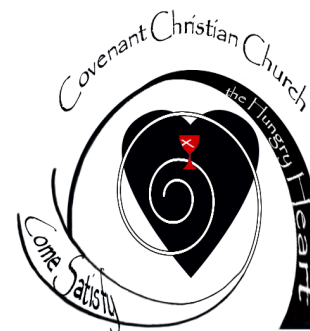


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Worship: 9:00am & 11:00am Christian Education for All Ages: 10:00am
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The Covenant Connection!

I recently mentioned a conversation I once had with a tribal Elder of the Yakima Indian Nation as he told the story of his ancestral respect and love for the earth. He told it in such a way that I immediately felt a sacredness that comes out of the strong ties that he and his ancestors have had with all aspects of nature. He talked of how they only took what they absolutely needed, and how they gave thanks to the Creator God when having to take any part of it for themselves. Then he looked at me and said, ***“All things are connected, you know...”***

What a great statement! Not just when we're speaking as caregivers of the Earth, but when we are sharing life together as friends and family; as this church family; in our relationship with the greater Church... ***“All things are connected, you know...”***

I also believe that this faith statement is the key to any and all relationships with all of God's children. When we finally “get it” we begin to see, God and to know, to feel, one another's joys and one another's sorrows and challenges. And when this happens, it is then we can truly begin to discover what it means to be faithful to God's call; to discover solutions about sharing our wealth of time, talent, energy & finances with those in need.

“All things are connected, you know...”

How wonderful it is to experience life with you as a church family. I see so many examples of how we are growing in our understanding of what it means to be connected to God, to one another and those whom we serve. Our leadership is committed to growing spiritually as they tackle some of the difficult decisions that guide us, that keep us faithful to our calling as the Church along our journey of faith. We come to see and experience God at every turn...and as we do, we even dare to take off our shoes along the way...for we know this is holy ground...

“All things are connected, you know...” 3 Cheers for the Covenant Connection!

Blessings, Joanne

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Church Membership Class Begins The Journey...

Tom Evett, son of Ginny & Sam Evett; Becky Layko, daughter of Debbi & Matt Layko; Andrew Stiles, son of Becky & Tim Stiles & Katherine White, daughter of Terry & Roxie White; are embarking on an important part of their spiritual journey as they learn and grow in their faith. They will be wrestling with the same questions of faith with which each of us has wrestled or continues to wrestle. The challenges of faith are only beginning for them as they learn how to express the many ways God has always been at work in their young lives.

Soon they will make their way throughout the congregation as they watch you in times of worship, in the hallways, as we eat meals together and play together; even in times of business meetings. They'll be asking you questions and learning from you as you share with them what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and what it means to be a responsible and committed member of the Church. They will begin to understand that they cannot grow in their faith without the love and support of God, their families and this loving church family. Let them know how proud you are of them and that you are upholding them with your love and prayers...it's what church families do, you know...☺

And Now a WORD from Your Moderator...

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 17, following both worship services for the purpose of approving the 2009-10 slate of Officers & Leaders. Absentee Ballots will be available in the church office beginning Friday, May 8 and via email, if you will not be able to be present for the meeting. The following nominees were approved at the April 19th General Board meeting:

Moderator	Karen Nolan
Vice-Moderator	Derek Rutledge
Clerk	Robin Miller
Historian	Sally Shelly
Treasurer	Kathy Smith
Assistant Treasurer	decision pending
Trustee - Class of 2014	Debbie Miller
Elders – Class of 2011	Renie Palmer, Craig Paul; (2 positions w/decisions pending)
Deacons – Class of 2011	Rocio Anderson
	Ginny Evett
	Sam Evett
	Jim Hartman
	Marian Hartman
	Beth Kearney
	Jeff Miller
	Jack Riley (filling a one year expired term of Renie Palmer)
Youth Deacon	Alex Rivers

THANK YOU to the Nominating Committee for their good work: Amy Rutledge, chair; Dennis Duryea, Catherine Sisson, Ann Washington, Jerry Hall, and Kevin Sloop.

You will find a Progress Report on our 2009 *Grow with Covenant* Financial Plan on page 3 of this newsletter. We are still accepting *Grow with Covenant* pledge cards for recording your increased annual pledge and commitments to support our fund raisers for 2009 in support of the financial plan you have endorsed.

Other News:

- (1) We have engaged an outside auditing firm to do our 2008 Financial Review and Agreed upon Procedures review. This work will be done from mid-May through early June.
- (2) The General Board has approved the Memorial and Honor Funds Policy to help guide our process for receiving and disbursing these funds.
- (3) All the Ministry Groups are hard at work and you may read about many of their activities elsewhere in this newsletter.

And finally...I am VERY HAPPY to report our new church sign is installed and lighted, so drive by at night and appreciate the two-year saga of working with the Town of Cary to get it approved and installed; and take time to THANK DEBBIE MILLER for her patience, perseverance and determination in making it happen!

Thank you, Karen Nolan, Moderator

2009 Financial Plan Status

As you recall from the February 15 congregational meeting, the congregation agreed to a four-point financial plan with actions to support our growth in staff, programs, and membership. Below you'll find an update on each of those action items:

Action 1: Increase gifts and pledges from within the congregation.

- 23 gifts and pledges received = \$9,258 (\$3,953 cash received, \$5,305 pledges to be paid by December 31, 2009) -- 58% of our goal
- 27 Grow with Covenant cards returned with either increased pledges, commitments to work at a fundraiser, or both.

Action 2: *Unbind the Gospel* and grow our congregation

- Guests abound at Covenant as we strive to provide an open, inviting environment for all who worship at Covenant. The Senior Minister and Elders continue to grow the shepherding groups to make guests feel welcome and answer any questions they may have about spiritual life at Covenant.

Action 3: Raise funds with additional fundraisers.

- Special thanks to Debbie and Jerry Miller for sponsoring the wonderful barbecue fundraiser at their home. A total of 120 tickets were sold generating \$1,200 in profit, and a relaxing evening of fellowship was had by all who attended.
- Spring Daze Arts & Crafts Festival took place at Bond Park in Cary on April 25. Covenant's booth was staffed by volunteers with profits coming back to the church. Our net profit from this event is \$1,959.60
- Additional fundraisers have been presented to the Board and planning is underway for other fundraisers this year, including:
 - A pancake breakfast & plant sale
 - Script/gift card purchases with percentage of proceeds benefiting Covenant
 - Lazy Daze Arts & Crafts Festival, August 22; additional barbecue fundraisers hosted by Debbie and Jerry Miller

Action 4: Reduce budget and cover operating expenses with dedicated gifts where possible.

- The Board unanimously approved \$4,050 in budget reductions from spending cuts and dedicated gifts at the April 19 meeting.
- An additional \$4,800 is being examined by the financial task force for future reductions if necessary.

Thank you to all who continue to support these actions as we strive to provide the growth in ministries to support our congregation and our community! ***Derek Rutledge***

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 17 following the 9a & 11a services
To Consider the 2009-10 Slate of Officers & Leaders

Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Our Love & Prayers are with: Jeremy & Suzanne Hopkins & family in the recent death of his grandfather in TX .

Recent: Bob Kennel ; Terry White; Marian Crowe's son, Larry Dailey; Chris Campbell; Elisa Huncik; Helen Lott (C. Tyler's sister)...

Continuing Prayers: Sharon Garrett **At home:** Kelly Hurley; Al Palmer; Mary Toney; Betty Johnston;

Parents of: Sharon Frost; Ann Hall, Mark Huncik. **Mothers of:** Teresa DeMartin; Vicky Vanderford.

Fathers of: Jeremy Hopkins; Patty Cole; Megan Larsen; Debbie Miller; Bob Nolan; **Daughters of:** Ken & Glenda Hoffman; Sally Shelly. **Sons of:** Jim Johnston; Kathy Smith; Donna Jones. **Grandfathers of:** Trey O'Quinn

Grandmothers of: Greg Stelmack; Carolyn Allen. **Sisters of:** Jack Reilly; Gerry Tokanel; Hazel Brothers.

Brother of: Art Brothers; **Aunts of:** Melanie Fagert; Larry Linguist. **Uncle of:** Jeremy Hopkins.

Nephews of: Gerry Tokanel; Joe Busby; Melanie Bunn; Terry White. **Great-Nephew of:** Barishes;

Cousins of: Lynn Wright; Glenda Hoffman; Mary Lou Jackson, Elaine Fry; **Sisters-in-Law of:** Hazel Brothers; Mary Lou Jackson...

Remembering Others: Tony Egitto; Dr. Jim Seale; Bob & Trudy Kibby; Kaira Wagoner & Renaldo Diaz; Jennifer Stancel; Michelle (Fry Friend); Karen Keel; Philip & Megan Laci; Hazel Schuller; Rosie Stockbridge; General & Regional Church Leaders; Disciples new church starts.

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

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Congratulations to: Marilyn Williams, who has been nominated to serve our denomination, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as 2nd Vice-Moderator for 2009-2011. She will be installed at the General Assembly in Indianapolis, IN, July 29-August 2. What an awesome privilege! Covenant's so very proud of you, Marilyn!

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Garden of Hope...Growing Quickly! Come and See!

Here's another chance to dig in the dirt...this Saturday, May 2, 9 – 11a...

Now that the garden's been blessed, we need to continue to do our part to make it grow. We'll finish planting and mulching in the garden and a bit of weeding too! If you have ideas for the garden or plan on helping contact Tim & Becky Stiles at 387-0737; or better yet, show up this Saturday and discuss your ideas!

We need volunteers to sign up to be:

soil preparers, planters, advertisers, harvesters, weeders & sellers. How 'bout YOU?

Come be a part of "sprouting up" the Garden of Hope. Come check out the freshly decorated stepping stones—a nice added touch!

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Disciples Men Soon to Gather with Others!

Mark your calendars now for the **NC Disciples Men's Retreat at Camp Caroline, May 29-30.**

Our speaker will be Dr. Richard (Rick) Lowery, an outstanding and humorous Hebrew Testament scholar/professor; currently serving as the Interim Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lexington Theological Seminary. He is also married to our General Minister & President, Dr. Sharon Watkins. Let Bob Kennel know of your interest in attending:

919-557-0847; BKennel@aol.com

Bob Kennel, Secretary

Outreach Ministry News

From the **Green** Team..Some **Green** Facts!

Did you know: Health experts encourage us to eat more fish---but did you know all fish are not “created equal”? Some fish have high levels of mercury and PCB’s and others are dangerously over-fished. Here is a quick primer:

Eco-Best

Anchovies
Char, Arctic (farmed)
Mackerel, Atlantic
Mussels
Oysters (farmed)

Sablefish (Alaska/Canada)
Salmon, wild (Alaska)
Trout, rainbow (farmed)

Tuna, albacore (US/Canada)

All Eco-Best Fish »

Eco-OK

Clams (wild)
Cod, Pacific (trawl)
Crab, snow/tanner
Flounder/sole (Pacific)
Lobster, American/Maine

Scallops, sea (US/Canada)
Sardines, Pacific (U.S.)
Squid

Tilapia (Latin America)

Tuna, canned light
|| Eco-OK Fish »

Eco-Worst

Chilean sea bass
Grouper
Orange roughy
Rockfish (trawl)
Salmon
farmedAtlantic
Shark
Swordfish (imported)
Tilefish(Gulf of
Mexico/S.Atlantic)
Tuna
(bigeye/yellowfin)
imported longline)
Tuna, bluefin

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Remember to Bring Your Food Donations for **Urban Ministries**...

The food pantries in Wake Co. are depleting at record amounts.
Let’s fill the baskets to overflowing in the church entryway with:

Canned beans (black, pinto, kidney and pork & beans)
Soups; Mac & Cheese

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SPECIAL STUDY OPPORTUNITY STARTING THIS SUNDAY...

“It’s Gods World: Christian, Creation and Global Warming”

Sundays, 10am May 3 – May 24. In the Sanctuary

Each week is a “stand-alone” session, so you can come to one or all! This study is being co-sponsored by the Hot Topics Sunday School class and the Green Team.

“The Earth and all that is in it belongs to God” Ps. 24:1.

As Christians we are called to celebrate and care for creation.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Your Outreach Coordinators, Marian jimarian@nc.rr.com & Ro rthompsonct@aol.com

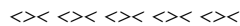


Kids2Kids

A huge thank you goes out to all the April workers. Please check out the beautiful stepping stones, the meditation area with bench, and the planted herbs and flowers. We are grateful for the help from Randy Holste, Mike Joyce, and Tim Stiles who made all these projects possible.

Our Kids to Kids "year" is winding down and we'll have our last get-together on Sunday, May 17, at Bond Park. Please plan to meet at Buehler Shelter (beside the boathouse) at 12:30 p.m. for a cookout and celebration. At 2:00 p.m., we'll pick up litter through Bond Park as a way to keep our community clean and green.

In addition to our Kids to Kids gang, we'd like to also invite the families of all rising Kindergartners, so they can learn what Kids to Kids is all about. If you have any questions, please contact Jay or Jody Barish at 460-2820.



Children & Youth Volunteer Training

The staff and Children's Ministry volunteers at Covenant are hosting information/training session(s) for all who are interested in getting involved with the children/youth ministries.

A lot of you have voiced an interest in getting more involved with the children and youth so we thought this would be the best way to involve as many of you as possible. We have scheduled 3 identical training sessions during May:

May 3rd after 9 AM worship or after **11 AM worship** or **May 17th after 9 AM worship**. Sessions will be no more than 20 minutes and are simply designed to give you an overview of what's involved and specific guidelines for teaching/assisting during Children's Church. **NO OBLIGATIONS** for checking it all out!

During each session we are focusing on several things:

- *1) For those of you who have a passion and desire for classroom teaching we hope to focus on "the basics" (what's offered for our children, what does it look like, where do/will we need help, & where are the supplies/curriculum/materials located.) We also want to discuss, albeit briefly, strategies that can help with classroom management and behavior modification as well to cover all of our bases and to ease your mind.
- *2) For those of you who have gifts outside of the classroom and want to help behind the scenes there will be information for you as well. You will have the opportunity to listen to our needs and desires and be an active participant in helping us figure out what else could be missing and how you could help us fill that void -utilizing your strengths and passions of course!

Covenant is a great place where we can all learn and live out our faith together, lets show our children/youth what it is like to be a **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY!**

For more information or further questions don't hesitate to contact Randy at the church office: (919) 481-4715 or e-mail him at randy-ccc@bellsouth.net.

Thanks to YOU! Covenant Laid a Golden Egg!



To all of you who attended this year's Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza, it sounded like you enjoyed it! And for all of you who helped - THANK YOU once again for all of your hard work and dedication! We were able to hand out over 7 BIG bags of candy, 30+ goodie bags, 30+ buckets (each holding at least +/-3 dyed eggs), 30+ tubs of play dough, dozens of stickers, pencils, and trinkets. Congratulations to our 3 Grand Prize Winners: Fabrizio Anderson, Eli Baldwin, & Owen Rutledge who received 3 chocolate Easter crosses & 3 Free VBS Tee-shirt vouchers. We'll have fond memories of the 2009 Easter Egg Hunt thanks to all of you who helped and/or participated! Life is Good Covenant, Life is Good!

Thanks for coming together and making this a very special Easter!

If any of you have any questions or comments with regards to this year's event, please contact Randy any time: randy-ccc@bellsouth.net or 919-481-4715.

Dates to Remember!

June 5-7th: Worship & Wonder Storyteller Training. Greenville, NC.



June 28th - July 2nd: D.A.W.G - Mission week for all CYF

July 12-16th: Vacation Bible School (Evening hours)

August 1-8th: CYF Mission Trip (New Orleans, LA)



Are you ready for "Camp Edge"?

This year's Vacation Bible School experience is on its way and we don't want YOU to miss this adrenaline pumping adventure!

Mark your calendars NOW for July 12-16! (evening hours).

You don't want to miss this one - ALL ARE WELCOME! Tell your friends to save the dates too!

If you want to take it to "THE EDGE" or you want to learn more, please contact Randy Holste: 919-481-4715; randy-ccc@bellsouth.net.

Children, Worship & What?

For those of you who may not know, Covenant is planning to change its 11 AM curriculum for Children's Church beginning in the Fall. We're excited about offering the innovative educational program, "Children's Worship & Wonder"

What Is It...Really?

*Children's Worship & Wonder offers an exciting way to approach faith formation with children. The approach recognizes children as spiritual beings who already have a relationship with God. Children Worship & Wonder can be used with children ranging in age from 3 to 13 and a wide age range can be grouped together in one class. It's a Montessori-based model and often works wonders with children who have attention deficit problems. For more information about Worship and Wonder check out Disciples Home Missions page: www.disciples.org

How Can I Be an Active Participant?

*Sound intriguing? Want to learn more about CW&W? Are you're interested in helping Covenant plan, develop or implement this phenomenal ministry? If so, we are interested in putting your interest, talent & energy to good use! Contact Randy Holste at the church office @ 481-4715 or randy-ccc@bellsouth.net for more information. There is much to do and we need all the assistance we can get to help us get off to a good start..

How Can I Support This New Ministry?

*We know that some of you may be saying "I'm not a teacher", "I don't know what to do", or "I just don't have the time". We understand! You can still contribute to the development of this program with little to no effort! Here's how:

The primary teaching tool for each weekly CW&W session is an "interactive story." These stories are not simple picture books, they are intricately designed presentations that will be used year after year that promote reflection and imagination. We need your help to purchase the 33 stories that complete the yearly curriculum.

We're inviting everyone to buy a story(ies) in honor or in memory of someone special i.e. a son, daughter, grandchild, grandparent... This will give you the opportunity to support this program and its development as well as providing you with something tangible that your loved ones and our children will cherish for generations to come!

Stories are listed on page 9 of the newsletter and range from \$21 to \$161.25 depending upon the complexity of the package. Find a biblical story that means something to you and literally pass on its meaning and significance to the up-coming generations! Make your check payable to Covenant Christian Church and earmark it with the title of each the story.

Note: 3 stories (#529, #543 & #544) and the Desert Box have been purchased already!

Please contact Randy: 481-4715; randy-ccc@bellsouth.net if you are interested in taking part in this once in a lifetime opportunity! Thank you in advance for your support of the children's ministry here at Covenant Christian Church! *We are changing lives... let's do it together.*

Children's Worship & Wonder Story List & Pricing

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
505	Parable of the Good Shepherd	\$59.00
507	Creation	\$59.25
508	Noah's Ark	\$121.25
509	Abram and Sarai	\$21.00
510	Exodus	\$46.00
511	Ten Best Ways to Live	\$115.00
512	An Ark & Tent for God	\$145.50
513	The Promised Land	\$71.50
514	The Temple, A House for God	\$90.00
515	Exile and Return	\$45.00
516	How the Church Tells Time	\$183.00
517	Advent	\$161.25
522	Boy Jesus in the Temple	\$77.25
523	Jesus is Baptized	\$27.00
524	Jesus in the Wilderness	\$96.25
525	Parable of the Mustard Seed	\$67.00
526	Parable of the Leaven	\$62.00
527	Parable of the Great Pearl	\$70.00
528	Parable of the Sower	\$63.00
529	Parable of the Good Samaritan	SOLD
530	Parable of the Great Banquet	\$63.00
531	Lenten Puzzle	\$80.00
532	Jesus and the Children	\$41.00
533	Jesus and Bartimaeus (Includes added structures for several stories)	\$89.00
534	Jesus and Zacchaeus	\$62.25
535	Jesus the King	\$51.50
536	Jesus' Last Passover	\$107.25
537	Appearance to Mary Magdalene	\$85.25
538	The Road to Emmaus	\$74.25
540	Good Shepherd & Lord's Supper	\$124.25
542	Ascension	\$43.75
543	Pentecost	SOLD
544	Baptism	SOLD
Desert Box		SOLD
	Jericho Structure (for stories 32-35)	\$24.00
	Jerusalem Structure (for stories 32-35)	\$34.00

Summer Camp Anyone?
 Weekend & Weekly Camp
 Fun for ALL Ages-Kdgn-12th Grade
 Parents & Grandparents too!



Randy really wants to go to camp, but he needs YOU to go with him! Contact him and let him know you'll help him out! ☺

**All registrations due by May 25th
 Scholarships available! We really want you to go!**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choose Camp by Grade Completed:	Date of Camp:	Fee:	Begins	Ends
	CYF Conference for Grades 9-12	June 14-19	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
	Horse Riding Camp for Grades 3-6 *See Below	June 14-19	\$410	7:00 pm	11:00 am
	Alpha Camp for Grades 1-3	June 19-21	\$125	4:00 pm	11:00 am
	Jr. Camp for Grades 3-5 I	June 21-26	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
	Love Camp for Grades 6-7	June 21-26	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
	Weekend Sailing Camp for Grades 4-7	June 26-28	\$125	4:00 pm	11:00 am
	Uno Camp for Grades K-1 w/1 parent or grandparent	June 27-28	\$65	11:00 am	11:00 am
	Canoe Camp for Grades 5-8	June 28 – July 2	\$310	4:00 pm	11:00 am
	Horse Riding II Camp for Grades 3-6 *See Below	June 29 – July 3	\$400	11:00 am	11:00 am
	Jr. Camp for Grades 3-5 II	July 6-10	\$265	11:00 am	11:00 am
	Forensic Camp for Grades 6-8	July 6-10	\$300	11:00 am	11:00 am
	SAS – Sailing Arts & Stars for Grades 4-7	July 13-17	\$275	11:00 am	11:00 am
	MAD – Music, Arts & Drama for Grades 4-7	July 17-19	\$125	4:00 pm	11:00 am
	Jr. Camp for Grades 3-5 III	July 19-24	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
	Jr. High Camp for Grades 6-7	July 19-24	\$275	7:00 pm	11:00 am
	Canoe Camp Grades 9-12	July 24-26	\$140	11:00 am	4:00 pm
	Uno Camp II Grades K-1 w/1 parent or grandparent	July 25-26	\$65	11:00 am	11:00 am

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	CYF Conference for Grades 9-12	June 22-27	\$275	1:00 pm	11:00 am
	Jr. Camp for Grades 3-5	June 15-20	\$275	1:00 pm	11:00 am
	Jr. High Camp for Grades 6-7	June 15-20	\$275	1:00 pm	11:00 am
	Created to Be Me for Grade 8	July 12-18	\$325	4:00 pm	11:00 am

Check It Out!!!

Beautiful artwork being displayed in and around the Garden of Hope! On April 18th our Kids 2 Kids group - led by Ms. Jody Barish and the Covenant Gardeners, spruced up the Garden of Hope with hand-painted, one-of-a-kind masterpieces on stone accents which were donated by the Baldwin family!



Also on this day, our Kids 2 Kids group, supervised by our very own Mike Joyce, helped to build a meditation bench as well - giving our members and friends a place to sit and admire our beautiful church grounds.

Thanks to all of you who made our Covenant Clean-up Day an overwhelming success!

Here's a special calendar highlighting events for children & youth, with birthday reminders and activities for the entire church family.
One more way to stay connected!

Let Randy know if we've missed a birthday!

May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Birthday(s): Lily Ivanov & Madison Rivers	2 Birthday: Skye Moses
3 CM Training 9:45 AM & 12:00 PM	4 Birthday: Ethan Losey	5	6	7	8 Birthday: Jacob Moses	9
10 Mother's Day!	11	12	13	14	15 Birthday(s): Eli Baldwin & Zack Sloop	16
17 Kids 2 Kids – Workday: Bond Park: 12:30 PM CM Training 9:45 AM	18	19 Birthday: Joey Bone	20	21	22	23
24 Birthday: Amanda Hopkins	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Birthday: Yavin Hamm	28	29	30
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March Financial Information

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ (9,434.46)
Receipts	\$ 23,901.93
Disbursements	\$ 20,900.48 -
	\$
Ending Balance	\$ (6,433.01)

Thanks for your generous support for Covenant's ministries throughout the year.

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Automatic Bill Pay...A Convenient Way to Regularly Make Your Tithes & Offerings

We also want to encourage any members/guests to setup **automatic bill pay** with their bank so that a check is sent to us each week or month, whether or not you are able to be in worship. The information that you need when setting up an automatic payment is as follows:

Billor Name: Covenant Christian Church Account number: GENERAL FUND
Billor Address: 2911 SW Cary Parkway Billor City, State, Zip: Cary, NC 27513-8902
Billor phone number: 919-481-4715
The account number can be GENERAL FUND/NEW BUILDING FUND/or MEMORIAL FUND.
Questions? Contact Betsy Mebane, Treasurer: betsy_mebane@hotmail.com.

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THE GREEN FUND

Are you looking for a special way to honor a friend? Maybe you want to celebrate an important occasion ...an anniversary or graduation. Or you want to give a gift in memory of a loved one. **THE GREEN FUND** is an excellent way!

A special **GREEN FUND** was established to help Covenant begin to reduce our carbon footprint as well as our energy costs. (Thank you to the Men's group for their initial grant of \$500.) This fund allows the Green Team to take our slogan "Caring for God's Green Earth" from just words to action steps that truly make a difference!

Please indicate your support by remembering the fund c/o Covenant Christian Church and earmarking regular or special contributions for **"THE GREEN FUND."**

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

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

Attendance Counts! We need to know when you're here for worship; church school; meetings and events here at Covenant...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...The names of our guests are important to Invitation Ministry too!

AND...the usual, "one more thing"...All Staff, Officers, Leaders and Ministry Chairs: **Please, please...**have your April Newsletter articles to me by **May 18, 2009** so I can get it posted on line and mailed to those without email in a timely manner. It **does** take us all to make this work!