN...*

The "adopt the garden" program allows a person or group to take on responsibilities for the garden for a week. Depending on the time of the year, this might entail: watering the garden 3-4 times (every other day at least), picking and packing produce for Interfaith Food Shuttle (1-2 times per week), storing the produce in a safe place. There are also miscellaneous things like adding mulch, keeping the weeds out of the plant area, a tiny bit of mowing, continued beautification of the garden, etc. This is a chance for you to volunteer with minimal commitment even if you are super busy. I believe that the "Garden of Hope" will not only help to feed the hungry and teach underprivileged teens to cook healthy, but it will also be a place for friends/families in our congregation to reconnect with each other and God. We will send you a reminder email the week before your committed time and instructions for that week. We can also give hands on training if you would like.

If you would like to participate in our "adopt the garden" program, please contact **Tim Stiles (387-0737)**. Thanks for considering this beautiful opportunity to be involved as we find healing and reconciliation through this sacred ground.

Planting seedlings...



Earth Stewardship  
Celebration  
April 27, 2008

Teamwork is the key,  
to great success!



Thanks for all who participated and helped get  
our plants in the ground!

**Small Groups with YOU in mind:** (if you have other suggestions for additional small groups for any age, please contact Jeanne White: 342-3713 Or [jandiw@nc.rr.com](mailto:jandiw@nc.rr.com)).

### Covenant's "No Idle Hands"...

This group will meet regularly on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. This month, the meeting day falls on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Our work session is often followed by lunch together. Please join us. For more information please contact Jeanne White @ 919-342-3713.



*Ice Cream and Bond Park—  
a great summer combination!*

Mark Sunday **June 22** on your summer calendar! Buehler Shelter at Bond Park has been reserved for that day from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Bring your family to enjoy the boating and other park activities and taste some homemade ice cream. Peppermint is the traditional flavor made by the John White family. We hope others will contribute their specialty. More details will be in the June newsletter.

### *Library Corner...*

Book Reviews will alternate monthly with a list of some new books that have been added to the collection in the last four months.

#### **A – Meditation/Devotions**

- A53 God Calling, edited by A.J. Russell
- A54 Prayer is Good Medicine by Larry Dossey, M.D.
- A55 Prayer by C.H. Spurgeon
- A56 All Things are Possible Through Prayer by Charles L. Allen
- A57 Poems by Joseph S. Newton, Jr.
- A58 The Family Album eds. Arthur & Nancy DeMoss
- A59 The Book of Daily Prayer edited by Kim Martin Sadler
- A60 Desiring God by John Piper

#### **B – People of the Bible**

- B24 On the Rock by Joseph E. Wang and Anne Crumpler
- C1 & C2 A Study of Peter's Life and Ministry

#### **BL – Parenting/Teens**

- BL34 Stories for the Extreme Teen's Heart compiled by Alice Gray
- BL35 Let's Make a Memory by Gloria Gaither & Shirley Dobson
- BL36 The Christian Mom's Idea book by Ellen B. Elwell

*Sally Shelly, Reviewer*

# Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**Our love & prayers to:** Renié & Al Palmer in the recent death of her mother, Mary Nunn. Graveside services were held Sunday, April 27.

**Congratulations to:** John Taylor for making the "A" honor roll at school.

**Recent:** Hazel Brothers' nephew, Tom Brown; Art Brothers' brother, Herb Brothers; Terry White, upcoming surgery, May 2.

**Continuing Prayers for:** Flick Flickinger; Denise Loughridge; Barbara Dalberth; Mary Toney; Amarvi Thompson; Betty Johnston (Heartsfield)

**Parents of:** Ann Hall; Sharon Frost. **Mothers of:** Betsy Mebane; Melanie Bunn; Dave Deardorff; Ann Washington; Vicky Vanderford; Larry Linguist **Fathers of:** Jeremy Hopkins; Megan Larsen; Debbie Miller.

**Sons of:** Mike Joyce; Jim Johnston. **Grandfathers of:** Trey O'Quinn **Grandmothers of:** Greg Stelmack; Carolyn Allen; **Grandson of:** Mary Lou Jackson **Sisters of:** Hazel Brothers & Pam Deardorff. **Brother of:** Sharon Frost; **Aunts of:** Cathy Downs; Larry Linguist. **Uncles of:** Melanie Bunn; Roxie White

**Niece of:** Patricia Mills **Nephews of:** Melanie Bunn & Joe Busby; **Great-Nephew of:** Barishes;

**Cousins of:** Mary Lou Jackson, Barbara Crumpler; Elaine Fry; Larry Linguist; **Mother-in-law of:** Renié Palmer **Brother-in-law of:** Shirley Lucey **Sisters-in-Law of:** Hazel Brothers; Rocio Anderson & Mary Lou Jackson.

**Remembering Others:** Bill Huncik; Betty Souders; Sulay Mansaray; Duane Swihart; Christina O'Neill; Hazel Schuller; Sharon Johnson; General & Regional Church Leaders; Disciples area new church starts.

*Information that Barbara Dalberth has shared with us...if you would like to visit her Caring Bridge site and post a message, words of encouragement, card or check the calendar to see if you can help any time here is the address...<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/barbaradalberth>*

**Contact the church office: 481-4715 or [covenantcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:covenantcc@bellsouth.net) if you want any of the above names to remain on the current list after 2 weeks**

## March 2008 Financial Information

General Fund		
Beginning Balance 02.29.08		\$ (7,275.34)
Receipts		\$ 19,922.39
Disbursements		\$ (21,541.30)
Ending Balance 03.31.08		\$ (8,894.25)

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have." (Hebrews 13:16a).*

***Thanks for your continuing financial support of  
the mission & ministries of Covenant Christian Church!***

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday May 4, following 11a worship  
To approve the slate of officers for 2008-2009**

## COVENANT WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS...

**Women's Ministry Bible Study** – Our final bible from this year's New Day (study publication) theme, "Come to the Table" is Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 pm in the church. Every session stands alone, so come to one or come to all – and bring a friend! Our next bible study series should start in September.

### ***We Still Need Your Recipes!***

The women's ministry is putting together a cookbook, "Come to the Table," to sell at the 2008 Fun Raiser/Craft Fair. The purple fuzzy basket outside Mary Lou's office awaits your recipes for a church-wide cookbook, "Come to the Table. We want to be able to sell them at the October 2008 Fun Raiser/Craft Fair. The few recipes that have been submitted are a bit lonely...So, let's fill up that fuzzy basket ASAP with the favorite recipes of our church family (men, women & children); also consider including a sentence or two about why you chose that particular recipe(s). Questions? Contact Elisa Yanchunas (656-7078) or Patty Cole (388-2556).

### **CWF Christmount Summer Retreat...**

**Friday, August 9 – Sunday 10, 2008**

**Registration Fee is \$20 if in by July 20... \$25.00 after July 20**

**Absolute deadline is August 1**

**You might want to get your information in early so you stand a better chance of getting Housing you prefer.**

**Forms are available in the entryway to the Sanctuary.**

**For more information contact Elisa Yanchunas (656-7078)**

**or Patty Cole (388-2556).**

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### **DISCIPLES MEN Helping Out...**

We had some great programs during April with our NC State-Duke baseball game with over 20 present. Next day we worked with the Kids-to-Kids to cut out the underbrush so Covenant can be seen from Cary Parkway (and can we ever!). We need one more day during May to finish up the cutting). We also supported the CMF Banquet at the Regional Assembly and delightful attended the CWF banquet with Valerie Melvin speaking.

During May we will have a **Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 10**, with a program and then some chain sawing to finish up the clearing along Cary Parkway. In June we hope to have a solid contingent of men for the **Camp Caroline Men's Retreat on June 6-7**. Mike Shannon from Chapel Hill Christian Church will be the Keynote. For questions, see/call/email Bob Kennel ([557-0847](tel:557-0847)/[Bkennel@aol.com](mailto:Bkennel@aol.com)) or Mike Joyce (395-8746/[Michael\\_joyce@ncsu.edu](mailto:Michael_joyce@ncsu.edu)) .

*Bob Kennel, Secretary*

### **Covenant's New Web Site**

Some months ago, a team worked to determine what the Covenant web site should contain. The objectives are (1) to make Covenant more visible to those seeking church membership and (2) to provide information to members about Covenant's activities and events. A variety of church web sites were reviewed and rated in terms of content, ease of use, and appearance. The output of the team went to David Hamm, our dedicated webmaster, who has created an outstanding web site. The new site features lots of photos of activities, photos of the staff, as well as information on worship and who we are. There is a new calendar as well as favorites such as Joanne's Blog and the newsletter. And, there is even more to be added in the future. Thanks to David for his significant (and on-going) contribution and to all those who were part of this effort: (Joanne Verburg, Roxie White, Chris Hitch, Ann Taska, Jerry Hall, and John White).

Reminder: You want to be sure to "bookmark" the site on your browser, so that you can get to it quickly. We would prefer that you bookmark rather than using Google or Yahoo search, which distorts our web statistics. <http://www.covenantchristianchurch-cary.org/> Check it out!!!

P.S. For our new calendar you will see that I have used \* for birthdays and + for anniversaries as we have in the past. *Mary Lou*



## May Servants

### Elders

Jack Reilly & Kathy Smith

### Deacons

Brad & Darla Baldwin, Ken Hoffman

### Childcare Helper – Nursery/Toddlers

- 4 Marian Hartman
- 11 Rosalyn Thompson
- 18 Beth Kearney
- 25 Ann Hall

### Children's Sunday School

#### Preschool

Darla & Brad Baldwin

#### K – 1<sup>st</sup>

Melanie Bunn

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Renie Palmer

### Children's Church

#### Preschool—Bible Buddies

- 4 Rev. Perry
- 11 Rocio Anderson
- 18 Patricia Mills
- 25 Patricia Mills

### Young Disciples

#### Grades 1st-3rd

Remain in Worship  
Rev. Perry  
Laura Murray  
Pam Deardorff

### Worship Greeters

- 4 Brad Baldwin
- 11
- 18 Darla Baldwin
- 25 Ken Hoffman

### Invitation Ministry Team for May

#### Greeters

- 4
- 11 Ann & Ron Taska
- 18 Karen Nolan
- 25 Jeanne & John White

#### Bread Makers

Jeanne White  
Ann Taska  
Sally Shelly  
Priscilla Glasener

#### Bread Delivery

Carole Tyler  
Ted & Priscilla Glasener  
Betsy Mebane  
Ted & Priscilla Glasener

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY EVENTS (unless otherwise noted)

THE GATHERING 9:00a

COFFEE TIME 9:45a

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 - 10.45a FOR ALL AGES

WORSHIP 11:00a

Children's Church

Bible Buddies (Ages 3 — Kindergarten)

Young Disciples (1st—3rd Grade)

*(Childcare for Infants & Toddlers or all events)*

KIDS2KIDS

*Check Newsletter or Calendar for Schedule*

Choir Practice—Thursday 7:30—9:00p

### ***Here's a Word from Mary Lou...***

Updated Membership Lists are available via email... just call me or email the church office and I will send you the attachment...or you can pick up a copy on the table outside the church office.

Attendance Counts! Please remember to sign the attendance registry and pass it down your row even if the Worship Leader forgets to ask you to do so...We need to know when you're here for worship; church school; meetings and events. The names of our guests are important to Invitation Ministry too!

If you have any changes in your address; email contact; phone number, college addresses of your son or daughter; or other important contact information, please let me know so we can keep everything current...

***Thanks, Mary Lou, Administrative Assistant***