



*The Connection*  
**COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*“Developing Kingdom-Hearted Believers”*

February 22 - March 7, 2012

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**SEASON OF PRAYER FOR  
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS**

**March 4-11**

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

**Covenant’s Goal:**

*Every Member Giving More Than Before*

**(Given in 2011 - \$3,872)**

**Wednesday, March 7th**

Adult Mission Study

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Theme: *Whatever It Takes (Mark 2:1-5)*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11th**

**9:00-10:00 a.m. - Brunch in the Family Life Center**

Featuring breakfast casserole, bacon,  
grits, fruit, juice and coffee

**10:00-11:00 a.m. - Sunday School**

**11:00-12:00 a.m. - Combined Worship**

This is yet another wonderful opportunity to make a fellowship connection with your church family and enjoy a delicious brunch prepared by Church Hostess, Julie Dutton and the Fellowship Team. No reservations required. We will be accepting donations to cover the cost of the meal. Remember, that day is the start of Daylight Saving Time – so spring forward one hour and be on time.

## **SHARE THE VISION...Dr. Bert Welch**

### **TRANSFORMATIONAL CHURCH**

I want to thank the many folks who have participated in the Assessment Tool in the past two weeks. This is the first crucial step in the process of evaluating our effectiveness as a church in seven critical ministry areas. Therefore, the more input we receive, the more accurate that evaluation will be. With accurate information, we will be able to define some goals and action plans to help us set the course of the future. I want to ask you to do five things: (1) Take a few moments to take the assessment tool. (2) Pray that God will assist us in making an honest evaluation, not simply saying what we want to hear. (3) Ask the Lord to provide a very meaningful evaluation retreat experience on March 18th with our consultants. (4) Pray that God would begin to raise up some people who will passionately take on the process of further formulating the goals and action plans. (5) Pray that we would be focused on seeking God's direction and courageous in the implementation of the directives we embrace.

### **RECENT DAYS**

Over the past few weeks, I have been involved in various special events, experiences and gatherings involving a large span of ages and interests. These occasions ranged from a girl's lock-in to senior adult luncheons and virtually everything in between. I have noticed one common thread in all – a love for the Lord and one another. There is a sweet, sweet spirit thread of unity and purpose interwoven in this fellowship of believers. A church must possess a loving foundation in order to reach out and share the love of Christ with others. It has been said, "You can't give away what you don't have." I urge you to take advantage to intentionally bond together as a church, so we can expend our energies for a Kingdom-focused purpose and not waste time and resources dealing with the constant drama that infects so many churches today. Please be warned! Satan will do everything in his deceptive power to distract, divide and defeat a church on mission for the Lord. Why should he bother with a dead church? So celebrate what God is doing in these exciting and challenging days. Delight in the many blessings He sends our way. Rejoice in seeing lives changed and souls saved. Revel in the fact that we are having an impact around the globe for the Gospel. Ask yourself the challenging question I posed last Sunday, "Is my current level of commitment to the Lord and His church pleasing to God?"

## **CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY**

**Saturday, March 10th**

**WORK PROJECTS:** You have probably noticed a few repair projects being accomplished around the church facility. We have repaired some exterior brickwork areas in the oldest portion of the building and will be repainting in early spring. Three concrete pad sections have been replaced near the side drive-through entrance due to deterioration. Other upcoming projects include recovering the large canvas entrance and repainting the rear handicap entrance railings. Our thanks to the Building Team for their oversight and expertise. We have a churchwide workday planned on Saturday, March 10th, and need many volunteers to assist with various projects.

## SCHEDULE

### Sundays

8:45 am Contemporary Worship  
 9:45 am Coffee & Conversation  
 10:00 am Sunday School  
 10:00 am Covenant 101 Class (Conference Room)  
 11:00 am Traditional Worship

### Wednesdays

5:00 pm Gym Open for Students  
 5:15 pm Bible Drill (3rd-5th grades)  
 5:30 pm Instrumental Ensemble (Music Suite)  
 6:00 pm Nursery (Birth - Age 2)  
     AWANA (Age 3 - 5th grade)  
     Student Worship (6th-12th grades)  
     Women's Bible Study (Room 204)  
 6:15 pm Praise Team Rehearsal (Worship Center)  
     Adult Small Groups  
 6:30 pm Adult Prayer/Bible Study (Fell. Hall)  
 7:15 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)

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### *Staff Anniversary*

#### **Joe Reuschling Church Custodian**

March 1, 2001-2012 (11 years)

Joe and Peggy have a new grandson, Benjamin Lucas Rowell, born on February 10th. Parents are Mary Beth and Kevin Rowell.

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### SUNDAY, FEB. 26th

**Coffee Station:**

Daniel & Christi Mills

**Refreshment Station:**

The Unshrinkables SS Class

**Greeters:**

Ruddy & Kim Bumgardner (8:30)

Jerry & Rebecca Williams (10:45)

**Counting Team Rotation:**

Bob Williams, Darrell Young

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4th

**Coffee Station:**

Tim & Rhonda Steele

**Refreshment Station:**

Family Matters SS Class

**Greeters:**

Bo & Jennifer Hartley (8:30)

Tom & Jean White (10:45)

**Counting Team Rotation:**

Darrell Young, Jimmie Harms

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## FAMILY NEWS

### *Prayer Concerns*

CMC-Main: Richard Harms

CMC-Mercy: Richard Knight

Home: Pete Dutton, Gale Parker, Wayne McMackin, Ruby Howard (Tim Howard's mother)

### *In Memory Of* **Patricia Fields**

June 12, 1942 - February 10, 2012

Covenant Member Since November 15, 2009

Our Deepest Sympathy to Her Family.

### *Please Pray Daily For Those On Mission*

...Kent Jewell and David Steele: February 16-25th - Russia

### *Thank You*

...from Anna Funderburk...from the Lancaster Children's Home...from HOPE of Lancaster.

### *Welcome New Member*

Covenant welcomes **Chris Baker** who comes by transfer of church membership. Chris is married to Greta Sims Baker. They have one child, Bailey.

### *50th Wedding Anniversary*

George and Marj Walrod invite you to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a drop-in on Sunday, March 18th, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please, your presence is the only gift they desire.

### *Open Windows*

The Spring Quarter (March, April, May) *Open Windows* are available for pickup in the main hallway.

### *Happy Birthday*

(26th) Marty Lane (27th) David Steele (28th) Camryn Burley, Kristy Jester, Joel Shrum (March 1st) Daniel Mills, Judy Pinkston, Mike Sherrill (2nd) Ashton Blackmon, Alice Bynum, Evan Joplin (3rd) Meg Barton, Carol Crook, Paige Duke, Joshua McBride (4th) Michael Johnson, Elizabeth Kiefer (7th) April Dupree, Carolyn Mathis (8th) Dom Conigularo (10th) Karis Daley, Garen Hicks, Danny Kennington, Tim Kevern, Elizabeth Roach

## STUDENT MINISTRY: Shaun Daley

● **Field of Dreams:** If you are interested in playing church league softball, please sign up on the board outside the Worship Center. **The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 18th.** This is great a opportunity for fellowship among our faith family and our community!

● **Deposits** are now being accepted for Mission Serve (June 24-30 to Cherokee, NC) and Summer Camp (July 16-20 to Boiling Springs, NC). Brochures are located outside Shaun's office for you to grab and take. If you have questions, please see Shaun Daley.

● **Mentor Fellowship:** *Blooming Friendships* - Sunday, February 26th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and "grow" in Christ!

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

● **Dinner Theater:** On Thursday March 29th, we will take a group to White Oak Conference Center to enjoy a dinner theater at 6:00 p.m. with Aaron Wilburn, a Christian comedian and song writer who has been featured on the Gaither Homecoming tour and videos. His down home style of humor will have you laughing and enjoying your dinner in this "theater in the round" experience! Tickets are \$25 per person which includes your dinner, program and transportation on the CBC bus. The bus will leave from Covenant at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are sold on a first-come-first-served basis, so purchase yours today from the church office. See Dr. Welch for more details.

● **Attention All Virginia Bike Trip Participants:** Please join us on Sunday, March 11th, at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a brief pre-trip meeting. Let us know at the meeting the total number attending and if you will be bringing a bike or renting at the trail. Thanks!



***Atlanta Braves Baseball Trip***  
***September 29-30***  
***Braves -vs- NY Mets***

We will stay at a Comfort Suites at Stonecrest Mall and attend two Braves games, a Saturday night game and a Sunday day game. Brochures are available in the main hallway. This event is also open to non-members, family and friends. We only have 24 spots, so sign up ASAP!

## STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE & RESOURCES

**General Fund Monthly Goal for February: \$50,980**

**Building Fund Monthly Goal: \$8,000**

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Week 1	\$14,443	\$2,500
Week 2	13,023	1,081
Week 3	<u>8,448</u>	<u>1,091</u>
Monthly Total	\$35,914	\$4,672

**DONATIONS:**...in memory of Patricia Fields by M/M Vernon McManus, Lynn Melton, M/M Mike Johnson, Pierce Stockman, M/M Ben Moorefield, Lindsay Oil Company, Burchill Sweeney, Brabham Oil Company, Julie Horton, Smith Fuel Company, M/M Dickie Mixson, O'Dell Oil Company, NBSC Bank, M/M Carey Shackelford, M/M Bill Hemingway, Teresa Calton, M/M David Mixson, Brad Humphries, Susan Johnson and Henderson Oil Company ...in memory of Ron York's mother by M/M Randall Garris and M/M Vernon McManus...in memory of Kathy Welch's mother, Karen Funderburk's brother and Reggie McCorkle by M/M Ron York.

### ATTENDANCE

**Sunday, February 12th**

Worship - 404 / Sunday School - 252 / Wednesday - 195 / Small Groups - 74

**Sunday, February 19th**

Worship - 386 / Sunday School - 248 / Wednesday - 196 / Small Groups - 91

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Tim Howard

● **Single Again Ladies Class:** A new Sunday School class will begin on Sunday, March 4th, for “single again” ladies. This class will meet in Room 203 and be led by Frances Story-Jones.

● **Transformational Church Assessment Survey:** Your opinion and ideas matter, so be a part of Covenant’s visioning process by completing the churchwide assessment survey. It only takes about 15 minutes. You can take the survey: On-line at home, On-line at church in the Prayer Room, or by filling out a printed survey. To pick up information for taking the survey on line or to get a paper copy, contact Tim Howard or the church office.

## MISSIONS: Tim Howard

● **Operation In-As-Much:** Saturday, April 21st, is our official OIAM day. We have a history of over 200 Covenant folks serving in our community each year. Please begin praying about how you and your class or small group might get involved. This year, Family Promise is having their yard sale that same weekend, so we have the opportunity to provide assistance with this event in addition to some of our traditional projects such as care packages, CAM, construction, renovation, block parties, prayer journeys, visits to community centers, nursing homes, assisting the Pregnancy Care Center, helping Christian Services, Food Truck, etc. NOW is the time to start praying, talking and planning for OIAM.

● **Regency Hospice Needs Volunteers:** Regency Hospice is looking for volunteers who will Give Laughter (share flowers, celebrate holidays, sing songs), Give Love (hold a hand, share a story, send a card), and Give Yourself (run errands, perform light housekeeping) showing honor, love and compassion to those experiencing their last phases of life. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Kelly Catledge at 803-328-2141 or email her at: [katledge@regencyhospice.com](mailto:katledge@regencyhospice.com)

## SENIOR ADULTS: Tim Howard

● **Covenant Senior Adult Dinner Outing:** We will meet at Charley’s Cafe in Lancaster on Friday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. Sign up in the main hallway if you are planning on attending.

● **Senior Adult Luncheon:** Tuesday, March 13th - Tickets sold on March 4th and 11th. Steve Willis will present a program on the Court House.

## MUSIC & WORSHIP: Jason Burley

Attention Parents! Our Kidz Choirs and our Student Choir have resumed, and I want to encourage you to get your children involved in learning to lead worship through these great groups. I also want to remind you how important it is to have your kids at rehearsal each week as they learn the songs they will be singing this spring! Thanks for your help and support!

● The **Kidz Choirs** will present the musical “*God of This City*” on Sunday, April 29th, in BOTH services.

● The **Student Worship Team and Choir** will lead with the Worship Choir in the 11:00 a.m. combined service on Sunday, March 11th, the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 22nd, as well as in BOTH services on Sunday, May 13th.