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Happy 25th Anniversary Year, Covenant!
Save the Date: Sunday, November 13, 2011

Can you believe it? Covenant will be 25 years old in November! And we're going to celebrate in grand style, all the year long! There will be fun and informative programs & activities...along with guest preachers from many of our General Unit Presidents & Representatives as we recognize the many ways in which Covenant has been and continues to be a meaningful part of the Body of Christ within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) here and around the world.

We'll kick off our year's worth of celebration **Sunday, January 23** as we take a look at our history from being just a gleam in the Region's eye to the dynamic faith community we are today. Rev. Dr. Glenn Carson, President of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, located in Nashville, TN will remind us of the history of the Disciples of Christ and the role Covenant has played in that history as he preaches at 11a.

And later on at 5pm, we'll have an informal "Fireside Chat" with Rev. Robert (Bob) Mooty, Covenant's founding minister along with some of our founding-era members, who will reminisce about the early days of our formation. We'll have a homemade chili/soup supper to ward off the winter chill as we warm our hearts and minds with stories from those early years. Childcare will be provided during the program.

Plan now to be here on the 23rd to learn more about where we've come from as we build upon our foundation for the future. You won't want to miss either event! Invite your friends and family to hear the joys and challenges of our Covenant story.

Now, get out your new calendar and mark the rest of this Anniversary Year's celebrations:

- **February 13: Brandon Gilvin, Associate Director of the Week of Compassion**
- **March (TBD): Emphasis on Local Outreach Ministries with The "M 'n' M Singers."**
- **April 10: Randy Johnson, Christian Church Foundation-V. President for the S.E. Zone**
- **May (TBD): Covenant's Christian Family Month Celebration**
- **June 12: Jim Powell, recently retired President of Church Extension; currently serving as Sr. Advisor for Advancement**
- **August (TBD) Churchwide Ice Cream Social with fun for all!**
- **September (TBD): Ronald Degges, President of Disciples Home Missions**
- **October 23: Dennis Landon, President of Higher Education Leadership Ministries**
- **November 13: THE Great Day of Celebration! Special Plans to be announced soon!**

*Looking forward to celebrating Covenant with YOU! Your 25th Anniversary Committee:
Pam Deardorff & Marian Hartman, Co-Chrs. Ro Thompson; Becky Stiles; Ann Washington;
Sally Shelly; Ginny Evett; Sam Evett; Karen Nolan; Rev. VerBurg; Rev. Holste.*

Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Recent: Tristan Evarts, (great-nephew of Elaine & Elgin Fry); Cameron Jackson & family; Rev. Essie Thompson at Wake Med Raleigh; Mann Mullen, (Phama Larsen Johnston's brother); Gianlucca Prezucio (son-in-law of Hoffman's); Terry White (outpt. Surgery January 4); Sheila Reaves at home.

Continuing Prayers: Deb Nystrom; Jeannie Losey; Art & Hazel Brothers; Vicky Vanderford; Essie Thompson family; Mary Toney; Billie Watkins, mother of our General Minister & President, Dr. Sharon Watkins.

Parents: Phama Larsen Johnston; **Mothers:** Don Downs; Teresa DeMartin; Ann Hall; Vicky Vanderford;
Fathers: Jeremy Hopkins; Angie Ballard; Megan Larsen; Debbie Miller; Vicki Wilkinson. **In-laws:** Cindy Magliocca.
Son: Jim Johnston. **Daughters:** Mary Lou Jackson; The Hoffman's **Grandmothers:** Cindy Magliocca; Vicki Wilkinson;
Sister: Amy Rutledge; **Brothers:** Phama Larsen-Johnston; Jim Hartman; Craig Paul; Chris Kidd; Art Brothers
Grandson: The Kennel's **Aunts:** Ann Washington; Melanie Bunn. **Uncles:** Jenny Miller; Patricia Mills
Nephews: Melanie Bunn; Gerry Tokanel; Terry White. **Great-Nephew:** Barishes. **Nieces:** Huncik's & Hopkins'.
Cousins: Ted Glasener; Carole Tyler; Terry White; Glenda Hoffman; Elaine Fry; **Sisters-in-Law:** Terry White; Hazel Brothers;

Remembering Others: Joanne Hagans; Liz Delmer; Margaret Smith; Jenna Cass; Dave Lloyd; Tim Bruff; Suzanne Newell; Kulijof family; Bill Lewis; Christine & Sara Bronson; Chris Westbrook; Patrick Westbrook; Ron Walters; Raynell Cheek; Kelly Canady; Sondra Chitwood; Mildred Davis; General & Regional Church Leaders; NC Disciples new church starts.

Contact the church office: covenantcc@bellsouth.net or 481-4715 to continue those under "Remembering Others" after 2 weeks.

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With Grateful Hearts...

Thanks to the Covenant members and guests who so generously provided our special Christmas gifts. It is a joy to share in ministry with you and we look forward to a wonderful 2011 as we move forward together into God's future.

With love and appreciation,

*Rev. Joanne VerBurg, Rev. Randy Holste,
Mary Lou Jackson, Carole Tyler, Robin Miller,
Sharon Rosen & Patricia Mills*

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Welcome all children...Kindergarten – 4th Grade

(And Parents TOO!)

KIDS TO KIDS – Heading to the Food Bank

Saturday, January 8, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

We're excited to see what we'll get to do this time – in the past we've sorted cans, bagged pasta and black-eyed peas. Who knows what fun will be in store for us? Please come and share a wonderful giving-experience with your children. Additional details and consent forms will be sent out closer to the event. If you have any questions or need added to the email distribution list, please contact Jody Barish at 460-2820 or jodylb23@yahoo.com.

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Amazing Grays Progressive Dinner...come and join in the fun
January 15 beginning at 5p...progressive homes will be announced at a later date
Cost is \$10 per person and must be paid by January 7, 2011...
Contact Priscilla Glasener (557-9512) or Glenda Hoffman (481-3939) for more info.

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Special Invitation

Are you a guest interested in knowing more about Covenant Christian Church and meeting some new people? We would love for you to join us for our first Invitation Ministry Dinner of the New Year, Saturday evening, January 29th. The time and place will be announced soon.

There will be food, fellowship, and a chance to ask those burning questions there isn't time for on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please let Sandy Kidd (387-3882 & it2mad@aol.com) or Laura Holste (363-4831 & lauraholste@hotmail.com) know by January 10th or call the church office. We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks! ☺

Our Gifts & Expenses

Needed Monthly Receipts	\$ 20,543
December Gifts (through 12/26)	14,770
Christmas Offering	1,115
November Gifts	15,117
October Gifts	22,695
Income through 11.30.10	\$ 194,080
Expenses through 11.30.10	<u>215,764</u>
General Fund shortfall through 11.30.10	(21,684)
Proceeds from 2008 refinance transferred to GF	<u>19,613</u>
Net change to the GF through 11.30.10	\$ (2,071)

Questions? Contact Kathy Smith: 363-6313; ekathys@gmail.com

All 2010 contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2010.

The final figures for December, 2010 and year end will be published at a later date in the bulletin and February newsletter

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

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Prepare Now for the New Year:

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/CAPITAL CAMPAIGN/or MEMORIAL FUND.

Questions? Contact Kathy Smith, Treasurer: ekathys@gmail.com

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Youth News for January 2011

- January 2nd – Youth Program @ Church – 5:30 – 7 PM, Bring \$3 for dinner & a friend!
- January 7th – Jelly Beans “Skate Night” - \$10 –meet @ church – 7 PM, Pick-up @ 9:30 PM!(BRING A FRIEND)
- January 13th – Youth Advisory Board Meeting – 5:30 @ Church!
- January 23rd – “Fireside Chat” with Covenant! Chili Supper 5 PM!
- January 28th – YOUTH LOCK-IN @ Covenant! Bring \$5 for food & a friend! (6:30 PM)