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It Takes a Village...

...to nurture, grow and sustain a community of faith...a church family. And that's what happens around here at Covenant all the time. And in particular, this time of year when the Membership Class forms and wrestles with what it means to be a Follower of the Way...to follow in the footsteps of this Jesus, the One they have heard about since birth; thanks to loving parents and grandparents who continue to provide all that they need as they "grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and all people..." just like Jesus.

Three Cheers! No...Make that 9 Cheers! For Covenant's Church Membership Class:

- Eli Baldwin, son of Darla & Brad Baldwin; Sponsor: Derek Rutledge;
- Jordan Barish, daughter of Jody & Jay Barish; Sponsor: Renié Palmer;
- Jackson Beaufort, son of Jennifer & Todd Beaufort; Sponsor: Bob Kennel;
- Matthew Bunn, son of Melanie Bunn; Sponsor: Brad Baldwin;
- Carmine Anderson-Falconi, son of Rocio & Shawn Anderson-Falconi; Sponsor: Darla Baldwin;
- Fabrizio Anderson-Falconi, son of Rocio & Shawn Anderson-Falconi; Sponsor: Robin Miller;
- Jackie Stelmack, daughter of Diana & Greg Stelmack; Sponsor: Angie Ballard;
- J.D. Sterling, son of Becky & Mike Sterling; Sponsor: Dick Reaves;
- Gabe Swanser, son of Lynn & Kole Swanser; Sponsor: Carole Tyler.

They've been meeting for the past 6 weeks as they discover the whys of worship and the deeper meaning surrounding the Sacraments of Holy Communion & Baptism. They've been asking such great & curious questions—in fact, a whole lot of them ☺ as they learn more about what it means to be a responsible and committed member of the Church. All the time coming to realize that they are being guided by God's help and the support of a loving home and church family.

As they work on their understanding of what it means to confess, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and I accept him as my Savior..." they are also hard at work writing their own Credo (I believe) statements that they will share as they each make their own Confession of Faith on the day of their Baptism.

They will make their Confession of Faith during morning worship, June 10. Later that afternoon at 3pm, the entire Covenant Family is invited to attend the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Paul's Christian Church (DoC): 3331 Blue Ridge Rd. Raleigh, 27612; with a reception following.

Now here's what I need and want **YOU** to do: Find the time to let them know, in person or maybe a note or card, that you support them with your love and prayers...and then make every effort to be here on June 10 to share in this significant day in their young lives and in ours as well...

It's what a church family does, you know...

Blessings, Rev. Joanne

News from the Moderator...

It's been an eventful year at Covenant so far. Looking back on the first five months of 2012, we've covered a lot of ground! We've had holy days and social events, fundraisers, and programming for all ages. We've made progress on balancing our operating expenses and income, and we've nominated and elected officers and leaders for the coming program year. We continue to be blessed with meaningful worship services, engaging classes, guests in our midst, and opportunities for reaching out to others.

As we look ahead to June, the list continues. From VBS to camp to baptism, it's going to be a full month. Please take a look at the other items in this newsletter and plan to attend one or more of these wonderful events!

In the midst of the fun things we've done, we have also regretfully accepted the resignation of our 22+ years Director of Music Ministries, Carole Tyler. Although we are sad that Carole is no longer going to be serving in this capacity, we rejoice with her in her retirement and the many opportunities ahead of her....and she probably deserves a little rest, too! Certainly we are deeply grateful for her many years of service and the ways she has enriched our worship and our community.

A search committee has been formed to begin the process of selecting and hiring a new Director of Music Ministries. In the coming weeks and months, we'll keep you posted as the process unfolds. In the meantime, please feel free to ask any of the members of the committee if you have any questions:

Shawn Anderson; Jody Barish; Carol Carson; Jim Hartman; Karen Nolan; Marilyn Williams (Chr.);
Darla Baldwin, ex officio; Joanne VerBurg, ex officio

Darla Baldwin, Moderator

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A FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS MEETING FRIENDS! **Sunday, June 10**



Don't you think it would be fun to introduce your school, neighborhood, workplace, and family friends to your friends and acquaintances at Covenant Christian Church? Well, we would all like to meet & greet them in worship and the Education Hour, Sunday, June 10.

We're not just talking about people without a church home...This is a great chance to have your friends experience the joy of Covenant! We promise, there will be no embarrassing moments of introduction! No pressure to become a permanent fixture (although, permanent is always a good thing)....just simply a wonderful way to welcome them here and to fill our worship space with many friendly faces!

So, think about the many people who are a part of your circle of family & friends: neighbors, co-workers, different clubs, groups & organizations...however they have come your way. Invite them to share in meaningful worship & study as we warmly welcome them into our community of faith: **9am Gathering Worship** as some of the young people in the Church Membership Class make their Confession of Faith and the Signing of the Covenant Statement by members who have yet to do so...

9:45am Refreshments

10a Education Hour for Adults, Youth & Children

11am Worship as some of the young people in the Church Membership Class make their Confession of Faith and the Signing of the Covenant Statement by members who have yet to do so...

So, find your own tailor-made way of inviting others to be with us Sunday, June 10; we'll all be blessed for having done so...*Carole Tyler, Invitation Ministry Chr.*

Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Welcome to our Newest Members: Mike, Becky, J.D. & Ella Sterling, by transfer from FCC, Greensboro. (J.D. is in the church membership class; Ella is 4yrs old). Their address & phone: 109 Spring Hollow Lane, Cary, 27518; 919-859-9189. Their Shepherding Elder is Renié Palmer.

Please extend a warm Covenant welcome to the Sterling Family

Congratulations to: Jim & Marian Hartman on the birth of their grandson, Grey Oliver Gud in Charlotte, NC

Recent: Mike Hopkins, Dallas, TX (J. Hopkins); Elgin Fry at home.

Continuing Prayers: Terry White; Art Brothers; Vicky Vanderford at Rex Rehab; Rev. Raye Feltner-Kapornyai.

Parents: Phama Larsen-Johnston; **Mothers:** Vicky Vanderford; Don Brooks; Ann Hall; Betsy Mebane; **Fathers:** Megan Larsen; Debbie Miller; **In-Laws:** Renié Palmer; **Grandmothers:** Déjà & Dionna Francis; Vicki Wilkinson; **Grandfather:** Dana Kropf; **Grandchildren:** Sally Shelly; Hall's; **Brothers:** Don Brooks; Phama Larsen Johnston; Terry White; **Sister:** Kathy Smith; **Aunts:** Ann Hall; Jeff Miller; Cathy Downs. **Uncle:** Angie Ballard; **Nieces:** Sally Shelly; Terry White; **Great Niece:** Betsy Mebane; Nancy Jones; **Nephews:** Stelmack; Misty Mowrey; Terry White; **Great-Nephew:** Barishes. **Cousins:** Jerry Hall; Elaine Fry; Mary Lou Jackson; Terry White...

Remembering Others:; Pat Davis; Tim Ellison; Tim Edwards; Jacob Stallings deployed to Afghanistan; Angela Cerveny; Ellie Busby; Sandra Collins; Suzie Broddle; Jeff Mandler; Hudson Mimlitch; Ryan Woodyard; Carolyn Lester; Vince Fox; Krista Johnson; Ron Walters; Marjorie Moran; Suzanne Newell; Cheyenne Craven-Crozier; Rev. Dr. Kay Northcutt; Christine & Sara Bronson; General & Regional Church Leaders; DoC new church starts...

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Our Financial Information

YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL:

General Fund Contributions through April 30	\$64,745
Fundraisers and Other Income through April 30	<u>5,961</u>
Total Income through April 30	\$70,706
Total Expenses through April 30	<u>\$69,946</u>
Balance as of April 30	\$ 760

Detailed financial reports are available upon request. Contact Kathy Smith: 363-6313 or ekathys@gmail.com

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With Summer Vacations Upon Us Want a Great Way to be in Worship When You're Away? Consider Automatic Bill Pay...

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, in the memo line
Questions? Contact Kathy Smith, Treasurer: ekathys@gmail.com



SCRIP Update

Please remember to stop by and visit the SCRIP volunteers in the hallway across from the office after each service – they can help you purchase from inventory, answer questions, or place an order; or contact Robin Miller: doghowse@msn.com or 919-852-3986.

"Amazing Grays" June Luncheon
Thursday, June 21, 11:30a
Brig's Restaurant on Tryon Rd. at Walnut St. Cary
RSVP Church Office by June 18



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Operation Overboard!
Dare to Go Deep with God!*

Monday, June 18 – Thursday, June 21
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

www.CovenantChristianChurch-Cary.org

*Everyone is invited to be a part of the excitement at our Vacation Bible School,
Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God!*

In this year's VBS, we will dive deep into God's word and discover what it means to have deep faith.

The four Ocean Insights for the week are:

Depend on God: The story of Noah

Claim Jesus: The story of John the Baptist

Choose to Follow: The story of the Disciples

Change the World: The story of Paul

Registration forms are located in the church office, the entryway, and on our website. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Dive in!

Here's a list decorating supplies we need for VBS this year!

Help us set the stage for a great week of underwater adventure by donating or loaning us some of these items:

blue or green crepe paper or fabric

Stuffed animals (sea creatures)

Bubble machine

Artificial plants and ferns

Snorkels or swim masks

Paintbrushes

Pool noodles

Scuba gear or wet suits

Fishing nets

Colorful loofahs or bath scrunchies

Any fish, shark, octopus, stingray, etc items you might have!

If you want the items returned to you, please make sure your name is on them.

Please bring all items to Rev. Randy's office by Sunday, June 10.

Questions? Just ask: Darla: 789-3375, darlabaldwin@nc.rr.com

Thank you!

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 our Pre-School & K-1 classes! As a teacher you will be right in the middle of all the action! Your commitment is minimal - one or two shadowing sessions and a scheduled rotation for Sunday mornings! Also, with our AMAZING curriculum minimal prep-work per session required (roughly 30 minutes to an hour per week)! If you are interested in becoming a SS teacher, or want more information, please contact Rev. Randy at the church office: 919-481-4715 or randy-ccc@bellsouth.net



Youth News - Calendar!

CHI RHO (Middle Schoolers)

June 10th – School's OUT –LET's PARTY! – 5– 7 PM (Bring \$5 & a friend)- Game Night w/ PIZZA!

June 18th – 21st – Vacation Bible School! WE NEED YOUR HELP! Register to be a volunteer today!

June 27th 6:30-8:30p - Drum for the Hoop Jam @ Pullen Park – [Raleigh Drum Circle](#) (RDC) –
Come on out & learn how to DRUM!

(*RDC is a community of drummers dedicated to using the universal language of percussive music for creative self-expression. In doing so, they encourage cultural awareness, embrace diversity, and promote harmony through rhythm.)

July 18th – Come watch Becky Layko in NC Theatre's presentation "Oliver". 7:30 PM (\$45) –RSVP by June 8th – 5 PM

July 2012 – TBD – Camping Trip to Jordan Lake!!! – (Available dates: July 13-14th, 20-21st, or 27-28th!!)

CYF (High Schoolers)

June 8th-9th 6:30 -8:30p -OUT! Spend a night locked out with Covenant! (Bring \$40 & friend)! (Meet @ church -8p

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July 12th – Oak City 7: Local Bands in Downtown Raleigh! 6 PM to 9:30 PM – Check out videos of the bands!

Let's Go Camping!



Covenant youth (6th – 8th grades) are invited to join us in July for a camping trip to Jordan Lake! Bring your camping gear/outdoor attire for a fun-filled day & night on the Lake! We'll cook hotdogs by the fire, roast marshmallows, make s'mores, tell scary stories, & HAVE FUN!

I couldn't think of a better way to spend the Summer! Please check you email inbox & "Doodle" link to choose your favorite weekend! More information coming your way!

RSVP to Randy (via Doodle) so that he can make sure there is room enough for all!

Parents... We Need Your Help!

Calling all parents... Covenant Christian Church is looking to recognize your WONDERFUL, SPECTACULAR, MARVELOUS, & AMAZING student(s)! It does not matter what the award, recognition, or achievement was, just send them our way. Your student can be in Preschool or Graduate School, it doesn't matter. We are looking for young & old who learned to tie their shoes or received the most prestigious award in school-all important & we want to recognize them in a very special way! Please submit all awards, accolades, & recognitions to Rev. Randy @ randy-ccc@bellsouth.net. on or before June 8th @ 5 PM. All will be recognized June 17th.



A SHOUT OUT!!!

Covenant's Kindergarten Grads are...

***Keaton Barish:**
Davis Drive Elementary

***Tate Holste:**
Farmington Woods Elementary

***Nicholas Miller-Hogg:**
Apex Elementary

***Lilly Smith:**
Turner Creek Elementary

***Travares Carter:**
Hodge Rd. Elementary

***Riley Hurley:**
Olive Chapel Elementary

***Jacob Moses:**
Northwoods Elementary

***Pesephone Branch:**
Adams Elementary

***Jadzia Hamm:**
Salem Elementary

***Ian McHarg:**
Olive Chapel Elementary

***Grace Myers:**
Baucom Elementary

Covenant's 5th Grade Grads are...

***Jordan Barish:**
Leaving: Davis Drive Elementary
Entering: Davis Drive Middle

***Timothy Downs:**
Leaving: Morrisville YR Elementary
Entering: Exploris Middle

***Dane Swanser:**
Leaving: Salem Elementary
Entering: Salem Middle

***Christopher Hinton:**
Leaving: Hodge Road Elementary
Entering: East Wake Middle

***Hannah Porterfield-Winstead:**
Leaving: Friends School (Durham)
Entering: Friends School (Durham)

Covenant's Middle School Grads are...

***Katherine White:**
Leaving: Centennial Campus MS Entering: SE Raleigh High

***Jade Brown:**
Leaving: Carnage Middle Entering: Knightdale High

CONGRATULATIONS
Graduates!

Outreach Ministry

Urban Ministries Food Pantry

Countless adults and children in Wake Co. are hungry every day. Not just a few pangs throughout a day; but always in need of good nutrition. The statistics are overwhelming and you and I, in the midst of "what am I going to fix/have for dinner tonight," need to remember those who go without enough food for themselves and their families...period. We need to be mindful of them every time we say the blessing over our abundance and each time we stop by the grocery store...

Summer's here and so many children will not receive the usual school breakfasts & lunches...

So remember to add some non-perishable "kid-friendly" food items to your cart each week...and then bring them to church and put in the entryway baskets...lots of folks are counting on YOU and ME!

Covenant's Outreach Ministry needs you! If you have an interest in reaching out to serve the myriad of needs in our community, then this is the Covenant Ministry for you! The ministry currently includes Renié Palmer, Ruth Jordan and Becky Stiles. We meet no more than once per month for approximately one hr. to select and plan outreach opportunities. We know that there are those of you out there who would be an asset to this ministry. In the past we have coordinated the provision of gifts for the Christmas Angel Tree, participated in building a Habitat for Humanity house, collected gently used shoes for those in need, and provided gift cards used by women in need to purchase food during the holidays.

Interested? Contact Renié Palmer: 919-481-2121; rpalmer123@nc.rr.com

We're looking forward to YOU joining us for the coming term.

Starting in June, "The Diversity Lunch Bunch"
will NOT meet during the summer!

We will meet again beginning October 7
following 11a worship
and the usual first Sunday of the Month following.

Disciples Men are Good, but Slow...

Disciples Men, along with Covenant's Women's Ministry, have pledged money for freshening up the Infant/Toddler Nursery. Look for the fresh look soon! Our New Testament Study is still planned for sometime this summer. It has been a busy Spring! *God Bless, Bob Kennel, Secretary*



Women's Ministry

We thank you for your support during the past year. If you feel that Women's Ministry is a critical ministry for our church, please consider chairing or co-chairing the ministry during the remainder of this year and through June of 2013.

The primary duties of the chair or co-chairs are to:

- Work with the Women's Ministry Steering Committee to select speakers, service projects, and decide how to disburse funds.
- Facilitate the quarterly meetings.
- Ensure that volunteers are acquired to provide food for the breakfasts and evening gatherings.
- Ensure that coffee is prepared and the room set up for the breakfasts and evening gatherings.
- We now meet in one of the class rooms so set up is not difficult.
- Solicit volunteers for the fall craft fair and bake sale.
- Ensure that the "Blessing Box" donations are sent to the regional office.

If you feel called to do so and would like to obtain additional information about what's involved in chairing or co-chairing this ministry, please contact Renié Palmer: 919-481-2121; rpalmer123@nc.rr.com
The steering committee (Elaine Fry, Mary Lou Jackson, Phama Johnston, Elaine Kennel, Karen Nolan, Ann Washington, and Marilyn Williams) has already decided that the first meeting of the new term (September 2012) will consist of learning to make a craft or crafts to be sold at the craft fair. So... future chair and/or co-chairs of Covenant's Women's Ministry...Come on down! *Renie Palmer, Women's Ministry Coordinator*