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## New Covenant Church **CONNECTION**

*Our monthly newsletter for you and your family.*

# January 2024

*Promoting a life-changing faith within a loving fellowship*

# Discipleship Hour ADULT

NOV  
JAN

Sundays | 11:10a

## The Book of Revelation | Pastor David Rountree | A101

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## Church History, 13th-16th Centuries | Pastor Tom Buiter | A211

Join us as we explore and discuss the history of the church through the Renaissance and Reformation and see how God has protected her, tried her, and guided her through the centuries. We will discuss doctrine, share stories of saints, and seek to understand the church in different contexts.

## Worship | Jonathan Wisdom | A213

What is worship? What does the Bible say about *how* we should worship? Is worship something we do every day, or just when we gather at church? J.I. Packer says, "Worship in the Bible is the due response of rational creatures to the self-revelation of their Creator." Or, in other words, worship is what we were made for. In this class we will explore the Scriptural basis for worship, talk about practical considerations for worship in the church (as well as our theology and philosophy of worship at New Covenant Church), and engage in equipping discussions on how we can worship God in our personal and family rhythms. Come, join us for an enriching and practical study!

## COLLEGE & CAREER | Dr. Dirk Graves & Dr. William Milford | B108

In this class we will cover various life topics such as: Priorities, Decision Making, Biblical world-view, Technology, Stewardship, Witnessing, and Goals. We will have some guest speakers as well as some fun review games. If you are in the college and career age group and stage of life, please join us!

# YOUTH

## HIGH SCHOOL | A214

Tim Pitzer & Rob Wright

## MIDDLE SCHOOL | B105

Tim Pitzer & Dexter Williams

Students will be going through the entire bible over the next four years through a curriculum called, "rooted ministry". Each week we will look at a different text and learn how it applies to our lives.



NEW COVENANT SCHOOL  
COVENANTAL CHRISTIAN CLASSICAL

## Book Buddies

Book Buddies at New Covenant School gives older students the opportunity to pair up with younger students and read to them.

It builds community among participating grades and the students love it!



<https://www.newcovschool.net>



# NCS HEAD OF SCHOOL SEARCH UPDATE

On behalf of the New Covenant School Board and the Head of School search team, I'm excited to report that as we close out 2023, we have much to be thankful for. During our school faculty Christmas party, we had a time dedicated to giving thanks, and I was struck by how obvious and apparent God's work is in this ministry. Lives are being changed, children are seeing the world thru the lense of Scripture and light is shining in the darkness. Be encouraged Church! Philippians 2:13 says that "it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." Certainly God has worked through these teachers and administrators to accomplish His will. Pray for the ministry of education over these winter months, that God would grow up the next generation to be seen complete in Christ. Pray also for the Head of School search team. We've had much interest in the position and expect to have another round of interviews kicking off in the coming weeks. By God's grace, we have seen first hand that our school administrators are more than capable to continue the ministry on the day to day level, with excellence! So our focus has been on finding a Head of School that fully complements and completes the gifts we currently have on the team. We are quite comfortable with God's timing and direction in this search. Our desire is that God would work through us, and bring to us someone who is uniquely and firmly called for the position. Pray that God would make that calling obvious and clear!

Andy Rountree  
NCS School Board, Member  
HOS Search Team, Chair

A graphic with the word "COLLEGE" in large, blue, block letters with a white outline, and the word "ministry" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. To the right is a QR code with a blue circular icon in the center containing a white hashtag and a smiley face. Below the QR code is the text "Youth & Family Life Pastor | Tim Pitzer | pitzer@ncchurch.net | 843.816.0750".



# SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Ordination and Installation of Jonathan Wisdom as a Teaching Elder in the PCA and Associate Pastor at New Covenant Church

JANUARY 7, 2024 | 4PM - Reception to follow



**SUNDAY JANUARY 28 | 12:00P | SANCTUARY**

# Fellowship Feast

*All guests are welcome*

**“WINTER WAKE UP”  
WITH BREAKFAST FOODS**

Paper goods and beverages provided.  
Members under 65 please bring a main,  
side and dessert enough for your family  
and to share.



## Welcome to our Family... Marli Clouarte

**Where are you originally from?**

Rome, GA

**Where do you work and what do you do?**

Senior studying Art and Theology at Anderson University

**What made you decide to join New Covenant Church?**

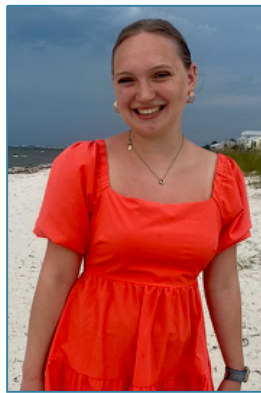
After lots of conversations with people much wiser than myself and deeply studying the Word, I knew how important the sacraments were. I wanted to be apart of a church that held to right doctrine. I also love the coming together of all the generations in worship. It provides a place for right discipleship.

**How did you come to know the Lord?**

I have always known of the Lord, but have not always kept His ways or had a relationship with Him. Before coming to college, I had learned about reformed doctrine. While reading Romans 8-9 in my bedroom at home, I repented of my sins and confessed my need and desire for Christ.

**What are hobbies, what do you like to do?**

I love to paint and draw portraits, especially of people I love. I really enjoy reading fiction books and listening to lectures on philosophy and theology. I've recently developed a love for all things cooking and baking, especially the art of sourdough bread.



## Welcome to our Family... Olivia Randolph

**Where are you originally from?**

I was born in Seoul, South Korea and have lived there, Seattle, Washington, and now Anderson.

**Where do you school and what grade are you?**

1st Grade at Homeschool

**What made you decide to join New Covenant Church?**

This church makes me happy and glad. I also want to participate in communion.

**How did you come to know the Lord?**

My parents have always taught me about Jesus and his love for me. I prayed with my mom and asked Jesus into my heart when I was 5. God has given me a big love for people. He makes me sorry for my sins. He's helping me to love him and I love reading my Bible! I have a lot of joy!

**What are hobbies, what do you like to do?**

Playing with my sister, family game nights, painting nails, painting, playing piano, bike rides with Dad, sleepovers with cousins, cooking and baking.



**Children's Discipleship Hour**  
Children's Building  
Sundays ~ 11:10-12:00

Parents please do not let your children come to the c-building unattended or prior to 11:10 to allow time for our volunteers to arrive and welcome your children as per our Child Safety Policy

Youth & Family Life Ministry Coordinator  
Leila Sconyers | sconyers@ncchurch.net

**Toddler**  
18-36 mos.  
Rm. 104

**Nursery**  
newborn-18mos.  
Rm. 102

**Children must be accompanied by an adult to and from the building**

**Preschool**  
3 yrs.  
Rm. 105

**K4**  
Rm. 109

**3rd Grade**  
Rm. 110

**The Bridge**  
4th & 5th Grade  
Rm. 112

**K5**  
Rm. 114

**1st & 2nd**  
Rm. 111

**NEW COVENANT**  
**youth**

**RYM Deposit Deadline**  
FRIDAY JANUARY 5TH  
High School & Middle School RYM  
Final date Deposits due

**Youth Group**  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10, 17, 24, 31  
Middle school 6:15-7:30  
High School 7:15-8:30  
Join us in Youth Room B105

**HS Retreat Registration Deadline**  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31ST  
High School Ridgehaven  
Retreat Sign-up deadline

**TIM PITZER**  
YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE PASTOR  
PITZER@NCCHURCH.NET



# TRUE GIRLS DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

## TRUE 1

5th Grade  
Led by Janae May & Judy Ross  
Wednesdays 4:00p  
Home of Judy Ross

## TRUE 2

6th Grade  
Led by Pat Bodie & Sharon Myer  
Wednesdays 4:00p  
Home of Sharon Myer

Begin  
January  
10th

## TRUE 3 "BLOSSOMS"

7th & 8th Grade  
Led By Cathy Browne & Donna Drago  
Wednesdays 4:30p | Rm A101

## TRUE 3 "HONEY BEES"

7th & 8th Grade  
Led By Sarah Curnow & Brenda Patterson  
Wednesdays 4:30p | Rm A211

Patti Rountree 933.3025

## NCC Staff Updates:

We are excited to announce **Jeff Lopez** as the primary **Business Administrator** as of January 1st and Susie Whitfield will assume the role of Business Administrator Assistant until she retires at the end of April. Jeff has been the Business Administrator Assistant for the past several months training and transitioning for this position.

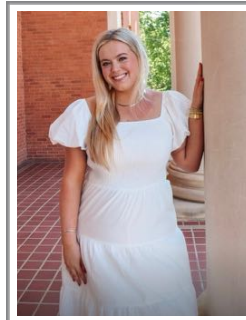


Jeff Lopez was born and raised in Anderson, SC and has called New Covenant home since 1987. Jeff is no stranger to service at NCC. He has served as a deacon since 2005 and has previously served on the New Covenant School Board.

Jeff is a proud Clemson University alum with a degree in Financial Management and a secondary degree from TCTC in Computer Technology. He has worked in IT, HR and logistics.

Jeff and his wife Angie have been married for 27 years. They have one daughter, Rachel, who is a junior at Clemson University. In his spare time, Jeff enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, playing golf, and attending Clemson sporting events.

We are also excited to announce **Leila Sconyers** has been hired full time beginning January 1 for the role of **Youth and Family Life Ministry Coordinator**. This will expand Leila's youth internship to the other areas of our youth and family ministry, including college, youth, and children. We are grateful for all Leila has been doing and thankful she wants to grow into more and more ministry with us!



Leila is a graduate of Clemson University, New Covenant School and a long-time member of New Covenant Church.

Please join us in prayer and praise as we welcome Jeff and Leila to our New Covenant Church staff.

## Mercy Team

The New Covenant Mercy Team exists to equip members of the congregation to minister to the congregation of New Covenant Church through prayer, visitation, and encouragement.

Mercy Ministry is one way to summarize some of the Lord Jesus's work and ministry on earth. He prayed, healed, taught, visited, comforted, and served many. We cannot do everything Christ did and we cannot do what Christ did as well as he did it. But we can do some things to some degree like he did because, if we live by faith, we have the Spirit of Christ in us. We minister in his name.

If you would be interested in ministering through the Mercy Team, please reach out to Pastor Tom Buiter at [buiter@ncchurch.net](mailto:buiter@ncchurch.net) about how to get involved.





## One Year Bible Read-Thru ... for YOU

New Covenant Church, as we start the new year let this be an encouragement to you to get a fresh start on getting your nose in the scriptures!

There are several options available in one-year plans to read through the greatest book of all time, the Bible.

We offer a few plans on paper you simply check-off with varying ways to break down the daily readings.

*(Pick up one from our information wall outside the sanctuary)*

You can also find several plans on the YouVersion Bible App, that is great on-line or completely mobile.

*(You can read along while hearing the word with this app)*

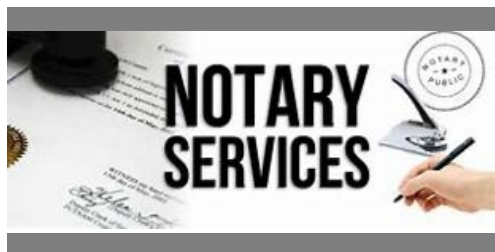
Also, hard copy One-Year Bibles are offered in an array of translations and formats found at most on-line and brick & mortar bookstores.

We have an ESV one in our church bookstore as well as copies of Be Thou My Vision which have resources for daily worship and the M'Cheyne reading plan in the back that divides the Bible into four categories (chapters) that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms a second time.

*(Again found in our church bookstore)*

Whatever means and version you choose and whether you finish in one year or three, time spent in His Word is never wasted. You are guaranteed to learn more about who He is!

May God bless your effort to read his word and listen to his voice through the ordinary means of grace!



If you need something notarized, look no further than the church office. Krisy Mortenson is a Notary Public and offers notary services as a ministry to those at New Covenant. Please contact Krisy directly to schedule your notary needs. [mortenson@ncchurch.net](mailto:mortenson@ncchurch.net) ~ 642.7607



**NOT PLUGGED INTO A CURRENT  
HOME MINISTRY GROUP YET?  
PLEASE JOIN US!**

## NEW HOME MINISTRY GROUP

Come share a meal and fellowship with some "read, pray, sing" time at the Townville home of Joe & Angela Cochran.

**1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS | 5:30P-7:00P | COCHRAN HOME**

Call or text with any questions

Joe: (678) 520-1156

Angela: (678) 485-2337





# COUNSELING

we can help

**NEW COVENANT CHURCH RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR ALL OF US TO BE ENCOURAGED TO FURTHER GROWTH AND STABILITY IN CHRIST.**

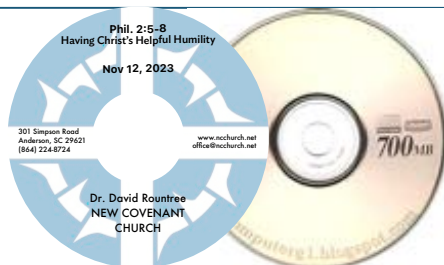
In addition to our current staff, pastors' and elders' counsel, New Covenant Church partners with Dr. Mark Burchette and Anchored Hope making their counseling services much more affordable to you.

New Covenant Church lovingly pays 85% of your session with these counselors to get you the help you need.

Details on scheduling and costs are on our New Covenant Church website ([www.ncchurch.net](http://www.ncchurch.net)) within the "Counseling" tab.

## SERMON CDS

Available by request via email to Krisy Mortenson at [mortenson@ncchurch.net](mailto:mortenson@ncchurch.net)



## NEXT QUARTER CLASSES

*Starting Sunday February 4th*

### The Book of Revelation

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### Church History 4

**Pastor Tom Buiter | Room A211**

A lot has happened between the Reformation and the present day. Yet how much do we know about the people and places of the first generations after the reformation or even from a few generations ago? The Church Militant has weathered many storms and had favorable winds fill her sails. Join us for a quarter of exploring history and hearing the story of the church brought to the present.

### Building Biblical Worldview

**Elders Joey Thames & Rob Wright | Room A213**

Every one has a pair of glasses that help one see the world and answer the great questions (Who am I? What is God? Why are we here?). But does every one have lenses that are shaped and clarified by the Bible? In this class we will explore the components that build a world view and interact with various worldviews in history and today to better understand our world and minds.

### PRAYERS NEEDED...

New Covenant's Officers (Elders and Deacons) will be on a retreat to plan and pray. They take time to specifically pray for each member and regular guest. If you have a particular prayer request, please email it to [mortenson@ncchurch.net](mailto:mortenson@ncchurch.net) by January 8th. All requests will be kept confidential.





TUESDAY JAN. 16 | 11:30A  
RED LOBSTER | 3426 CLEMSON BLVD.

## OLDEST WISEST LIVELIEST SAINTS

*All those aged 55 and older are invited to join the OWLS. This group of older, wiser, lively saints meet once a month, usually the third Tuesday, at 11:30 at an area restaurant for fellowship, food & fun.*

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For interest and to RSVP,  
Contact Brenda Patterson jabpp4@gmail.com  
(864) 908-0999

*Rise and shine for some  
early morning  
Discipleship And Weekly  
Nurture as we study the  
new city catechism.*

# DAWN

Wednesdays @ 6:45a  
Begins Wednesday, January 10th

DAWN is designed for men, especially fathers and grandfathers, to attend with their children and grandchildren of all ages to hear biblical teaching and pray together.

However, all are welcome to join us and bring friends!

Ends Promptly at 7:30a.

Breakfast includes Chick-fil-a biscuits, cereal, milk, juice & coffee and will be available for \$3.

LED BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR, TIM PITZER  
PITZER@NCCHURCH.NET



## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

JAN 28 | 6PM

FOR NEW GUESTS  
TO GET TO KNOW NEW COVENANT  
EMAIL MIKALA AT PANNELL@NCCHURCH.NET  
FOR QUESTIONS

RSVP ON THE APP  
OR SCAN THE CODE



# Hall of Men

Friday January 26 | 6:30p

Men and their sons and dads are invited to gather together. We pray, eat together, toast in honor of God-given qualities, then conclude with either scripture reading, sometimes responsive, followed by a charge to be more like Jesus.

Pastor Tom Buiter, Speaker

Please bring \$5 for the meal and drink to share.  
For more details and to RSVP to Joey Thames  
<http://tinyurl.com/hallofmen>

Home of Andy Rountree  
108 Benfield's Ridge - Belton



# Women BIBLE STUDIES

## Tuesday Bible Study | Judy Ross

Studying 1 Samuel  
Tuesday Mornings | 8:30am | Room A211  
(Childcare Provided)

## Wednesday Bible Study | Judy Ross & Patti Rountree

Studying 1 Samuel  
Wednesdays | 12:00pm | Room A101

## Mikala Pannell Group

Studying Ephesians  
Wednesday Evenings | 6:00pm | Conference Room

Questions? Contact Mikala at [pannell@ncchurch.net](mailto:pannell@ncchurch.net)

**Starting back  
January 9 & 10!**

# JANUARY SERMONS

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7 | Philippians 2:14-18 | Being Lights in Our World

14 | Philippians 2:14 | Conquering Complaints

21 | Jonathan Wisdom Preaching

28 | Philippians 2:19-24 | A Chosen Vessel

## OUR MISSION:

WHOLEHEARTED LOVE FOR GOD AND MAN  
THROUGH EXALTATION, EVANGELISM AND EDIFICATION.

(MARK 12:30-31; MATTHEW 28:17-20)

# Men's Bible Study > Group

**TUESDAYS  
6:00P | RM A101**

**LED BY ELDER JOE NOBLITT**  
[NOBLITT@NCCHURCH.NET](mailto:NOBLITT@NCCHURCH.NET)  
(864) 934-4222

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

*January 2024*


01 Emily Burchette	17 Elizabeth Thompson	
David Cavender	Caroline Walker	
Nora Kurland	Wesley White	
Brett Whitfield	18 Kyle Locke	
03 Lisa Jackson	Elanor Nelson	
05 Andrea Hays	Patty Rawlings	
06 Paul Hopkins	Cord Sutter	
Leila Sconyers	Margaret Thames	
Ethan Varghese	Nathan Watts	
Adam Weaver	19 Jane Webb	
07 Anna Myer	20 Sophie Phillips	
08 Chris Moore	21 Ben Bass	
Harrison Morgano	22 Linlee Keese	
09 Kaitlyn Parker	Kaitlyn Rountree	
11 Rick Webb	Drew Wilson	
12 Joel Dance	24 Mike Biringer	
Annagrace Greer	Stacy White	
Shawn McKay	25 Jean Jones	
13 David Van De Water	Janae May	
Dennis Maeger	Evelyn Bess Walker	
Joseph Mortenson	26 Mary Seel	
Andrew Wilson	27 Lauren Marie Walker	
15 Dirk Graves	28 Ella Manly	
16 Mark McKay	30 Katherine Webb	
	31 Tim Bruynell	
	Mary-Lin Sibert	
	Charlie Wham	

04 - Mike & Sherri Settle (37)
12 - Rob & Sherry Cassels (50)
14 - Matt & Liz Pearson (11)
Jonathan & Lauren Marie Walker (6)
28 - Charlie & Crystal Wham (17)



# January 2024 Events

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 OFFICE CLOSED NCS Break <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 NCS Break NCS BB - 3:00p CAVS Spirit Squad - 3:00p Noblitt MBS - 6:00p	3 WPG - 10:30a	4 NCS BB - 3:00p CAV Spirit - 3:00p WTR - 7:00p	5 NCS BB Homecoming RYM Deposit Deadline	6
7 WORSHIP - 9:30a Discipleship Class - 11:10a Ordination Service - 4:00p Ordination Reception - 5:00p	8 NCS BB - 3:00p Ballet - 3:15p	9 Ross WBS - 8:30a Noblitt MBS - 6:00p	10 DAWN - 6:45a WPG - 10:30a Rountree WBS - 11:45a Piano Party - 2:45p TRUE 1 - 4:00p TRUE 2 - 4:00p TRUE 3 Honey Bees - 4:30p TRUE 3 Blossoms - 4:30p Pannell WBS - 6:00p MS Youth Group - 6:15p HS Youth Group - 7:15p	11 NCS BB - 3:00p CAV Spirit - 3:00p WTR - 7:00p	12	13 NCS Winter Ball
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