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"Click Your Heels Three Times"

Right out of the ages-old classic, *"The Wizard of Oz"*...straight from Dorothy's mouth, I can click my heels together 3 times (at least while being seated) ☺ and say with great conviction,

"There's No Place Like Home"...

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That's not to say that I didn't thoroughly enjoy being away from the routine of ministry...because I did! And just like all of you, words are inadequate to express how very much I needed a little "R 'n' R" that being away provides.

This was "3 Weeks on the High C's!"...Cleveland; Canada (Toronto); Chautauqua; and Columbus—affording me time with friends and family on either side of a week of continuing education at the Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, NY. I shared life with a house-full of Disciples friends from far and wide.

How good it was to be on the receiving end of 6 moving sermons, by one of my favorite preachers, Barbara Brown Taylor; challenging science lectures provided by explorers, marine biologists, photographers and writers from National Geographic; and daily interfaith lectures; all based on the theme of *"Water Matters."* I look forward to sharing future morning messages based on this theme and what it means to be good stewards of Planet Earth as we seek to preserve the life-giving, life-sustaining gift of water.

I came across an old file filled with cartoons and comics I have saved for a while. One of the old Peanuts cartoon has Snoopy, complete with goggles on his head, greeted by Woodstock who seems to be going on and on with a long, one-sided conversation for at least 3 segments. In the last segment Snoopy says to himself, with a bit of an exhausted expression on his face, still in the midst of Woodstock's monologue, *"When you've just come home from a long trip, people shouldn't talk too much to you until you've at least had time to sit down and have a cup of tea!"* ☺

Well, I want you to know since returning home, I've had the chance to have a cup of tea, along with a few glasses of iced coffee...to straighten the sanctuary chairs...share in morning worship...and enjoy delicious ice cream this past Sunday. So, I feel quite ready to hear about what's been happening in your lives in my absence...to share in your joys; your sorrows; your grief; your triumphs and accomplishments; your struggles; your health concerns; your healing; as well as your everyday kinds of experiences.

It's so good to connect and reconnect, to discover and rediscover what it means to be a part of this faith community—to have a place to belong, a place to become, a place to share and receive, a jumping-off place into the wider local and global community as we look forward to our new program year...

"There IS No Place Like Home"... And that's a fact!

Blessings, Rev. Joanne

**Financial Peace University (PFU) Classes
Begin THIS Friday, August 3 at 6:30pm!**

What is FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY?!

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

FPU classes meet for an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. Classes will begin at Covenant Christian Church starting on Friday, August 3 and run through October 5. Childcare will be provided for families as needed, please let us know. For more information contact Jeremy or Suzanne Hopkins: fpu@hopkins-family.org or register at: <http://goo.gl/Q4Lml>

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***Celebrating 22+ years of Music Ministry at Covenant!
Sunday, August 19 at 11a***

Plan now to attend a service of joy-filled music as we celebrate and give thanks to God for the talent, leadership and dedicated service of Dr. E. Carole Tyler, who is retiring as Covenant's Director of Music Ministries! Her love of music and worship; her vision of what it means to be Church, has guided us in 22+ years of weekly worship services with the adult choir & instrumentalists, along with Easter & Christmas Cantatas, other special services and children's choirs; always stretching us to be better than we thought possible.

Her love of Covenant not only is expressed through her music ministry, but also through her service as an Elder, Trustee, Ministry Chrs, Church Membership Class Sponsor, Seekers Class Facilitator and her friendship with so many of us through the years.

Carole has also unselfishly shared her gifts with other congregational choirs among Disciples throughout NC; NC regional assemblies; denominational General Board meetings and the 2003 General Assembly in Charlotte, NC. She has also served as Chr. of NC Commission on the Ministry and the General Board of our denomination.

We cherish her, her abilities, her inspiration and of course her sense of humor and her many stories that have filled us with laughter through the years. We hope you will be able to be here for this special worship and the reception following, as we show our gratitude for a job well done. It promises to be another one of Covenant's "great-getting' up mornings!"

Darla Baldwin, Moderator

Help ~~STILL Wanted~~ NEEDED!

We have two program vacancies that need to be filled by August 1:

- 1) **The Casserole Ministry Coordinator:** someone who will contact volunteers who have already agreed to make casseroles to be placed in the church freezer for members & guests who could benefit from not having to cook during times of illness; recovery or bereavement; and to recruit new cooks when needed. Instructions and a plan for this important act of hospitality are already in place...all we lack is someone to provide oversight to make the program efficient and effective...**AND**
- 2) **Kitchen Guardian Coordinator:** someone who will give oversight to the needs of keeping the church kitchen looking nice and well-organized so that we can all find the kitchen supplies when needed during certain churchwide functions. The guidelines are already in place for this position too.
And we already have 3 Kitchen Guardians who stop by the church one day each assigned week to check on what needs to be done to keep the kitchen presentable and functional. **WHICH THEN MEANS WE NEED:**
- 3) **2 additional Kitchen Guardians:** to accept one day during an assigned week to help keep us organized.

Interested in serving any of the above positions? Questions? Contact the Church Office: 919-481-4715 or covenantch@bellsouth.net and someone will be back in touch with you...**Thanks, The Management** ☺

Come, Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Our Love & Prayers are with Sharon & Steve Frost in the recent death of Sharon's mother in Wilmington, NC.

Recent: Elaine Fry at Rex-NO Visitors at this time; phone calls welcomed: 919-784-3924. Pat Cadle's sister, Barbara; neighbor of the Brooks family; co-worker of Roxie White...

Continuing Prayers: Larry Monteith; Bob & Elaine Kennel; Wally Teto; Ann Messick; Deb Nystrom; The Grennan Family; Art Brothers; Jeff Miller; Paul Kessel; Vicky Vanderford.

Parents of: Patricia Cadle; **Mothers:** Brad Baldwin; Vicky Vanderford; Don Brooks; Ann Hall; **Fathers:** Debbie Miller; **In-Laws:** Renié Palmer; **Grandmothers:** Déjà & Dionna Francis; Vicki Wilkinson; **Grandfathers:** David Williams; **Grandchildren:** Cathy Teague; Sally Shelly; **Brothers:** Don Brooks; **Aunts:** Cathy Downs; Marilyn Williams **Uncles:** Angie Ballard; Marilyn Williams; **Great Nieces:** Betsy Mebane; Nancy Jones; **Nephews:** Stelmack; Misty Mowrey; **Great-Nephew:** Barishes. **Cousins:** Jerry Hall; Mary Lou Jackson...

Remembering Others: Terrell family; Robin Pittman; Atkins family; Nora Brooks; Karen Klice; John Kemp; Tracy Hewitt; Rock Hood; James & Bonnie Purvis; Landon Snyder; Joy Stuart; Pat Davis; Tim Edwards; Jacob Stallings; Angela Cerveny; Ellie Busby; Sandra Collins; Suzie Broddle; Jeff Mandler; Hudson Mimplitch; Ryan Woodyard; Carolyn Lester; Ron Walters; Suzanne Newell; Cheyenne Craven-Crozier; Rev. Dr. Kay Northcutt; General & Regional Church Leaders; DoC new church starts...



Durham Bulls Game

Sunday, August 5

ALL Members & Guests Young & Old Are Welcome!

You've gotta love Baseball! Its "America's Favorite Past-time"! Join Covenant as we "root-root-root for the Home Team" at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park! Join us for a fun-filled evening where tickets are \$10 and the fun/fellowship are free!

If you want to caravan from the church - we'll be leaving around 4 PM - those of you who want to drive separately are just as welcome! **We've ordered 20 tickets together-First come, first serve! So those of you who are interested contact Randy ASAP to reserve your seat: 919-481-4715 or randy-ccc@bellsouth.net**! Tickets can be ordered at a later date, however, those who are late MAY NOT be able to sit with the rest of us! Check-out www.durhambulls.com for more information regarding the night's festivities and events for children!

"Amazing Grays" Luncheon
Thursday, August 16, 11:30a
At O'Charley's
(behind WakeMed Cary Hospital)

RSVP Church Office by August 13

Our Financial Information

YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL:

General Fund Contributions through June 30	\$95,675
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Fundraisers and Other Income through June 30	<u>6,361</u>
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Total Income through June 30	\$102,036
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Total Expenses through June 30	\$104,810
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Balance as of June 30	\$ (2,774)
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Detailed financial reports are available upon request. Contact Kathy Smith: 363-6313 or ekathys@gmail.com



Cary Lazy Daze Saturday, August 25 8a-5p

One of Covenant's major fundraisers is our food booth at Lazy Daze. Over the past 25 years we have gained a fine reputation for serving delicious Polish sausage/peppers & onion sandwiches and marinated chicken sandwiches and now we have added chicken wraps and won second place at Spring Daze this year! 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 & Lynn Wright's organizational and managerial skills; not to mention their time and energy. They've got 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. But once again shifts are 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 can go shopping & check back in. We need a minimum of 38 people to make this run smoothly...**How 'bout YOU?**

Sign up in the church entryway or contact the church office: 919.481.4715 OR covenantch@bellsouth.net

You can also help cut our expenses by donating ONLY PEPSI drink products:

- 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

Bring your donations to the church kitchen now and until Thursday, August 23.

SHIFT SCHEDULE & WORK ASSIGNMENTS (maps will be available soon): (Children ages 10-13 yrs may help with a parent; Cashiers must be at least 16 yrs old).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Job Description</u>	<u># Needed</u>
<u>Friday 8/24</u>			
Set-Up Crew	7-8:30p	set up tents and equipment	minimum 6 <u>Able-bodies</u>
<u>Saturday 8/25:</u>			
Shift #1	7a-10a	chop veggies/ice down coolers/ stock shelves cook breakfast sausages/biscuits/brew coffee/ marinate chicken/cashier	8 people
Shift #2	9:30-11:30a	chop veggies/cook chicken/get ready for lunch crowd cook sausages & veggies/cashier/drink orders	8 people
Shift #3	11a-1p	Height of the lunch crowd/cooking & preparing sandwiches drink orders/cashier	8 people
Shift #4	12:30-2p	same as Shift #3	5 people
Shift #5	2-4p	same as Shift #3	5 people
Shift #6	3:30-5p	same as Shift #3	5 people
Shift #7	4:30-6p	begin to shut down & tear down booth	minimum 5 <u>Able-bodies</u>
Clean-Up Crew	6-8p	Clean up at the Church/washing utensils & equipment/putting it ALL away	5 people



Hey...All Covenant Parents!

Hello to all Covenant parents (members & guests)! Are you asking yourself the question... "What's happening @ Covenant this year?" If so, have I got a proposition for you! **Sunday, August 12**; immediately following the 11 AM worship service there will be a brief (30 minutes or less) meeting with all interested parents to inform them of the activities & events happening @ Covenant this school year. At this meeting, we will discuss our on-going programs as well as our newest programming adventures. It will also be a time where you can voice your concerns or opinions about certain programs or learn more about calendars, schedules, etc... for each program/event/or activity.

You will hear about...

- ***Children's Worship & Wonder**
- ***Sunday School (Children & Adult)**
- ***Chi Rho & CYF (Youth Programs)**
- ***Special Events/Activities for Children/Youth (VBS, Trunk/Treat, Christmas Play, ETC..)**
- ***JYF (NEW program for 3-5th graders)**
- ***Transitional Worship**
- ***& A WHOLE LOT MORE!**

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Pool Party August 13 6-9p!

All Covenant Families Welcome!

Who's ready for a POOL PARTY? The Barishes are hosting a pool party @ the Scottish Hills Recreational Facility in Cary on August 16th! There will be fun for everyone – parents and children! They have 2 slides & 2 diving boards. Festivities begin at 6 PM. For directions contact Scottish Hills Club directly at (919-469-8109)! 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: \$3 per person. Need head count by Friday afternoon the 10th!
Send RSVPs to Randy ASAP: 919-481-4715 OR randy-ccc@bellsouth.net ASAP! See you there!

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Covenant's SCRIP Update

New retailers are constantly being added to the list of retailers available for Reload. This means that if a retailer participates in Reload, once you have purchased a card for that retailer through our SCRIP program, you can go online through ShopWithScrip.com and add money to that card. If you choose to pay for your reload with a check to our organization, the money will be available on your card Tuesday morning. If you choose to pay for your reload with PrestoPay, the money will process overnight if you place your order by 3:30 pm on a business day (or by Tuesday morning if you place your Reload order over a weekend). You receive an email from the Great Lakes Scrip Center once the funds are reloaded onto your card, so you know the money is there. You can also check the balances of your reloaded cards through ShopWithScrip.com.

Reload is another great option for people that really want to participate in the SCRIP program, but have trouble remembering to bring your checkbook to church on Sundays, forget to stop by the SCRIP table to place your order, or who have difficult planning ahead. Some retailers that currently participate in Reload are Athleta/Banana Republic/Gap/Old Navy, Bath & Body Works, BP Gas, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Chevron, CVS Pharmacy, Domino's, Exxon, Jiffy Lube, Lowe's Home Improvement, Papa John's, Starbucks, and Whole Foods. And, brand new to the Reload option for the Great Lakes Scrip Center, Target cards are now reloadable!

Questions? Stop by and visit with the SCRIP volunteers after either service in the hallway across from the office. We can answer your questions; help make a purchase from inventory, or take an order. Please feel free to also contact Robin Miller, Covenant's SCRIP Coordinator at doghowse@msn.com or 919-852-3986. So far this year we have already earned more than \$1000 for Covenant through the SCRIP program. Let's see how much more we can earn!

Robin Miller, SCRIP Coordinator

Some of Our Wake County Brothers & Sisters are STILL Hungry...

**Canned meats: tuna, chicken; Canned fruits;
Canned vegetables (NO green beans OR corn)
Canned soups; Canned beans (black, kidney, pinto)
Breakfast cereals; grits; Powdered or boxed milk;
Dried beans; Mac & cheese; Peanut butter and jelly; Pasta: dry and canned pasta meals; Rice;
Juice; juice boxes...**

I haven't heard from YOU so give me a call...

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

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Help Our Community Go Back To School!

The following is a simple list of needed items to donate...We will dedicate these items when we Bless the Backpacks, August 26 @ 9a & 11a. Thanks for reaching out to help:



- *book bags
- *paper
- *color folders
- *crayons
- *composition books
- *dry erase markers
- *zip lock bags
- *rulers
- *pencils
- *glue sticks
- *scissors
- *color pencils
- *tissues
- *hand sanitizer

Hooray! I am pleased to BE the newest Women's Ministry chair! ☺ I look forward to a year of enjoying new ideas as well as appreciating the tried-and-true. Our next meeting will be in September. Please watch the church's newsletter and Sunday bulletins for more information, as it becomes available.

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When we get our men back from vacation, business travel, surgeries, and wild travel, our next meeting will be at Norm Banks' home with Jack Reilly, Ted Glasener, and Bob Kennel leading it. The date has not yet been set, but stay tuned.

Ted Glasener, President, and Bob Kennel, Secretary

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JYF (Rising 3rd-5th Graders)

August 13th – Pool Party/Ice Cream Social– Scottish Hills Swim Club, Cary, NC – Bring \$3 & a friend – 6 PM

September 9th – KICK-OFF SUNDAY! Talent/Un-Talent Night!

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August 25th – A Morning @ Frankies!!!! (All rising 6th – 8th Graders Invited)

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August 3rd – Movie Night: “Inception” - @ Church 5 PM!

August 11th -12th – Trip to Asheville & Unity Church in Fletcher, NC

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Program Alert!

We've got a unique opportunity for all up-coming 3rd graders, beginning on Kick-Off Sunday, Sept. 9...

* **Transitional Worship** – All 3rd graders are invited during 11 AM worship (after Children's Moment) to join Pastor Randy in the big Sunday School Class for Transitional Worship! This program is offered to help children who have graduated Children W & W, but yet need added guidance before entering adult worship.

*An Informational Session will be available for parents on Sept. 2, immediately following 11 AM worship for those who want to know more.

More information? Questions? contact Randy: 919-481-4715 or randy-ccc@bellsouth.net