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The Dog Days of Summer Can Be *Ruff*!

Just when you think that the heat index is about to do you in, along comes a cold front; a summer storm, to bring welcomed relief. Just when you think there's so much summer time left, along comes the beginning of year round school and back to school sales serving to remind us that the 4th of July is but a distant memory. Just in the middle of life as usual, along come unexpected events like job losses or deaths of loved ones or friends or very serious illnesses. Just when I resign myself to sporadic summertime attendance in worship or other church activities, along comes decent crowds and loads of fun at Vacation Bible School.

And just when you think the Capital Campaign last May was a one-shot attempt at raising funds that will allow us to borrow what we need to build a sanctuary; accompanied by the behind the scenes interviews and decision making efforts toward narrowing the field of architects and coming to a final decision; the Building Committee now awaits the contract finalization.

And once the contract is signed, sealed and delivered, there will be more evidence of forward movement as the campaign efforts continue and we begin to see visible signs of our needs, hopes and desires (all within our budget of course), morphed into building plans that will spark our imaginations and energize us as God unfolds the future, right before our very eyes!

Life as we know it as individuals, families and together as a church family, is filled with the unexpected that always seems to keep us a bit off-balance. But once the unexpected takes up residence within and defines our present reality, we soon can find ourselves filled with worry and stress. And maybe the bulk of our worry and stress actually comes from *anticipating* the unexpected; waiting for that proverbial "other shoe" to drop. Who's to say? All I know is when worry and stress invades our inmost being, it's so easy to believe that the quickest remedy surely must come from having enough of whatever we lack, to make it all go away.

I came across a prayer, "Enough," that speaks to whatever is the basis of our worry and stress:

Worry and stress are not hard for us, God; we do them without thinking.

There is always the potential of threat to

our security,

our comfort,

our health,

our relationships, our lives... and we foolishly think that we could silence the fear if we just had enough money

enough insurance,

enough toys,

enough stored away for a rainy day.

It's never enough, though; the voice of our fear will not be dismissed so easily.

But in the small, silent places within us is another voice:

one that beckons us into the foolishness of faith;

that points our gaze to the birds and flowers,

that in unguarded moments, lets our muscles relax, and our hearts lean into loved ones...

In unexpected whispers we hear it, calling us to remember your promises, your grace, your faithfulness;

And suddenly we discover that it is enough. Amen. (John Van De Laar, in the latest edition of Weavings).

Yes, it is enough to remember You and your promises, grace and faithfulness, O God, and I for one now stand on tiptoes peering into the future, catching a glimpse of You as You unfold our future before us; capturing *your* vision as we approach whatever lies just beyond the bend in the road that bids us to go with You... *May it be so, O God... May it be so...* **Blessings, Rev. Joanne**

A Note from...your Moderator

"It takes a village"... "We're all in this together"... "There is strength in numbers..."

All of these sayings speak to the notion that when people come together around a common cause, great things can happen. Such was the case when our Program Council – the folks who lead the activities within our Covenant ministries – came together as all the open positions were filled for the upcoming program year.

A special thank you to all those who agreed to chair or co-chair a ministry, to Darla Baldwin for coordinating the leadership effort, to the prior chairs whose efforts have built the ministry foundations, and to each of you for your support of these individuals and Covenant's ministries.

Worship: Darla and Brad Baldwin
Education: Melanie Bunn and Amy Kiser
Invitation: Laura Holste and Sandy Kidd
Outreach: Renié Palmer and Ruth Jordan
Property: Todd and Jennifer Beaufort
Stewardship: Karen Nippert and Elaine Fry
Membership/Hospitality: Mary Lou Jackson, Ro Thompson, and Suzanne Hopkins
Disciples Women: Ann Washington and Renié Palmer
Disciples Men: Bob Kennel and Ted Glasener

You will have an opportunity to put together the faces with the names of these ministry leaders, this Sunday during the 11am worship. You will also receive a description of each ministry including a way to sign up for helping in a particular area of that ministry which will best speak to your strengths and gifts.

I encourage you to reach out to these people. If you are not sure what efforts a particular ministry is involved with, don't be afraid to ask. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts and ideas that will help us build on the momentum we have.

"It takes a village"... "We're all in this together"... "There is strength in numbers"

Thank you for all that you do to make Covenant an open, caring, and energetic place to explore our faith together.

Derek Rutledge, Moderator

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The Nameless Group
(for those over 50 yrs old and willing to admit it)!
Will Meet Again, August 19 at 11:30a

After two very well attended luncheons, excitement and commitment is fueling the momentum for meeting again. This time, Priscilla Glasener & Glenda Hoffman have graciously volunteered to prepare LUNCH (donations) for us AT THE CHURCH, August 19; as we settle into some more definite plans in the months ahead:

- First, is participating in the naming rights of this group. Please continue to send in your suggestions and we'll vote on a name at this meeting.
- Next we will try to do a little scheduling of upcoming community events and activities, perhaps thru December.
- And then we will begin to ask for people to share in the leadership for future meals and activities.

Please reserve your place at the table for the August 19 lunch at the church, no later than August 15 so we will know how many to prepare for...919-481-4715 or

covenantcc@bellsouth.net



Disciples Men to Whack Away One More Time! Saturday, August 7 at 8:15a

The Disciples Men will meet for breakfast, August 7 at the Church at 8:15 AM. We'll begin with a brief program and then we will continue cutting back some of the jungle that hides our beautiful church property from those passing by on the Cary Parkway.

We really do have much to be proud of from our stewardship of property and facilities, and it needs to be seen. Bring gloves, hand saws, clippers, and chainsaws—only if you can use them properly ☺. **Go Covenant!**
God Bless, Ted Glasener, President, Bob Kennel, Secretary

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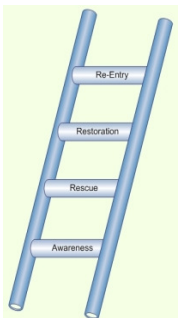
Women's Ministries News

Christmount Happenings

There will be no retreat for the NC Disciples Women this month. We will plan early in 2011 so that we can celebrate this fun event next year with Millie and George! A little curious as to what all this means? Talk to any of our Christmount Trekkers!

****Continue to save your labels from all Campbell's products
for the Christmount Project. ****

Our 1st Quarterly Breakfast is September 11...



...and Sandra Johnson, President and founder of **Triad Ladder of Hope**, will be our guest speaker. Triad Ladder of Hope is an organization whose purpose is to rebuild the lives of those abused through Awareness Rescue Restoration and Re-Entry (victims of human trafficking). We look forward to hearing her story firsthand and learning more about what each of us can do to support this mission of **Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking**.

**Mark your calendars now for September 11, 9-10:30a
(childcare available upon request).**

AWAKE to Women's Ministries! Ann Washington & Renié Palmer Co-chairs

Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Love & prayers to: Barbara Snepp, Becky Stiles & family in the recent death of their aunt/great aunt, Cleota Purdy.

Recent: Jerry Hall at WakeMed, Raleigh; Linda Stone; **At Home:** Rev Duryea; Betsy Mebane;

Continuing Prayers: Boyd Kidwell; Rev. Essie Thompson & family; Marian Crowe; Sharon Garrett; Cameron Jackson & family; Nelson Wakefield; Betty Johnston; Mary Toney...

Parents: Phama Larsen Johnston; **Mothers:** Karen Nolan; Ann Hall; Vicky Vanderford; Betsy Mebane.

Fathers: Vicki Wilkinson; Debbie Miller; Megan Larsen; Mark Huncik. **Sons:** Jim Johnston; Joe Busby;

Grandmothers: Cindy Magliocca; Vicki Wilkinson; **Grandfather:** Jon Gaffney; **Sisters:** Gerry Tokanel; Sally Shelly. **Brothers:** Phama Larsen Johnston; Art Brothers; **Aunts:** Melanie Bunn; Ann Washington.

Uncles: Ann Hall; Chris & Liz Grennan. **Nephews:** Ann Hall; Gerry Tokanel; Terry White.

Great-Nephew: Barishes. **Cousins:** Chris Kidd; Terry White; Jeff Miller; Glenda Hoffman; Elaine Fry;

Sisters-in-Law: Alan Wilkinson; Terry White; Hazel Brothers.

Remembering Others: Marilyn Christian; Cindy Whitmore; Jim Ott; Rochelle Roberson & daughter; Christine & daughter, Sara; Dauberman Family; Bud McCarty Family; Chris Westbrook; Patrick Westbrook; Ron Walters; Don Styles; Magen Rollins; Kelly Canady; Mildred Davis; General & Regional Church Leaders; NC Disciples new churches.

Contact the church office: 481-4715 or covenantcc@bellsouth.net to continue listing any of the above names after 2 weeks.

We've Heard from the Gaffney's & the Brown's:

Amy & Jon Gaffney: 2060 Oleander Dr. Lexington KY 40504

Tracy & Brack Brown: 136 Peachtree Memorial Dr. NW Mass #11, Atlanta GA 30309

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Your Treasurer's Report...

We will continue to provide a monthly summary of our income and expenses in the bulletins and newsletters. Board members automatically received full reports on a monthly basis, and anyone else in the congregation who is interested in receiving those reports can be added to that distribution list. Simply contact me by email: ekathys@gmail.com or 363-6313. A few copies will continue to be available on the entryway table.

Please do all that you are able to do to help remain current with your contributions to the General Operating Budget. Summertime is here. Attendance may be sporadic but the work of Covenant goes on...Help us continue our mission and ministries during the upcoming months.

Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2010

General Fund:

Income	\$106,087
Transfers	\$ 19,613
Total Income and Transfers	\$125,700
Expenses through 6.30.10	\$118,328

Complete financial reports including all funds through June 30 are available at the main entrance to the sanctuary or upon request. Please contact your church treasurer, Kathy Smith, at ekathys@gmail.com or 363-6313 if you have any questions.

Also...please note when sending in your Capital Campaign donation make sure it is marked for Capital Campaign so it will be posted correctly... *Thanks, Kathy Smith, Treasurer*

PRAISE GOD'S NAME in SONG!

We're continuing to "Praise God's Name" during August by learning and enjoying songs found in the CHALICE PRAISE HYMNAL (the purple book). We look forward to seeing and hearing you make a new, refreshing, joyful noise to the Lord through the melodies and messages of this music. We will also be enjoying soloists and groups for special music during August. Let's celebrate God's gift of music! **Carole Tyler, Director of Music Ministries**

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New Class Forming on Getting a Handle on Your Finances!

Join us as we learn to better manage the money and resources that God has provided us. Starting August 27th we will embark on a 12 week adventure to unpack myths and truths about money and how to obtain Financial Peace. We really can experience more peace in our homes, our relationships and our lives once we get our finances under control. The course is Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. No matter where you are financially right now, this class has something for you. And it's FUN too! During our 12 week journey we will learn about saving, relating with money, budgeting, getting out of debt, dealing with collectors, bargaining, insurance, and investing.

The series ends with a powerful lesson on giving which is a good thing because by the end of the course we should all be in a better position to give like we've always wanted to give. During the 90 days of the course the average family pays off more than \$5300 in debt and saves \$2700! Interested yet?

Please mark you calendar and plan on attending one of our kickoff preview sessions so that you can learn more about the class and ask any questions you may have.

Two previews will be offered: Wednesday, August 11th at 6:30pm and Sunday, August 15th following the 11am service. Classes will start on Friday, August 27, 6:30-8:30p and run weekly through November 12th. For more information or to reserve your spot today contact either Jeremy or Suzanne Hopkins by email or phone: Jeremy@Hopkins-Family.org; Suzanne@Hopkins-Family.org; or 919-372-9353.

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Garden of Hope **Needs Volunteers**

Can you come by and pick the vegetables and weed during the week?

Here are the weeks we need help:

August 19 – 15; August 23-29; & August 30 – September 5.

The Sign up sheet is located on the vegetable table in the entryway to the Sanctuary. So far this summer we have raised **\$394** from our produce. All monies go to support the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Thanks for tending the garden and for buying the delicious veggies! Together it makes a real difference! Check with Tim or Becky Stiles if you have questions...919-387-0737

It's Almost Time for Cary's Lazy Daze: Saturday, August 28

One of Covenant's major fundraisers is our food booth at Lazy Daze. Over the past 23+ years we have gained a fine reputation for serving delicious Polish sausage/peppers & onion sandwiches and marinated chicken sandwiches. The profit supports Covenant's annual operating budget...a great way to help without asking you to dig a little deeper in your pocket!

Thanks always to Glenn Thornton & Ken Hoffman's organizational and managerial skills; not to mention their time and energy. They have it down to an "almost exact" science-doing the purchasing, checking & replacing equipment; transporting it all to the site.

We know that the usual August heat and the crowds at Lazy Daze actually keep some of you from helping. Well, we've got a deal for YOU! Shifts, by the request of many, are now only 2 hrs long and they overlap so that we will have the optimum # of people on hand at all times—when we begin to get in each other's way, some go can go shopping & check back in. The early morning & late afternoon shifts & the Clean-up Crew keep you out of the heat of the day.

You can help by donating some of the needed drink products. When you donate a case or more of water or soft drinks, it adds to the profit. We need the following specific Pepsi product donations:

- PEPSI- 8 cases total
- DIET PEPSI- 8 cases total
- CAFFEINE-FREE PEPSI-4 cases total
- MOUNTAIN DEW- 8 cases total
- AQUAFINA BOTTLED WATER- 25 cases total

You may bring your donations to the church kitchen now and until Thursday, August 26.

Shift schedule & work assignments (Children 10 yrs+ may help with a parent; Cashiers must be 16 yrs +):

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u># of People</u>
<u>Friday 8/27</u>			
Set-Up Crew	7-8:30p	meet at site or carpool from church Booth #9 behind Ashworth Drugs (maps will be available soon) set up tents and equipment/	6 <u>able-bodies</u>
<u>Saturday 8/28:</u>			
Shift #1	7a-10a	chop veggies/ice down coolers/ Stock shelves/Cook breakfast sausages/biscuits Brew coffee/marinade chicken/cashier	8 people-3 signed up
Shift #2	9:30-11:30a	chop veggies/cook chicken/begin to cook Sausages and veggies/get ready for lunch crowd/cashier/drink orders	8 people
Shift #3	11a-1p	Height of the lunch crowd/cooking & Preparing sandwiches/drinks/cashier Additional chopping veggies	8 people
Shift #4	12:30-2p	same as above	5 people
Shift #5	2-4p	same as above	5 people
Shift #6	3:30-5p	same as above	5 people
Shift #7	4:30-6p	begin to shut down & tear down booth	5 <u>able-bodies</u>
Shift #8	6-8p	Clean up at the Church/washing utensils & equipment/putting it all away	5 people

Sign up for a shift in the church entryway or contact the church office to do so.

Thanks for making this year's efforts a success!



Covenant's SCRIP Update

Hard to believe it is already August! So far, Covenant has earned almost \$600 through the SCRIP program. If you haven't yet tried out the SCRIP program, or if it has been a while since your last order, now is a great time to purchase those SCRIP cards. Stop by and see what new retailers are participating in SCRIP program.

Some of you may still be wondering what exactly is SCRIP? Well, SCRIP is a fantastic fund-raising program where you purchase scrip (substitute money) in the form of gift cards and gift certificates from Covenant. Covenant has cards and certificates available from literally hundreds of retailers, local and national, from both physical stores and online shopping. You can also pick up an order form that lists all of these.

You can place an order with the SCRIP volunteers in the entryway each week after either service on Sunday or actually buy gift cards (SCRIP) from one of our 10 retailers that we keep in stock each week. If you place an order, it is available to be picked up by the next Sunday! The SCRIP volunteers are also available to answer any questions you may have about the program in general, or how you specifically can participate. The SCRIP volunteers for the month of August are Jeff and Robin Miller.

Check Out these suggestions for SCRIP in the months of August and September:

Lawn Care and Household Maintenance (those final projects of the summer):

- *Lowe's, Home Depot, ACE Hardware, Wal-Mart;*

School Supplies (tax-free weekend August 7-8) ☺:

- *Office Depot, Office Max, Staples, Wal-Mart, Kmart, Barnes & Noble, Borders;*

Back-to-School Clothes:

- *Belk, JC Penney, Gap, Express, Gymboree, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sear's, Land's End, Eddie Bauer, Payless Shoes, Zappos.com*

Sporting Equipment:

- *Bass Pro Shops, Champs Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, Nike, REI Sporting Goods, Sports Authority, Wal-Mart, Foot Locker*

Cold Treats:

- *Baskin Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery*

And don't forget your August and September birthdays and anniversaries!

Still have questions about how you can participate in this exciting program? Contact Robin Miller, Covenant's SCRIP Coordinator at doghowse@msn.com or 919-852-3986; or stop by the church entryway after worship to speak with a SCRIP volunteer. We'll be happy to help!

Your SCRIP Team, Ted & Priscilla Glasener; Robin Miller

AUGUST 2010

Calendar for Children & Youth



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Birthday – John Taylor	2	3	4	5 Birthday – Becky Layko	6	7 Birthday – Drew Kearney
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Covenant Youth – Wet & Wild – <u>All RISING 5th graders are welcome!</u> Birthday – Dionna Francis
15 Birthday – Jordan Barish	16	17	18 POOL PARTY! (All K-5 th grade families)	19	20	21
22 Book Bag Blessing for students, teachers & staff	23	24	25	26	27	28 Lazy Daze!
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Upcoming Events

* August 14th: Wet & Wild – Covenant Youth
 * August (18th): Pool Party! (ALL CHILDREN/FAMILIES)

* August 28th—Lazy Daze
 * September 12th: Kick-Off Sunday

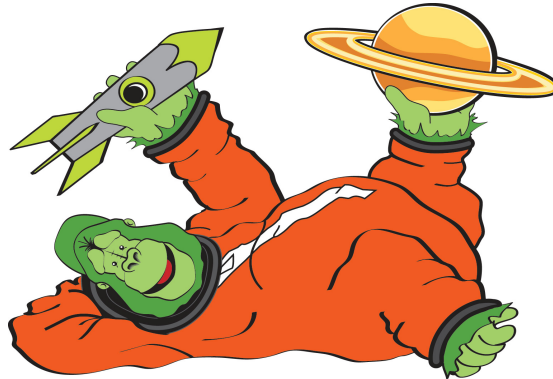


THE BEACH!

Due to unforeseen circumstances our trip to the Beach was postponed. We ARE going to THE BEACH to play in the sand/sun/surf, however, the NEW date is yet to be determined! More information will be heading your way so keep your eyes peeled. Thanks to all the parents and youth involved! We truly have a GREAT youth group here at Covenant!

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**GALACTIC BLAST
Volunteers...**



Without you...the whole thing would have crashed & burned!

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Darla Baldwin	Jody Barish	Laura Holste	Karen Nippert
Mary Lou Jackson	Sandy Kidd	Amy Kiser	Brad Baldwin
Kelley Richardson	Katherine White	Staci Mantz	Phama Johnston
Lindsey Bull	Melanie Fagert	Madi Rivers	Melanie Bunn
Terry White	Roxie White	Robin Miller	Ted Glaesner
Joanne VerBurg	Priscilla Glaesner	Dick Reaves	Devin Dalberth
Amy Rutledge	Elaine Kennel	Ken Hoffman	Glenda Hoffman
Rocio Anderson	Suzanne Hopkins	Kathy Smith	Carmen Ballard

And ESPECIALLY: Angie Ballard Our VBS Director!

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Are you trying to find a way to "fit in"? Are you seeing all the cool things happening with children's ministry and saying "I wish I could be a part of that?" Here's your chance! WE NEED FAITH PARTNERS (AKA - Sunday School Teachers) to help with Pre-School & K-1 classes (Beginning THIS FALL)!

As a teacher you will be right in the middle of all the action! Your commitment is minimal - one or two shadowing sessions this summer and a scheduled rotation for Sunday mornings beginning Sept. 12th! Also, with our AMAZING curriculum minimal prep-work per session required (roughly 30 minutes to an hour per week)! Interested? Need more information? Contact Randy at the church office: 919-481-4715 or randy-ccc@bellsouth.net



WET 'N' WILD!



All youth (up-coming 5th graders through 12th graders) are invited to join us on a trip to Wet & Wild in Greensboro, NC on Saturday August 14th! If we can get over 15 people to go, admission would be \$25 per person!

We'll leave the church at 8 AM - arrive at the park about 9:45 am. Everyone needs to bring \$\$\$ for drinks & food for the time spent in the park & an extra \$5 for a stop for Pizza on the way home! We should be home by 8:30 PM.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, & NEIGHBORS!

RSVP via (919) 481-4715 or randy-ccc@bellsouth.net by Wednesday August 11 to reserve your spot!



Pool Party! August 18th!

All up-coming K - 5th graders welcome!

Who's ready for a POOL PARTY? The Barish's are hosting a pool party @ Scottish Hills Recreational Facility in Cary, August 18!

There will be fun for everyone - parents and children! They have 2 slides & 2 diving boards. Festivities begin at 6:30 PM. For directions contact Scottish Hills Club directly at (469-8109). There will be desserts and all the fixin's to make a scrumptious ICE CREAM Sundaes! Bring your friends/family and enjoy an evening by the pool - eating ice cream and desserts!

Pool admission is \$3 per person and we would like to have a head count by Tuesday afternoon (the 17th) so send RSVPs to Randy via phone (919-481-4715) or e-mail randy-ccc@bellsouth.net ASAP! See you there!