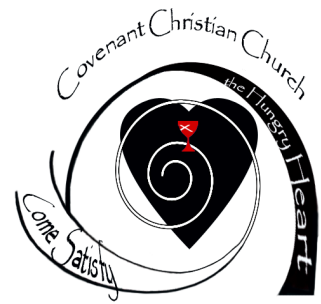


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## **L-E-T-S-G-O! Let's Go! Let's Go! L-E-T-S-G-O! Let's Go! Let's Go!**

You may recall this lively song from this year's Vacation Bible School. It's sung like a cheer. And just when you might question if children really hold on to experiences, let me reassure you that all that we do and teach our children is never in vain. I have had several opportunities since our VBS week to be with many of our children and it isn't long before they burst into song and recall the many wonderful songs of that intense and wonderful week.

Last week Tate Holste paid us a visit at the office while I was setting up the front of the sanctuary in preparation for early worship. He came to find me there and after we greeted each other he said, "I wish Vacation Bible School was every day!" And then he stood in front of that empty sanctuary, lifted his little arms way up in the air and shouted at the top of his lungs, "Let's Go, Let's Go...L-E-T-S-G-O! Let's Go, Let's Go...L-E-T-S-G-O! And it didn't take me long to be inspired...he was cheering me on as I went about my work..."

Last Saturday, several of us met for our annual Church-wide Planning Meeting, so capably led by our Moderator Team of Karen Nolan & Derek Rutledge. Karen led us in an exercise that asked us to recall any particular highlights of our activities, programs and achieved goals since 2007. As one person would answer, another was calling out yet another example. And on and on it went until we filled up several easel pad sheets. All of the highlights are listed in Moderator Nolan's article in this newsletter. Check it out!

We then spent the next couple of hours looking at what is still undone from our last strategic planning period; what are programs and activities that have served us well in recent days, but no longer suit us; what are those that we really want to keep going; and what are the new ideas that are creating new energy around here.

So much excitement is in the air: Randy coming on board; increased membership; increased participation in worship and other activities; new programs and activities for children and youth...you fill in the rest...There are plenty of opportunities to become involved here at Covenant as everyone finds his or her niche.

See something that excites you? Let me or Randy know or one of our newly installed leaders. We need everyone to help in some way to keep the excitement rolling...What do YOU want to do to help us build community here at Covenant as we lay the groundwork for serving God by serving others...

**"Let's Go, Let's Go...L-E-T-S-G-O! Let's Go, Let's Go...L-E-T-S-G-O!"**

*Blessings, Rev. Joanne*

## **Covenant is Well Represented.....**

Six Covenant folks have gone to General Assembly in Indianapolis: Karen Nolan, Elaine & Bob Kennel, Carole Tyler, Marilyn Williams & Rev. VerBurg. They will be eager to share in reporting on the state of things as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) soon after their return.

And eight from among us are making their way to Slidell, LA on the Mission Trip to continue to help with home repairs for folks who are still recovering from Hurricane Katrina. Blessings and Travelin' Mercies for the Mission Team: Madison Rivers, Megan Larsen, Nicole Nystrom, Jack Reilly, Glenda & Ken Hoffman, Randy Holste & Carol Carson. They will be reporting on their work during worship on August 16!

## Here is a word from our Moderator.....

Dear Covenant,

Many thanks to those who attended and contributed ideas and thoughts to the planning for the 2009-2010 church program year on Saturday, July 25.

We revisited the church's accomplishments since our strategic planning in 2007 to determine how closely we are following our plan for goals and outcomes and what may need adjusting, changing or continuing to improve before we set about planning for this new church year.

It was affirming to realize just how many of our goals have been accomplished, or well on the way to being accomplished. The group wanted to **share the list below** that we compiled in just a matter of minutes – by no means is it comprehensive – with the entire congregation and our guests. We were all amazed when we summed up all that is being done by various groups and ministries and all of us as a whole at Covenant. We have done much for others and grown in our faithful relationship with each other and with our God. *But God isn't finished with us yet!*

After that review, we set about determining what our goals for Nurture, Outreach and Stewardship would look like for 2009-2010 so that we continue to grow spiritually, socially, and in our sharing and caring for one another and the others whom we have been called by God to serve. You will be hearing more about these plans and programs as the planning continues to unfold.

In the meantime, it is my prayer that you have been enriched in many ways through your participation at Covenant Christian Church. Our ministry leadership looks forward to the new program year and to listening for God's guidance as we all seek to grow together.

***Karen Nolan, Moderator***

### **Covenant Christian Church Accomplishments 2007 – July 2009**

#### **Faithful Planning(January 2007 Report and Recommendations)** – Goals and Outcomes

- Adopted Basic Belief Statement
- Adopted Statement of Calling
- Set 5 Strategic Goals for next 5 years
  - Grow to average attendance of 250
  - Institute two worship services (done)
  - 50% of participating members will participate in one or more church programs (close)
  - Develop focused, coordinated outreach effort providing opportunities for all age groups
  - Achieve 80% of households financially supporting mission of Covenant
- Identified staff and facilities resource needs
  - Added Financial Secretary
  - Added Landscape maintenance contract
  - Formed a Pre-Building Committee to look at “next steps” in facility needs
- Continued development of Invitation Ministry
- Improved marketing and use of Internet Site
- Added fellowship/service/worship opportunities
- Offered training/study courses on “How to Share Your Faith”
- Suggested Emphasis on year-round stewardship (still needs work)

#### **Pre-Building Committee (Spring - Fall 2007)** – Goals and Outcomes

- Determined we would stay in current site rather than purchase a new building/site
- Took two years to get all permissions, but we now have a new 2-sided, lighted church sign
- Brush /sapling removal along Cary Parkway created better visibility for church property
- Updated the Website and are keeping it better updated for on-line visibility
- Brought in a church architectural consultant who made preliminary drawings for several phased new building options
- Goal: Look into refinancing our mortgage at lower interest rate

### **Other Accomplishments – most as result of All Church Planning suggestions**

- Calling of fulltime Associate Minister for Children and Youth
- Refinanced our mortgage for lower payments
- Started using collection baskets at food functions to offset expenses
- Green Team Programming and environmental education/2 ceiling fans, window film in pastor's office, new light bulbs, rain barrels, recycling, Fair Trade Coffee, Green Fund, canvas shopping bags with CCC logo, energy audit, cleaned air conditioning units, etc.
- Community Organic Garden – Garden of Hope/ proceeds to Inter-Faith Food Shuttle
- Play ground improvements
- Now emailing newsletter and many important announcements
- New member bags of CCC information
- Bread baking and delivery for Invitation Ministry
- Chocolate for Lent study; Unbinding the Gospel, Unbinding the Church; Unbinding Your Heart studies; 2 years of Living the Questions series
- Added 9:00 a.m. worship service and Taize Service on Wednesday nights
- Excellent Kids-2-Kids program and service projects
- OUTREACH GIVING: 10% of our General Fund contributions go to Disciples Mission Fund (approx. \$22K in 2008 and about \$10,000 so far in 2009) plus \$6,547 to Week of Compassion (08-09) and \$118.25 (2009) from our Garden of Hope sales to benefit the Food Shuttle, plus \$2,900 for other local outreach causes (2008).
- Women's Ministry service project: Claysure – filtered water, House of Hope in Haiti; Build a Village project; Participated in Blitz Build for Habitat for Humanity; preparing a cook book for sale; blessing box/bowl contributions for outreach
- Women's Ministry monthly Bible study for women
- Men's Ministries service projects: "Wood for Wake firewood delivery," bought benches for the playground /outdoor worship, purchased computer and helped set up Randy's office, built and painted the storage shed
- Youth service projects and Mission Trips
- Food drives - Food donations to CCA and Urban Ministries; CROP Walk
- Casserole ministry to our members as need arises
- In-home visitation to offer communion by elders for our sick and shut-ins
- Beginning a revision of Constitution and By-laws
- Worship and Wonder children's program ready to go fall 2009
- Children's choir reinstated
- Trunk or Treat for Halloween
- Addition of Hot Topics Sunday School class for adults
- Addition of No Idle Hands craft/social group
- Memorial/Honor Funds and Endowment policies adopted
- Successful Vacation Bible Schools 2008 and 2009
- Increasing numbers going annually to Christmount Women's Ministry Retreat for Spiritual Enrichment
- Good delegation to Regional Men's Retreat
- Increasing numbers new members, young families and number of guests is rising
- Fund Raising Projects: Lazy Daze, Spring Daze, Dinners, October FUNd Day
- Regional Assembly participation
- General Assembly and Quadrennial Assembly participation (general church)



## New Members!

In recent weeks, we have been blessed with many additions to our church family:

- Sunday, July 12:
- Ruth Jordan 468-0694  
104 Donna Place  
Cary NC 27513  
[jordankrrd@mindspring.com](mailto:jordankrrd@mindspring.com)
- Sunday, July 19
- Angie, Carmen & Sara Ballard 773-1096  
3905 Dunford Dr  
Apex NC 27539  
[afballard@gmail.com](mailto:afballard@gmail.com)

Please offer them your own word of welcome to our church family!

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***Attention: ALL Covenant Members & Guests  
Mark Your Calendars Now! Circle the Date!  
Cary Laze Daze  
Saturday, August 22, 7:00a till 5:00p***

Each year we participate in this popular community Arts Festival. It's one of our main fundraising efforts that helps support our General Operating Budget. Glenn Thornton continues to ably serve as our coordinator for this event. We serve Sausage biscuits(in the am); Polish Sausage sandwiches with peppers & onions; marinated chicken sandwiches & cold drinks & coffee. Here's how you can help:

- Good sturdy backs to help set up Friday night & take down on Saturday after 5pm.
- Sign up for a shift (or more) to help prepare & sell the food; greet the public & offer a Hungry Heart business card to customers. We need 7 people per shift:  
Early shift: 7 – 10am; 10am – 1:00pm; 1:00 – 4:00pm; 4:00 – 6:00p.  
We also need people to meet at the church after 6pm to unload items at the Church.
- Donate cans of Pepsi Products & Aquafina bottled water & bring to the Church by August 20

You must be at least 10 years old to work. (Children 10-12 must be supervised by a parent or other assigned adult). Sign up in the church entryway; or contact the Church Office with any questions or to sign up: 481-4715 or [covenantcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:covenantcc@bellsouth.net) Our booth is located in Ashworth Village(behind Ashworth Drugs at Chatham & Academy Sts.)

***We always have a lot of fun working & sweatin' together...Come join us!***

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# ***Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart***

**Recent:** Art Brothers; travel mercies for those attending General Assembly in Indianapolis this week- Karen Nolan, Elaine & Bob Kennel, Carole Tyler, Marilyn Williams & Rev. VerBurg; also travel mercies for those going on the Mission trip to Slidell, LA – Madison Rivers, Megan Larsen, Nicole Nystrom, Jack Reilly, Glenda & Ken Hoffman, Randy Holste & Carol Carson.

**Continuing Prayers:** Deb Nystrom at Rex; Betsy Mebane; Nelson Wakefield, home on Friday; Don, Cathy & Timothy Downs; Mary Toney; Betty Johnston.

**Parents of:** Ann Hall **Mothers of:** Phama Larsen Johnston; Mark Huncik; Teresa DeMartin; Vicky Vanderford. **Fathers of:** Patricia Cadle; Nathan Harwell; 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:** Jon Gaffney; Trey O'Quinn. **Grandmothers of:** Greg Stelmack; Carolyn Allen. **Grandson of:** Mary Lou Jackson (MRI Aug 4) **Sisters of:** Jack Reilly; Gerry Tokanel; Hazel Brothers. **Brothers of:** Jeremy Hopkins; Art Brothers **Aunts of:** Karen Nippert; Larry Linguist. **Uncles of:** Darla Baldwin; 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; **Brother-in-law of:** Patty Cole; **Sisters-in-Law of:** Renie Palmer; Hazel Brothers.

**Remembering Others:** Diana Toney; Joe Tarlton; friend of Ann Scott; Fred Burt; Gary Burton; General & Regional Church Leaders; NC Disciples 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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## ***Note from Kevin and Lynn.....***

To our Covenant friends:

Kevin and I want to wish a warm farewell to our Covenant friends/family. I have accepted a position as pianist at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, near Apex. Our last Sunday at Covenant will be Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have been blessed in so many ways during our time at Covenant Christian Church. Many of you have supported, encouraged, and prayed for us during times of both heartbreak and joy, not to mention the ordinary times of day-to-day existence. We have received genuine joy from our participation in the music ministries, in particular. As we take our faith journey to a new location, we bring with us much that we have gained because of being at Covenant. We will continue to hold this faith community in our hearts and prayers as we move forward.

Sincerely,  
*Lynn Lee and Kevin Eldridge*

## 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.**"

### Truth and consequences

How green are you living? Play American Public Media's "Consumer Consequences" game and find out how many planets we would need if everyone lived like you.

get going:

<http://sustainability.publicradio.org/consumerconsequences/>

Your Outreach Coordinators, Marian [jimarian@nc.rr.com](mailto:jimarian@nc.rr.com) & Ro [rthompsonct@aol.com](mailto:rthompsonct@aol.com)

## HOLD THE DATE!!!

### Are you interested in:

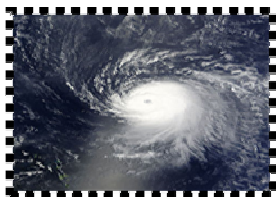
- learning a really easy (and beautiful) Christmas craft?
- creating a great moneymaker for the Covenant Craft Sale?

*If so, come to Covenant on August 29 at 10:00 am and Shirley Lucey will show you how!!!!*

*For more information, check this link*

*[http://webmedia.news-record.com/legacy/indepth/08/tree\\_balls/](http://webmedia.news-record.com/legacy/indepth/08/tree_balls/)*

*or contact Marian Hartman @ 234-9268 or [jimarian@nc.rr.com](mailto:jimarian@nc.rr.com)*



## Covenant's Headed to New Orleans...

In case you didn't know, Covenant has a group of youth and adults headed to New Orleans, LA (August 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)! They will be trekking 14+ hours so that they can spend 5+ days in Slidell, LA (just across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans)! Our team will be supporting the relief efforts that continue from the plethora of hurricanes that has ravaged the gulf coast region from 2005 through 2008. Church groups from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and other mission-minded denominations have been working hard to rebuild this area! There have been thousands of participants from all over the country and world and we are proud to say that we are making our second trip in as many years! Through our actions & deeds we are once again proving that Covenant Christian Church is sharing with the world what it means to be Christian! Please pray for these committed souls and keep them in your thoughts as they represent you, your family, and our entire congregation in New Orleans, LA!

## Kick-Off Sunday's Coming...Get Ready

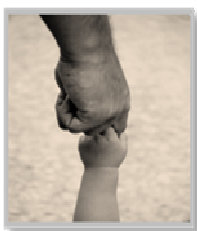


Remember September 13<sup>th</sup> will be our church wide kick-off Sunday!

This is where our new programs begin. For example, we will be implementing of our new Children's Worship & Wonder program and the reinstatement of our weekly CYF & Chi Rho meetings as well. So join us as we start another chapter in Covenant's history books! I know it will be an awesome experience had by all!



## Greeters Needed!



Are you trying to find a way to "fit in"? Are you seeing all the cool things happening in Children's Worship & Wonder and saying "I wish I could be a part of that?" Here's your chance! WE NEED FAITH PARTNERS (AKA – Greeters) to help with our Worship & Wonder ministry! As a Greeter you will be right in the middle of all the action! Your commitment is minimal – one 3 hour training on August 15<sup>th</sup> and a scheduled rotation for Sunday mornings! No teaching or prep-work required! If you are interested in becoming a greeter, or want more information, contact Randy at the church office: 919-481-4715 or randy-

[ccc@bellsouth.net](mailto:ccc@bellsouth.net)

## "Week of Compassion" - Shows Compassion!

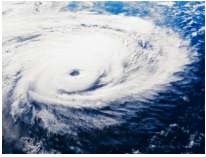
As many of you already know our Denomination has an extremely dedicated program that seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, and the promotion of mission opportunities. Each year they set aside funds to assist local congregations [predominately those who are connected to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)] who are interested in helping with humanitarian/disaster relief efforts! Covenant Christian Church received a grant of \$500 this year to assist with expenses and supplies for this years CYF mission trip to New Orleans, LA. With Week of Compassion's help we are able to show others what it means to be a Christian! **THANK YOU** Week of Compassion!

# Kids/Youth @ Covenant What's in Store for August?

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## Summer = All Fun - All the Time! New for the Summer of 2009

- "CYF Lite" - Our mission trip to Louisiana IS HERE! Reminder... we will be leaving the church at 12 PM on August 1<sup>st</sup>! We are staying over in Atlanta on the way down and the way back. We should be back in Cary on August 8<sup>th</sup> - sometime around 5 PM! As noted in previous e-mails please bring appropriate attire and proper mindset! We are following God's call to action and mission! Prepare yourselves.



- "Chi Rho Lite" - Bowling Anyone? You gotta love bowling - who doesn't? On **Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM** all Chi Rho members (up-coming 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders) are invited to join us for an evening of bowling! Bring your friends and your family and show off your "awesome" bowling skills! Ticket prices vary based on the number of participants so please contact Randy by August 13<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot, your friend's spot, and your family's spot today! You are going to love it and I hope to hear from you soon.



- "Summertime Kids" & Families w/ young children- How about a picnic in the park! On August 23<sup>rd</sup> lets meet up at Pullen Park for an afternoon of FAMILY FUN! Just after the 11 AM service we'll head over to the Park and have an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. ALL ARE WELCOME! To make it simple, each family should bring their own lunch and any balls, frisbees, or outdoor toys you would normally take with you to a picnic! The summer won't last forever, lets soak it all in while we can!



Check out the Covenant's Children's Calendar to see what's in store for  
**THIS SUMMER!**

## Covenant's On Facebook -- Check Us Out!

Become a Fan! Simply paste this into your browser's address bar -  
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# August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Birthday- John Taylor  CYF Mission Trip to New Orleans 12 PM - Church
<b>2</b> CYF Mission Trip – New Orleans	<b>3</b> CYF Mission Trip – New Orleans	<b>4</b> CYF Mission Trip – New Orleans	<b>5</b> Birthday – Becky Layko  CYF Mission Trip – New Orleans	<b>6</b> CYF Mission Trip – New Orleans	<b>7</b> Birthday – Drew Kearney  CYF Mission Trip – New Orleans	<b>8</b> CYF Mission Trip – New Orleans – Church 5 PM
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Birthday- Jordan Barish  <u>Children W&amp;W Greeter Training 9-12</u>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>Chi Rho Lite</u> Bowling 6 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Blessing of Backpacks – 11 AM  Picnic @ Pullen Park 1 PM – <b>Families with young children – 5<sup>th</sup> grade</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					



## *Women's Ministries News...*

***NC Disciples Women are heading to Christmount!  
Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>***

We all look forward to this Annual Women's Retreat! Disciples Women from all points of North Carolina will convene to explore our '09-'10 theme *Mind Spirit and Body* under the capable hands of our Keynoter, Rev. Ailsa Gonzalez, the Associate Minister at First Christian-Wilmington. What an opportunity to renew our mind spirit and body (not to mention have a few dozen laughs) as we gather at 'our' mountain!

***2010 - This is more than just a number!  
QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY (QA) June 23-27  
\* Registration will be available online as of August 4 \****

Quadrennial Assembly is an international event for the Disciples Women that takes place every 4 years (the very 1st met in 1957). Women from all over the United States in addition to international quests come together to celebrate our Sisterhood and our faith through a myriad of experiences. This 2010 event is unique. For the first time ever, **North Carolina** will serve as host! QA will take place at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro NC-practically in our own backyard! We encourage everyone to visit our website [www.quadrennial.org](http://www.quadrennial.org) as well as talk to others within our church family that have attended a QA so that you can better understand what the excitement is all about!

### ***2010 - On A More Personal Note***

Among the many individuals in our church that will be taking on various volunteer roles to see this QA come to fruition, we also have two in our midst that will be workshop presenters: Melanie Bunn and Robin Miller. We thank all of you for sharing your gifts!

### ***Looking Ahead...***

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Breakfast meets Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Jeanne Thompson, our Woman-to-Woman Representative for Bosnia/Croatia will be our guest speaker this day. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Bible Study-A new time slated for our '09-'10 program year!**

- ◆ We meet the 4th Sunday of each month after our 11:00a service
- ◆ Our 1<sup>st</sup> study meets Sept 27<sup>th</sup> as a (BYOL)-bring your own lunch

The study theme is *Joshua: A Journey of Faith*

Continue to save your Campbell's product labels for Christmount.

We look forward to delivering these personally!

**Ann Washington and Marilyn Williams, Co-Chairs**

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### ***Women's Ministry Cookbook***



Recipe Deadline! August 31st is the deadline to get your recipes to the women's ministry for inclusion into the CWF cookbook, entitled "Come to the Table." Recipes can be dropped in the Women's Ministry file on the table outside of Mary Lou's office, or you can e-mail them to Patty Cole. Please let us know if you'd like us to print your name with your recipe and jot down any remarks you'd like to make about the recipe. We are delighted to report that we have over 85 recipes, but we would like to have even more. Please rummage through your cookbooks, drawers, between cushions, under pillows, anywhere you file them, to find your favorite recipes that you'd like to share with the folks at Covenant and beyond, as we prepare a cookbook to sell by Christmas. Call Patty Cole at 388-2556 or e-mail her at [patriciacole@bellsouth.net](mailto:patriciacole@bellsouth.net) with recipes and/or any comments, questions or feedback in general regarding the cookbook. Thanks.

## Disciples Men Working, Studying, Playing !

The Disciple Men will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, August 15**. Our program will be by **Drew Kidwell** on his mission work this summer. We will then go over to a church member's home to make some fairly straight forward repairs that **Hoyt Cole** and **Bob Kennel** have scoped out.

Sometime during the month we will schedule a brush cutting brigade to clear again the area up to the Parkway so our beautiful church and sign can be seen more clearly.

Our September Meeting will be an NC State football game outing on **Saturday, September 12 at 6:00 PM** preceded by a tailgating.

*Bob Kennel, Secretary*

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### Fall Plant Sale & Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser Saturday, September 5, 8am-11am



BIG gorgeous MUMS, beautiful delicate PANSIES, and delicious PANCAKES will be featured at Covenant's Fall Plant Sale & Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser.

In order for this to be a successful fundraiser, we need YOU to place your own order and to also start selling those mums and pansies NOW to all of your neighbors and friends.

**All of the plants MUST BE PRE-ORDERED!!!! HAVE YOU ORDERED YOURS YET????**

A minimum of 50% of the total amount accompanying the order but the entire amount would be even better! Order forms will be available at the church.

**All orders must be received at the church by Sunday, August 30, 2009**

Prices are:

Mums, various colors – these will be very large florist-shop quality mums!

1 mum for \$10

4 mums for \$40 and get one free! (i.e. - \$8 per mum)

8 mums for \$70 and get two free (i.e. - \$7 per mum)

Pansies – flats with a variety of colors

1 flat for \$15 or 3 flats for \$35

Be sure to also plan to eat breakfast with us when you pick up your plants. An ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE Breakfast will be available for \$7 per person or \$5 per child under 12 years old. Your Breakfast Plate will include 2 pancakes, 2 pieces of sausage or bacon, and a serving of fried apples. While additional pancakes will be free the side orders will be available for \$1.50 - \$2.00 each.

**MARK your calendar NOW!**

**Saturday, September 5 (Labor Day Weekend) 8 am – 11 am**

If you or friends are going to be away Labor Day Weekend, we will be glad to keep your plants available for pick up during the next week.

PS We are going to need help on Friday night setting up for both the plant distribution and the pancake breakfast. We will also need help on Saturday for both events. Please let either Dennis Duryea or Betsy Mebane know when you will be able to help.

THANKS and start selling those plants!

# Outreach Ministry News



The beginning of school, for children on the traditional school calendar, is just around the corner.

Have you started buying school supplies yet?



This year, as you gather the backpacks, notebooks, paper, pencils and other necessary items your children need to start their new school year.....could you also purchase extra supplies to be given to children whose families lack the money to buy these things? Imagine choosing between food for the week and the supplies needed for the first week of school!

Covenant will collect donated items and they will be distributed among local elementary schools by teachers who know where the need is greatest. The Blessing of the Backpack's is Sunday, August 23rd. Your children can bring their own backpacks as well as their supplies for children less fortunate than themselves. What a wonderful way for them to understand how blessed they are.....and that they can be a blessing to others!

## June Financial Information

<b>General Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$ (7,752.68)
Receipts	\$ 16,693.21
Disbursements	\$ 15,242.34 -
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<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ ( 6.301.81)</b>

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 Biller 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 Kathy Smith, Treasurer [ekathys@gmail.com](mailto:ekathys@gmail.com)

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

**Updated Membership Directories** 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 have your September Newsletter articles to me by **August 18, 2009.****

**Folks...we are not doing a very good job at this!!!!!!**