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# New Covenant Church CONNECTION

Our monthly newsletter for you and your family.



# **May 2024**

Promoting a life-changing faith within a loving fellowship





### **WORSHIP HOUR 9:30a**

Children of all ages are always welcome in service and encouraged to participate as appropriate.

- Need to nurse your baby? Please take advantage of the Nursing Mother's Lounge furnished with rockers, changing table, bottled water, and a live stream of our service, located just outside the sanctuary across from the Ladies Restroom.
- Need a little extra help? Please feel free to take your child (those under 3 years) to our Nursery. Please check-in at the Welcome Desk located in our Admin Connector.

### **DISCIPLESHIP HOUR 11:10a**

CLASS	AGE	ROOM NUMBER	
Nursery	0-18 mos	C102	
Toddler	18-36 mos	C104	
Preschool	3 yrs	C105	
K4	4 yrs	C109	
K5	5 yrs	C114	
1st & 2nd Grade		C111	
3rd Grade		C110	
The Bridge (4th & 5th Grade)		C112	

Children must be accompanied by an adult to and from the children's building and checked-in at the Welcome Desk.
Thank you for helping us love your children by keeping them safe.

Leila Sconyers, Youth & Family Life Ministry Coordinator sconyers@ncchurch.net 864.934.307

# Covenant Kids StartTime

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 11:05 AND DOORS OPEN AT 11:10!



Dear Covenant Kids Families.

We want to share a gentle reminder and a heartfelt request! In order to ensure the safety and well-being of our children and to provide our dedicated teachers with a smooth transition between the sermon and discipleship, we kindly ask that children do not enter the C Building corridor until 11:05. Each child must be escorted by a parent or guardian to check in.

This adjustment comes from a place of love and care for our Covenant Kids community, and it is our desire to create a fun and nurturing environment for all our children! We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to make this transition a positive experience for everyone involved.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing our Covenant Kids grow in faith and love!

### Blessings,



# Adult Sunday Classes 11:10a

Upstairs Room A211/13



TAUGHT BY DR. DAVID ROUNTREE AND THE SESSION

The Maker of Heaven and Earth is the Maker of marriages. Take time this summer to consider and apply God's word to all aspects of your marriage. From purpose of marriage to the process of sanctification, from intimacy to finances, and all the rest; the elders will lead you week by week to examine God's will for marriage and our prudential participation in loving your nearest neighbor; your spouse.

# Summer Selections in the Psalms

Pastor Tom Buiter with Andy Pannel

Do you love the Psalms? Or perhaps you do not know much about the Psalms? Let's study selections from some of the wide variety of genres that we find in this great book of the Bible. We will read, study, ponder, and even sing these parts of Scripture in order to grow in the grace and knowledge of the most important person in the whole Psalter: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Library A101

THE PSALMS

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It is all GREEK to ME

Kyle Locke

Unlock the treasures of the Bible with "It's All Greek to Me" Sunday School class! Dive into the basics of Greek language tools and uncover deeper meanings in scripture. Learn to use accessible resources for richer study and interpretation. Join us Sundays and embark on a journey of more enriching devotion for and understanding of God's Word.

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Upstairs B206

# **HOME MINISTRY GROUPS**

Home Ministry Groups are gatherings of singles and families who meet (typically) on the first and third Sunday of each month. These groups are committed to "continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42).

### Bailes Group

Andrew Bailes (245-6721) Singles & Young Married

## Bass/Locke Group

David Bass (803-422-3616) All generations welcome

## Bruynell/Dawson Group

Tim Bruynell (314-8088) Singles, couples and children Flexible Meeting Times

# Buiter/Wisdom Group

Tom Buiter (616-647-7175) All generations welcome **Meets Wednesdays** 

# Cavendar/Watson Group

Kirk Cavendar (933-2089) Young Married with children **Meets Saturdays** 

## Cochran Group

Joe Cochran (678) 520-1156 Empty Nesters

### **Cutliff Group**

Tim Cutliff (221-8282) Singles & Married with children

# Huguet/Thompson Group

Mike Huguet (760-2880) Married with young children **Meets Wednesdays** 

# Keese/Rivenbark Group

David Keese (221-8240) 4Singles & Married with children

## Lamb Group

Andy Lamb (940-9517) Almost & Newly Empty Nesters **Various Sundays** 

## Miller Group

Reese Miller (353-7100) Singles & Young Married

# Noblitt Group

Joe Noblitt (224-0397) Singles, couples and children

# Pitzer Group

Tim Pitzer (843) 816-0750 All generations welcome

# Sutter/Webb Group

Cord Sutter (616) 916-5693 Singles & Young Married

# Thames/Drago Group

Joey Thames (940-5748) All Generations welcome

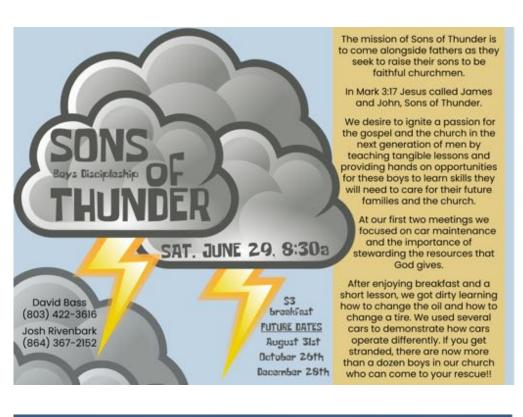
# Whitfield Group

Brett Whitfield (634-9185) Empty Nesters

## Williams/Alexander Group

Joshua Williams (934-5333) Young Married with children **Meets Tuesdays** 







# **VBS Needs a Few Good Men**

New Covenant VBS will be held from June 3rd to June 7th 2024, from 9am to 12pm. We need some Dads, Brothers, Grandads, or Uncles to be present each day to provide security for this event. It would be best to have 4 or 5 men present each day from 8:45 until 12:15.

If you can volunteer for a day or two or for all 5 days please call, text, or email me!

Thanks!

Tom Drago tdragsr@gmail.com 803-606-2790

Peace be within your walls and security within your towers.

Psalm 122:7

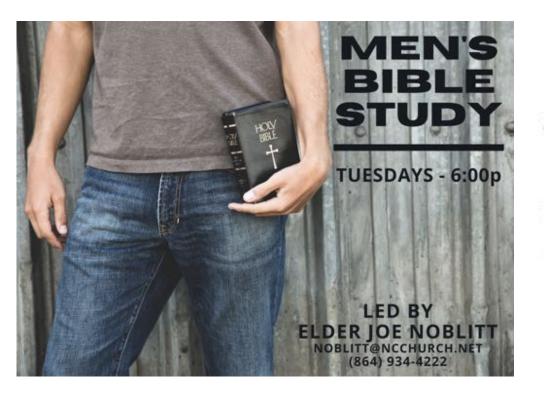
# HOUSEWARMING CELEBRATION

For Leila Scongers

Join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness in providing a home for Leila! Gift cards to Amazon and Aldi are appreciated as she works to set up her home for hospitality ministry.

DROP IN FRIDAY, MAY 17TH | 5-7 PM

New Covenant Church Hospitality Area RSVP to Britney Thames at (864) 561-7472





Friday May 17 | 6:30p Home of Andy Rountree

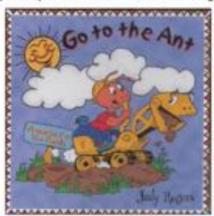
Men and their sons are invited to gather together. We pray, eat together, toast in honor of God-given qualities, then conclude with either scripture reading, sometimes responsive, followed by a charge to be more like Jesus.

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

# NCC COVENANT KIDS DRAMA/ MUSIC CAMP!

Monday - Friday June 10th - 14th 9am-12pm each day

For completed k4-5th grade (\*With a special practice for little ones during the week)



Go to the Ant is a collection of Proverbs put to song by Judy Rogersh.

\*Try outs - May 2 (2:45-4pm)
In the library at New Covenant
Plan to sing for solo and either read script / quote
a verse of your choice for a speaking part.

Performance on Friday, June 14th-7pm New Covenant Sanctuary

\$20 covers snack and t-shirt

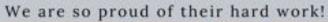
Sign up at https://nechurch.cebchurch.com/goto/forms/70/ responses/new

> ? 'S contact Leila - sconyers@ncchurch.net or Mary Elisabeth - Cutliffcrew6@gmail.com



### 2024 SCACS Fine Arts Festival

Many of our students participated in this year's SCACS Fine Arts competition with two moving onto nationals.











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Over age 55?

# Join us for lunch!

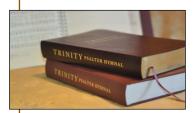
New Covenant's OWLS (Oldest, Wisest, Liveliest Saints) meet together for food, fun and fellowship!

Tues. May 21 | 11:30a Master's Wok Chinese 2104 N Main Street

Sign-up outside sanctuary or contact Brenda Patterson 864.908.0999



"New in our bookstore are several resources. For family



worship and personal devotion some might say after the Bible a good hymnal is essential. We now have copies of the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal* available for \$25.

For those of you who do not have a copy of the *Westminster Confession of Faith* at home, we have perfectly sized booklets available for \$5. This includes the WCF with proof texts.

Young men and parents of young men, J.C. Ryle's *Thoughts for Young Men* is now in stock for \$5. This wonderful little book is an invaluable word about being a young man and a disciple of Jesus Christ."



# **MAY SERMONS**

5 | Titus 2:11-14 | The Gospel of Grace

12 | John 10:1-10 | I Am the Door of the Sheep

19 | Philippians 4:4-7 | Peace of Heart and Mind

26 | Philippians 4:8-9 | Letting God Be With You

# rooted AWHOLE BIBLE STUDY A214 | HIGH SCHOOL B105 | MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Good News Club NCC Volunteer Blessings





### Orlynne Beauchamp - Midway Elementary

I have been at Midway for several years now and love serving as a teacher and Grade Shepherd looking after a specific age group. At the end of the year, it's always sweet to see the kids say that they wish GNC didn't have to end. They are always sad about that. It's great to see them grow spiritually, more respectful, and develop good manners. That is such a blessing to our hearts!

#### Dave Cecil - Concord Elementary

Serving children and seeing their growth in Christ improves my walk with Christ too. He blesses me with what He's done in my life and us doing in their lives! What a joy to be a part of this ministry.

### Vicki Milford - Homeland Park Primary

During one of our club meetings this year, I had the privilege to counsel a special young boy. He had many questions about Jesus. God used me to answer and help him have a greater understanding of what a great God we serve. It has been a blessing to serve with Good News Club for the last two years.

### Kathy Moore - Concord Elementary

When we were studying Esther and learning about her willingness to do something that helped her people, we had a 3rd grader comforting a fellow classmate who was very troubled. He was learning about empathy and treating others with love and kindness.

Another time, after listening to the story about how evil Hamen was, one of the very sensitive 2nd graders literally burst into tears. When asked what was wrong, he said "I just hate Hamen". The point being, these kids fidget and misbehave at times, but they are always listening and learning.

During our review time, they always amazed me with their ability to think it through and answer every question. It is just very precious to see these young minds grasping the Biblical concepts of sin, forgiveness and salvation.

### Maureen Wade - Concord Elementary

The atmosphere in our club changed 180 degrees with the addition of Dave Cecil as a grade shepherd. Our overly energetic 3rd grade boys needed that strong male influence in their lives and responded so positively to his presence. Our male volunteers are such a valuable influence in our clubs.

One of our most difficult children in club since last year had a dramatic and noticeable change in behavior at the beginning of 2024. Despite being asked repeatedly, he always turned down the invitation to pray for salvation with a shepherd. Nevertheless, we invited him to our GROW shepherding class. Yesterday he wrote in his GROW book that he privately prayed to accept Christ around Christmas. We believe this was a sincere profession of faith and encouraged him to tell his parents and pastor.

# Welcome to our Family... **Benjamin Davis**

Where are you originally from? Atlanta

Where do you work and what do you do? Retired

What made you decide to join New Covenant Church? The teaching here.

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

My mother had me in a church until 12 when I rebelled. Then, at a moment when my world came crashing in on me at 28, in 10 min's time, I knew all I had ever heard or had been taught was absolutely true and I submitted myself to Jesus' saving grace.

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

Fitness, cycling and hiking right now. In the past it was work and raising children on my own.

# Welcome to our Family...

# **Grace Kirby**

## Where are you originally from?

Anderson, SC

### Where do you work and what do you do?

Account Manager & Executive Assistant at Cyber Solutions

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

I have been to many churches in Anderson and around the upstate but I have not been able to find the community that I quickly found at New Covenant.

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

I grew up in a godly household and am blessed that a day has not gone by where I have not seen the presence of God; however, it was not until my teen years that I truly began to understand my need for Christ.

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

When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy home renovation projects and painting.

## Welcome to our Family...

**Lina Powell** 

Where are you originally from? Johnson City, TN

Where do you work and what do you do? Senior at Anderson University

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

I decided to join New Covenant so I can better serve the body of Christ while away from home for school. I am so thankful for the fact that New Covenant preaches Scriptural truth and for families in this congregation who have poured into me deeply over the past year.

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

I was raised in a Christian home and am thankful to not know a day without the Lord. Throughout my entire life, my parents have modeled a faithful and humble dependence on the grace of God. Although a work in progress, I know that the Lord is renewing me day by day as a vessel to bring Him glory.

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

For the past 4 years, I have played on the women's soccer team at Anderson University. I also enjoy running, watching sunsets, reading, and hanging out with my friends. I currently work at AnMed rehab hospital and am excited to attend PT school after graduation.







TIM PITZER - PITZER@NCCHURCH.NET - 843.816.0750

# HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Our church elders, deacons, staff, and fellow members would love to pray for your most urgent needs.



E-mail your request to office@ncchurch.net or to Communications Coordinator, Krisy Mortenson mortenson@ncchurch.net



Send your request via our New Covenant Church App. Simply scroll down the home page and click "Make A Prayer Request"



Write your request on the back of our "Keeping in Touch" form located in the chair pocket in front of your seat on Sunday mornings and place in the offering plate.

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Your prayer request can be of a confidential nature just for the church officers, or among our church body through the e-mail prayer chain and church app. Simply indicate if confidential when you request.

"To maintain the New Covenant Church Prayer Chain effectiveness, prayer requests are sent that affect our church body and their family most directly."

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I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. Psalm 116:1-2







### **HIGHLIGHTS**

JONATHAN WISDOM

Over the next few months I'll be sharing some of my favorite resources to spur on growth as worshippers of the living God. Scripture presents worship as an allof-life orientation (1 Cor. 10:31), a commitment of family rhythms (Deut. 6:4-9), and a gathering of the church community (Ps. 100).

In each of these spheres we are invited and enabled to worship through the new and living way that Jesus opened up through his sacrifice (Heb. 10:19-20). Cleansed by his blood, we now offer up a sacrifice not of blood, but of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name (Heb. 13:15).

May praise flow from our hearts, be evident in our lives, and resound from our lips!

### **BOOK**

### Family Worship Donald Whitney

This book offers a biblical case for family worship in the home and practical tips on how to do it! My biggest takeaway is the simple rhythm



of "Read, Pray, Sing" as the outline for an intentional time of family worship.

### ALBUM

### Our God Will Go Before Us Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

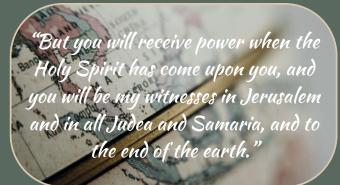


Papa and Boswell deliver yet again with singable, biblical, and compelling hymns for the church. We recently introduced the first two tracks from this album, "The Lord Almighty Reigns" and "All My Boast is in Jesus."

### SINGING TIP

Smiling while singing can help brighten your tone of voice, lift your pitch on key, and prompt your body to engage in worship with energy. Try it!

## **GLOBAL MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT**



In Acts 1:8, Jesus lays out a missions strategy in which his Disciples would be Spiritempowered witnesses to his redemptive work. It would begin locally, expand nationally, and swell to far reaches of the world.

As Christ's disciples today, this dynamic helps us think through how to be fruitful laborers in the Gospel harvest. As the Lord is king over all the earth (Ps. 47:7), so the name of Christ is to be proclaimed in all the earth (Matt. 28:18-20). As the church experiences God's blessing, our prayer is that his saving power would be made known among all nations (Psalm 67). As we're all called to live daily on mission in our local communities, some are called, equipped, and sent to be Gospel witnesses in other parts of our country and the world, as the Lord provides opportunity. Yet it is our privilege to have kingdom interest in all three missional spheres as senders or goers.

God has provided such opportunities for three college students in our congregation. Each of these women below will be spending a portion of their summer proclaiming the Gospel abroad in word and in deed. Please pray for their protection, provision, edification, and for spiritual fruit in those to whom they minister. If you would like to encourage them, find out more about their endeavors, or support them financially, reach out to them or refer to the links in your prayer chain email from April.



**ANNA MILFORD** - May 4-12, Costa Rica Serving with Medical Campus Outreach

LINA POWELL - May 13-June 7, Belize Serving with Kidz Konnect 4 Jesus

**DAKOTA FAUBLE** - June 7-17, Guatemala Serving with Perimeter Church Ballet

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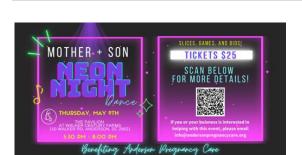
Please see the recent news from some of our local NCC supported ministries. For a complete list of our supported ministries, grab our "Supported Ministries" booklet on our Information Wall



Jain us May 3rd, 2024 at 6pm at the Bleckley Station featuring complimentary Champagne Entrance, Classic Car Photo Area, Live Music, heavy hors d'œuvres, dancing, and LIVE Auction.

**Get your Tickets today!** 

Online Auction Opens April 26th at 12noon











Saturday, JUNE 1 5:00p





- 02 Mark Harouff Deedie Ranew
- 03 Josh Tofel 04 - Iris Pitzer
- Jamieson Troise
- 05 Paul Mauldin Mary Lee Mason
- 08 Marcia Pearson 09 - Elias Burch
- Bekah Huguet 11 - Hartley Ross
- Rob Wright
- 12 Casey Boyte Hope Burch
- 13 Tucker Browne Crystal Moore Braden Sult
- 14 Sara Beth Bass Eric Burch Asher Pearson Sophia Pent Ann Welch
- 15 Micaela Chastain
- 16 Mark Burchette Lincoln Cavender
- 17 Philip Dance
- 19 Adalee Bailes Elijah Buiter Chloe Curnow Gretta Drago June Randolph



- 05 Jonathan & Kelly Clayton (17)
- 06 Dennis & Paula Maeger (18)
- 07 Tim & Steph Pitzer (13) Ron & Elizabeth Sconyers (30)
- 09 JT & Shelby Curnow (4)
- 11 Jack & Sharon Myer (33) Dale & Patty Rawlings (56)
- 13 Tom & Donna Drago (46) Jackson & Sophia Pent (1)
- 14 Calvin & Debbie Croxton (31)
- 16 Ross & Cathy Browne (37) Joshua & Sarah Williams (9)
- 19 David & Cindy Croy (34) Patrick & Jill Morgano (11)
- 22 Josh & Aubrey Rivenbark (19)
- 27 Dale & Annette Hardy (29) Kyle & Ann-Janette Locke (29)
- 30 Josh & Bethany Randolph (9)

- 20 Caleb Gurley Mark Gurley Meredith Lanford William Milford
- 21 Heather Bruynell
- 22 Jonathan Clayton Jennifer Ross Anna Reid Welborn
- 23 Abram Danielson Eli Miller Josh Roh
- 24 Jessica Croxton Caleb Dance Samuel Troise
- 25 Kemp Deavours Amanda Nelson
- 26 Aidan Graves Ross Kurland Kim Roh
- 28 Ron Jackson Layla Karnes Lily Karnes
- 29 Denise Burchette Phen Drago Emily Hanis
- 30 Chloe Bekah Burch Luke Varghese Joey Welborn
- 31 Chris Browne Sherry Cassels Danny Nelson

May 2024 Events

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
CALENDAR KEY:  AA=Amazing Athletes DOZ=Daughters of Zion GBS=Youth Girls Bible Study HS=High School MBS=Men's Bible Study	MS=Middle School NCS=New Covenant School RUF=Reformed Universi- ty Fellowship @ AU TRUE=Girls Discipleship Group	VBS=Vacation Bible School WBS=Women's Bible Study WPG=Women's Prayer Group WTR=Worship Team Rehearsal	WPG - 10:30a NCS AA - 11:30a NCS AA - 2:45p 9th Grade GBS - 4:00p TRUE 1 - 4:00p TRUE 3 Honey Bees - 4p TRUE 3 Blossoms - 4:30p MS Youth Group - 6:15p HS Youth Group - 7:15p	Drama Try-Outs - 2:45p 10th-12th GBS - 4:00p NCS Talent Show - 7:00p WTR - 7:00p	NCS Field Day 3 May @ Mays - 6:00p	4 DOZ Leader Team Practice - 10:00a	
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