

# 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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## *Summer Time and the Livin' Is...*

...not necessarily "easy." It seems filled to the brim with all kinds of activities and plans here at Covenant. We kicked off our summer with a fun picnic and homemade ice cream. It was good to see many members and guests turn out to simply enjoy one another's company and have a time to engage in great conversations. Thanks to the Membership/Hospitality Ministry for making it all happen! Be sure to read through the entire newsletter and take note of the calendar so you won't miss out on anything that's planned for July and beyond. And be sure to invite others to join with us... *Blessings, Joanne*

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## *Rev. Perry Resigns as Associate Minister for Children & Youth*

Sunday, June 8, the General Board received with great regret the resignation of Rev. Anna Perry as our Associate Minister., effective Sunday, August 10. Anna has been accepted in the Clinical Pastoral Care Program at WakeMed Raleigh for the coming year. Our prayers are with her and Casey as she pursues this new calling. We will celebrate Anna's four year ministry with us on Sunday, August 10 during the Vacation Bible School Celebration following the 11am worship. Details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

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## *Hymn Sing Returns July 6*

We begin July with a Hymn Sing on Sunday, July 6 at 11am. It's been a while since we have had a Hymn Sing Sunday as we join our voices in singing some of your favorite hymns. It's a great opportunity to sing the songs that you hold near and dear. If you want to make sure that YOUR favorite is selected, email your requests to the church office [covenantcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:covenantcc@bellsouth.net) before the bulletin is printed on Thursday morning July 3. We look forward to receiving your requests and including them in the service of worship.

*Carole Tyler, Director of Music Ministries*

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**Attention: ALL Covenant Members & Guests**

**Mark Your Calendars Now! Circle the Date!**

**Annual Church Wide Planning Event.**

**Saturday, July 12 8:30a-12:30p Childcare Provided**

We kick-off our Annual Program Year with an opportunity for every man, woman, youth and child among our Covenant members and guests to bring any and all program ideas and suggestions that you would like Covenant to consider in the coming program year.

We begin with a continental breakfast, followed by planning in one of our 3 program ministry groups: Outreach/Nurture/Stewardship. It's a great time to get to know others in the congregation as we work together to strengthen the ministries of our church family—and to have fun doing so! Need more encouragement? More Info?

Contact Karen Nolan, Moderator (467-4507 [kdnolan@bellsouth.net](mailto:kdnolan@bellsouth.net));

Brad Baldwin, Vice-Moderator (789-3375 [bbaldwin@carolinahearinggroup.com](mailto:bbaldwin@carolinahearinggroup.com) or

Rev. VerBurg, 481-4715; [covenantcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:covenantcc@bellsouth.net)

***Installation of 2008-09 Officers & Leaders and  
Recognition of Outgoing Officers & Leaders  
Sunday, July 13 during 11am Worship***

God has always blessed us with good and effective officers and leaders. And we want to take time to honor those who have served us these past 2 years and we want to pray God's blessings upon those who have recently been selected to lead us in the coming year. So with grateful hearts we will thank God for all who serve and lead us so well as we prepare to move into this next phase of God's future. Please keep our leaders and our ministries in your prayers as we gather the strength and resources for living in these exciting and challenging days for the Church at large and for Covenant in particular.

***Jerry & Ann Hall, Co-chairs of the 2008-09 Deacons remind all new Deacons of a training session immediately following the 11am worship that day. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.***

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***Two Good Ways to Stay in Touch This Summer!***

***Sing Out Loud!  
Every Thursday during July!***

All members and guests are invited to gather with the choir from 7:30 to 8:30pm each Thursday evening in July. If you think of yourself as a non-singer, you are still encouraged to come and lip sync, defined in Webster's dictionary as "...mouthing the words." We'll learn some new hymns and choruses as well as singing some old favorites while having lots of fun at the same time! All are welcome!

***Got Communion?  
Mid-Week Worship  
Wednesday Evenings, 7:30-8:00pm***

Traditional school's out and other children are busy tracking in and out...and the pace begins to slow a bit even if you still have to work. Summer is here and that means many of you will be taking vacations, attending out of town weddings, birthdays, class reunions or simply a weekend getaway or two. As we are scattered in so many different directions, it's hard to stay in touch on a regular basis.

One of the best things about being a community of faith is that no matter who's here, we celebrate and praise God together in worship. And when you can't be here for worship on Sundays, we want to at least provide another time to be in touch with one another. That makes our mid-week worship all the more important. So for those weeks when Sunday isn't an option, take time out for Wednesday night worship from 7:30-8 pm. It's a Taizé service which simply means a quiet service of prayer, meditation and simple songs of praise. The Table is set every week and bids you welcome as we also share the Bread & Cup together. Childcare is provided.

# Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## Our Love & prayers are with:

Ginny Flickinger and family in the recent death of her husband, William Carlton (Flick) Flickinger...

...Georgia Meece and family in the recent death of her husband, Dr. Bernard (Bernie) C. Meece, retired former Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in NC. A memorial service is scheduled for July 1 in Lexington, KY...

...the family of Sharon Johnson, best friend of Mary Lou Jackson...

...family of Carole Tyler's cousin, Sam Coleman, in the recent death of his wife, Betty...

**Recent:** Patricia Mills; **Congratulations** Carolyn & Larry Linguist, who are expecting their third child...

**Continuing Prayers for:** Sharon Garrett; Denise Loughridge; Barbara Dalberth; Mary Toney; Betty Johnston (Heartsfield); tornado & flood victims in the Midwest...

**Parents of:** Ann Hall; Sharon Frost. **Mothers of:** Betsy Mebane; Melanie Bunn; Dave Deardorff; **Fathers of:** Jeremy Hopkins; Megan Larsen; Debbie Miller. **Son of:** Jim Johnston.

**Grandfathers of:** Trey O'Quinn. **Grandmothers of:** Greg Stelmack; Carolyn Allen;

**Grandson of:** Mary Lou Jackson. **Sisters of:** Hazel Brothers & Kathy Smith; Sharon Garrett;

**Brothers of:** Mary Lou Jackson; Art Brothers; Sharon Frost; **Aunts of:** Betsy Mebane, Dick Reaves; 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; **Brother-in-law of:** Shirley Lucey; **Sisters-in-Law of:** Hazel Brothers; Rocio Anderson & Mary Lou Jackson.

**Remembering Others:** Chris Westbrook; Rev. Greg Brown; Sharon Nash; Janet White; Dianne Moore; Bill Huncik; Betty Souders; Christina O'Neill; Hazel Schuller; General & Regional Church Leaders; Disciples area new church starts.

**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.**

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## May 2008 Financial Information

General Fund		
Beginning Balance 04.30.08		\$ (11,534.50)
Receipts		\$ 53,866.58*
Disbursements		\$ (19,962.86)
Ending Balance 05.30.08		\$ 22,369.22

\*The monthly Receipts reflect a surplus from the recent mortgage refinancing with the RTP Credit Union

***“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!***



***Week of Compassion Offering at Work on Our Behalf!  
We might not be able to help in person,  
But our dollars can be!***

If you want to help the people who are in the destructive path of the Mississippi River, know that when you give through our denomination's Week of Compassion, 100% of your donation goes directly to the people in need—no administrative costs like so many of the other advertised disaster relief agencies.

Please make your check out to Covenant Christian Church and put "Week of Compassion Flood Relief" on the memo line; send it to the church office or bring it with you to worship.

***Thanks for your generous support.***

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***"GARDEN of HOPE"  
Covenant's Community Garden***

***ADOPT the GARDEN...***

Our Garden of Hope is aptly name and is coming along quite nicely. In fact it won't be long until we are harvesting cucumbers & tomatoes to support the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle as we feed the hungry in our community. Go to: <http://www.foodshuttle.org> to see how this all works.

We continue to seek volunteers for our "adopt the garden" program for a week. Individuals, families, groups take on responsibilities for the garden for a week. Depending on the time of the year and the weather, you may find yourself: 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.

When's the last time you were invited to play in the dirt? It is so personally enriching to dig in the dirt and provide sustenance for the plants. Working in the garden is an opportunity for friends/families in our congregation to reconnect with each other, the earth and God. We even offer "hands-on training" so you will feel comfortable about what's expected.

Plenty of weeks are still open in July, August & September. If you would like to participate in our "adopt the garden" program, please contact Tim Stiles (387-0737) or sign up in the church entryway. We'll also send you a reminder email the week before your committed time and instructions for that week.

***Thanks for considering this beautiful opportunity  
as we find healing & reconciliation through this sacred ground.***

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

Several of us meet regularly to create handwork items to share with people in need. Recently we dedicated caps for newborns; children's sweaters; hats for chemo patients. This group meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. Our next meeting is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Our work session is often followed by going to lunch together. Come check it out... For more information, contact Jeanne White: 342-3713 or [jandjw@nc.rr.com](mailto:jandjw@nc.rr.com)

# Calling All Children, Youth & Adult Volunteers!



**Sunday, August 3-Friday, August 7**

**6:30-8:30pm**

**3 year olds-5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Adult Class too!**

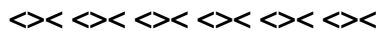
**We will celebrate the close of VBS during the 11am worship, Sunday, August 10 followed by a picnic lunch & fun music presented by the Sandbox Players!**

**Invite your friends , family and neighbors!**



**Come and be a part of  
Surfin' Through the Scriptures**

**Registration Forms are now available in the church entryway!**



**Ready, Set, Go!**

**The mission team is off to Louisiana July 19-26.**

Fourteen of us will head for the Gulf Coast to work on the North shore of Lake Pontchartrain, primarily in the community of Slidell, LA. We will be staying at Grace Disciples of Christ Church in Covington, Louisiana along with First Christian Church (DoC), Somerset, KY.

This work trip is organized through Disciples Home Missions, who have partnered with The Louisiana United Methodist Missions Ministry. According to our Mission Station Manager, Josh Baird, "much progress has been made in St. Tammany parish and they are already transitioning into New Orleans East, Chalmette, and other neighborhoods."

We are excited to be joining the many others who have traveled across the country to help rebuild this area devastated by Hurricane Katrina and to offer our support as Disciples of Christ. We thank all you for your generous support of our fundraisers; and are grateful to the Week of Compassion for a \$500 grant. Please continue to pray for us as we share in ministry together as the Body of Christ!

### ***Mission Team:***

Joshua Brahm, Carol Carson, Hunt Cassell, Ashleigh DeMartin, Jim Johnston, Phama Johnston, Drew Kidwell, Megan Larsen, Don Lucey, Shirley Lucey, Anna Perry, Casey Perry, Madison Rivers and Jacob Sisson

## COVENANT MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS...

### Disciples Men Desire to Help the Church:

The Disciples Men have committed to do more for Covenant than the usual buildings & grounds work or their monthly fellowship breakfasts. We plan to meet with the church staff to see how we might be able to use our talents and gifts. We will also share and seek ideas during the Church wide Planning meeting, July 12 and during our upcoming August 2 program breakfast. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters and bulletins. Plan now to attend the Church wide planning meeting to share your ideas. Also you are encouraged to contact Mike Joyce, President or Bob Kennel, Secretary to discuss your thoughts and suggestions. Please come to the meetings to be announced and share your thoughts with President Mike Joyce and Secretary Bob Kennel.

*Bob Kennel, Secretary*

### *Library Corner...*

#### *Check It Out!*

#### *Come explore Covenant's Library!*

*There are many books to capture your imagination and help you grow along your spiritual journey. Add these to your Summer Reading List:*

Continued list of additions to the collection...

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C20 First Christians by Paul Maier

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Ch52 Believing three ways in one God by Univ. of Notre Dame

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Gr37 At the Lord's Table by Carlton Buck

Gr38 The Elder at the Lord's Table by Thomas Tobler

Gr39 The place of Sacraments in Worship by J. Daniel Joyce

Gr40 Resources for Worship by Clarice Bowman

Gr41 Effective Speech Communication in Leading Worship by Charles Bartow

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L39 You Are One of us by Lisa Gwyther

L40 How to Develop a Tithing Church by Charlie Shedd

L41 Funeral Meditations by William Baird, Sr.

L42 & 62 The Christian Elder; A Primer by D. Hoadley

L43 New Models for Creative Giving by Raymond Knudson

L44 New Models for Financing the Local Church by Association Press

L45 Money and the Church by Luther Powell

L46 Wooden Chalice by Kenneth Kuntz

*Sally Shelly, Reviewer*



# HAPPY SUMMER!

## COVENANT'S UPCOMING COOKBOOK:

June 30<sup>th</sup> was the original deadline to submit your recipes to Covenant's Cookbook, "**Come to the Table.**" We are extending the deadline to **July 13**. We are delighted to report that we have over 50 recipes, but many more are needed. So get busy and rummage through your cookbooks, drawers, between the cushions, under pillows, anywhere you hide them, to find your favorite recipes that you'd like to include. We're planning to sell the cookbooks at our next Fall Fun(d) Raiser/Craft Fair in October.

Recipes can be left in the purple, fuzzy basket outside of Mary Lou's office OR you may email them to the church office: [covenantcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:covenantcc@bellsouth.net) OR snail-mail them to the church. Include your name with each recipe and any additional tribute or remarks about the recipe. Contact Patty Cole at 388-2556 or [patriciacole@bellsouth.net](mailto:patriciacole@bellsouth.net) with any comments, questions or feedback in general regarding the cookbook.

**COOKBOOK MEETING:** If you are interested, save the date, July 27 (time will be announced closer to the date) to help with the production plan for the cookbook as we determine specific assignments, layout, pricing, etc. Bring any and all creative ideas.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY HOSTED THE REGIONAL CABINET

Covenant was delighted to host the Women's Ministry Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. About 25 women from around North Carolina came for a day of training with Associate Regional Minister, Rev. Valerie Melvin. Once again, the women of Covenant came through the help make this event a real success. We supplied the continental breakfast and lunch, and we are accepting donations to defray the expense of the food. We'd be very appreciative if you'd like to donate a dollar or two toward these expenses. (If writing a check please make it out to the church, and note in the memo that it will go toward the Women's Ministry Cabinet meeting).

### *Calling All Covenant Women!*

*It's Time for the Annual Christian Women's Fellowship Retreat  
at Christmount (our camp and conference center in Black Mountain, NC)*

*Friday, August 9 – Sunday 10, 2008*

Keynote Speaker is Rev. Penny Ziemer, highlighting the 2008 study theme,

***"Whose Voice is It?" Learning to Listen for God-***

A great weekend of spirituality & fellowship is planned.

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

Absolute deadline is August 1--Register as soon as you possibly can!

Covenant has 2 cabins reserved with room left for a few more women.

A Covenant Rafting Trip After-Session is planned for Monday, August 11.

Questions? Contact Ann Washington: 919-601-3447 or [annpw@hotmail.com](mailto:annpw@hotmail.com)

Registration forms are available in the entryway to the Sanctuary or you can register online:

[www.christmount.org](http://www.christmount.org)

**Never Too Early to Plan Ahead!**  
**Talent/Un-Talent Night, Sunday Night, September 7**  
**Hide Your Light Under a Bushel? NO!**

We all remember the song we were taught as children referring to the scripture in Matthew 5:15. "...No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel, but on the lampstand, and **it gives light to all in the house.**" Knowing what talent resides in each of us, I hope that you will begin to think about what you, your family, or a group of you can do to enliven and enrich our annual Talent/Un-Talent Night.

This is one of Covenant's most cherished and delightfully fun events. Sharing your talent helps shine the light of laughter, joy, and pleasure in our Covenant community. What a treat to hear Art Brothers play his harmonica or some of our choir members singing jingles about recycling and free trade coffee. Did you miss the golf ball juggle or karate chop last year? Do you play an instrument? Start practicing now and you can perform your baton twirling (You know who you are)!

Put Sunday, September 7, on your calendar NOW and plan to participate as a performer or cheering on others. We'll begin with a light supper—details forthcoming. Childcare is provided.

**Let this be THE show that's talked about for years to come!**

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

**Updated Membership Directories** are available via email, in the entryway and outside the church office... just call me or email the church office and I will send you the attachment...or you can pick up one when you're here. Please contact the church office to let me know of any changes in address; phone; email so I will have the necessary updated information.

**Attendance Counts!** Please remember to sign the attendance registry and pass it down the row during worship at 9a and 11a. (even if the Worship Leader forgets to remind you) We also like to keep accurate attendance records for church school; studies; meetings and events. The names of our guests are important to Invitation Ministry too!

*Thanks, Mary Lou, Administrative Assistant*