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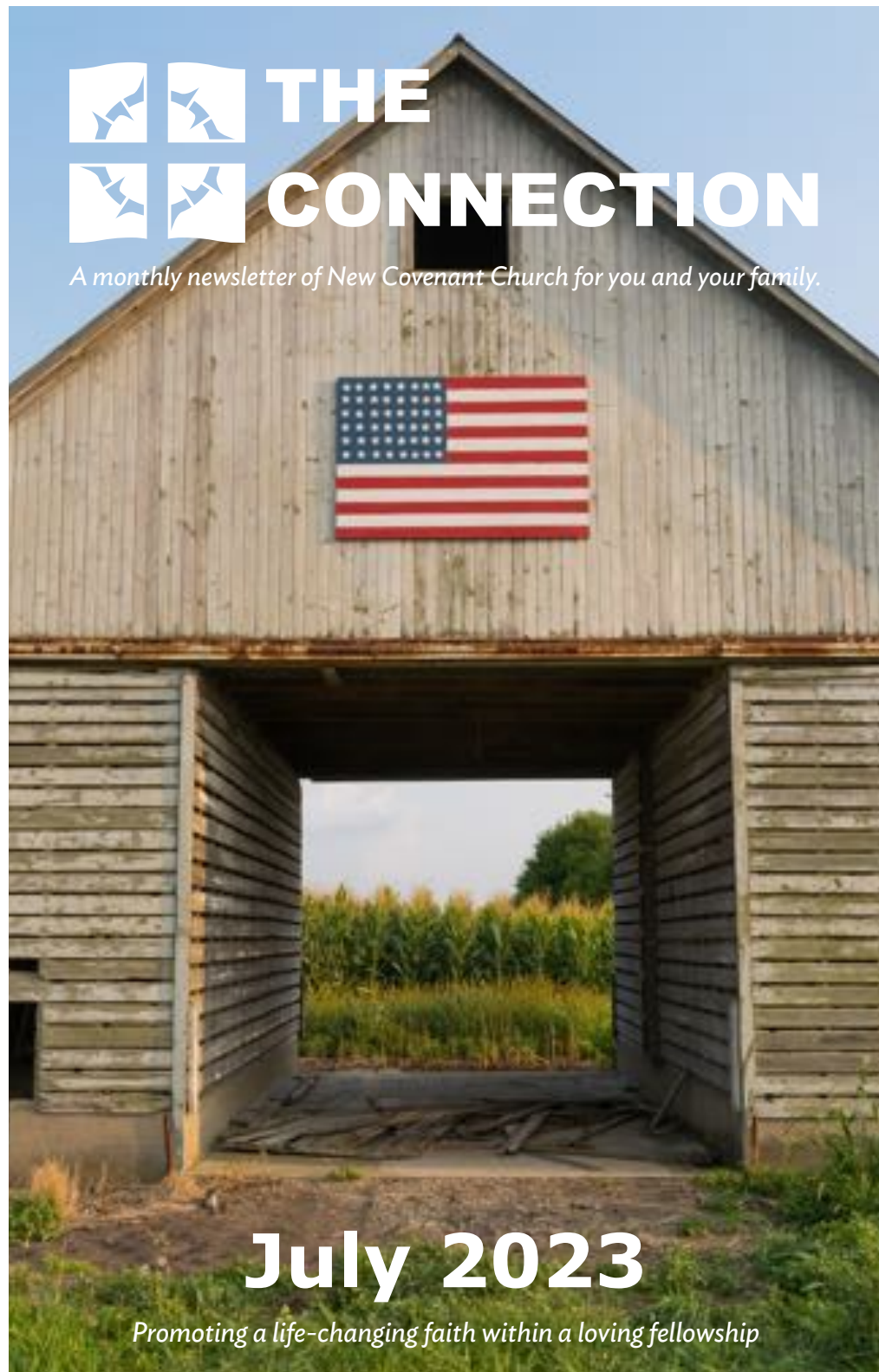
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THE CONNECTION

A monthly newsletter of New Covenant Church for you and your family.

July 2023

Promoting a life-changing faith within a loving fellowship

Sundays | 11:10a

4 Books to Know | Dr. David Rountree | A101

What do you know about Philemon, Hebrews, James and Peter? Each week in July we will look at one of these books. God wants us to know how to handle the issue of social equality and socialism in Philemon. He wants us to benefit from the past work of Christ on the cross, the present intercession of Christ from heaven, and the future work of a full salvation Christ brings in the book of Hebrews. God wants us to know how Jesus' half brother James could live with Jesus and not be saved to become a man who was certain of salvation and could prove it. What do we make of people who have been with Jesus 30+ years and continue to reject him? James tells us how to deal with wars, quarrels and conflicts because he lived them. And then we come to Peter who reveals how to obtain holiness by grace, value as priests, winsome marriages and much more. Come join us for one or every blessing of the these books in July.

Summer Selections in the Psalms | Pastor Tom Buitter & Marcus Miller | A211

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.

Such a Great Salvation: The Blessing and Benefits of Faith in Jesus Christ | Elders Joey Thames, Andrew Wilson & Rob Wright | A213

Saved by faith alone. What does that mean? It get's explained with lots of words that end in "-tion." When Christ saves us, he saves us from something and he saves us to something. Salvation is not just a get out of jail free card, it is a whole life transformation. Join us as we study what the scriptures have to say about the benefits of faith in Christ

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

In this class we will cover various life topics such as: Priorities, Decision Making, Biblical worldview, 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

Graduation-May 26, 2023

What an exciting night! This year, New Covenant School graduated 14 seniors. Valedictorian, Abigail Locke, inspired the graduates as well as friends and family by encouraging them to see where God has them and to love the people He has placed in their lives. Salutatorian, Emma Jordan, introduced this year's keynote speaker, Sheriff Chad McBride, before he shared some inspiring words about making a difference in this world. It was a night of celebration! We celebrated the Lord's work in each graduate's life and prayed for their futures. We are thankful for their time at New Covenant School and look forward to seeing where the Lord leads them!



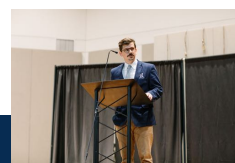
NCS Class of 2023

Front Row:(L-R)Emma Jordan, Abigail Locke, Zhenya Truman

Second Row:(L-R)Carley Shore, Eliza Mattox, Felicity Shaw, Olivia Watson

Third Row:(L-R)Dominic Obright, Kameron Buczko, Ian Harmon

Back Row:(L-R)Robert George, Luke Simpson, Nathan Dilday, Charlie Simpson



<https://www.newcovschool.net>

youth summer events

high school girls & guys small groups

WEDNESDAYS - 11AM +++
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
girls led by youth intern Leila Sconyers &
guys led by Tim Pitzer & youth intern Will Phillips

high school rym

JULY 3-7 +++
LAGUNA BEACH, FL

middle school ice cream olympics

JULY 13TH - 7-9PM +++
NEW COVENANT CHURCH

middle & high school hartwell lake bounce

JULY 31ST - TIME TBA +++
SHORES OF ASBURY

moving up party

AUG 5TH +++
COCHRAN'S HOME
incoming 6th graders & all 5th-12th graders
& families

youth group

AUG 23RD +++
NEW COVENANT CHURCH



Youth & Family Life Pastor - Tim Pitzer - pitzer@ncchurch.net

FELLOWSHIP FEAST

30th July, 2023
12:00pm - sanctuary

ALL GUESTS ARE
WELCOME

.... RED, WHITE & BBQ

Paper goods and drinks
provided.

Members under 65 provide a
main, side and dessert enough
to feed their family and to
share.



THE VOLUME OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP

JONATHAN WISDOM

MANAGING SOUND FOR WORSHIP

Whether using a full band, piano, guitar, or organ for musical accompaniment in worship, sound system management can be a challenge. At NCC, we seek to steward the technology God has provided as best we can for the praises of God and the good of our congregation. We think intentionally about setting aspects like audio, video, and lighting to these ends. Each component has its primary goal of serving our church's worship, even while our congregation may possess a diversity of personal preferences or sensitivities. Our hope is to achieve the greatest common encouragement. For sound levels, here are a few specific goals:

- *Theologically*, we want to push the volume to reflect the greatness of God and the call for "loud" music, singing, shouts and rejoicing unto him with "all our might" (Ps. 33, 150; 1 Chr. 15:28).
- *Functionally*, we seek to set the volume levels loud enough to support the primary instrument in the church, the congregation's voice, without being too loud that it drowns our people out. The communal aspect of singing is so powerful that we want people to feel confident to sing but also be able to hear the unified congregation's voice, and not have their hearing damaged. We are always after this "sweet spot."
- *Technically*, we monitor the audio levels with decibel meters and equalization graphs. When our levels are too low they drain us and if they are too high they distract us. We feel confident that our current average levels are appropriate for the goals we are seeking to achieve. That being said, there will inevitably be moments where sound is louder or softer as our musicians, vocalists, and technical volunteers express their gifts dynamically.

PSALM 47:1

*Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

Toddler 18-36 mos. Rm. 104

Nursery newborn-18mos. Rm. 102

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

Sundays ~ 11:10-12:00

CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP HOUR

Children's Building

Children's Ministry Director
Melissa Canney
mcanney@nccchurch.net

Preschool 3 yrs. Rm. 105

K5 Rm. 114

K4 Rm. 111

3rd Grade Rm. 110

The Bridge 4th & 5th Grade Rm. 112

1st & 2nd Rm. 113

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Covenant Children (3 years to 5th grade) will journey through **Pilgrims Progress**

May through July

It is highly encouraged for each family of K4-5th grade to get this book to coincide with the teaching: <https://www.gcp.org/ProductDetail.aspx?Item=PP1100>

A few copies are in our church bookstore for \$21

COLLEGE ministry



HEY! New Covenant Church College Students,
to stay up to date on events and info, scan
this code to join our college groupme

Youth & Family Life Pastor | Tim Pitzer | pitzer@ncchurch.net | 843.816.0750



5-week College Summer Study

Sundays (July 2 - July 30) from 7:30-9:00pm at the Pitzer's house

Please make plans to attend and friends are welcome!

Contact Tim (pitzer@ncchurch.net) with questions and to join the New covenant college Groupme

COLLEGE Summer MINISTRY

Home Ministry Groups

Acts 2:42 “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” We see that the earliest believers merely weeks after the death and resurrection of Jesus, “devoted themselves” to fellowship. Have you ever considered how essential fellowship is to helping you grow in your faith? In the verse above it is listed alongside such things as teaching and prayer.

New Covenant Church exists as a body of believers that is brought together by a life-changing faith and a loving fellowship. Most of us can speak specifically about the change that the word of God and the work that the Holy Spirit has wrought in our lives. We can speak of a life-changing faith because our lives have been changed.

But the Christian life is not isolated to a single event or experience. We see in Acts 2:42ff that the real life-changing faith that the first disciples had led to daily actions in their lives. Home Ministry groups at New Covenant exist in order to facilitate loving fellowship between brothers and sisters in Christ. We spend time together because we want to spend time together. We fellowship with one another because we need to pray for one another. All scripture is God-breathed and is useful. One simple, achievable application from this verse would be for *every member at New Covenant to be connected to a home ministry group*. We should do this for two reasons: 1) It would help us all to experience the loving fellowship that believers have in Christ 2) It would help folks who are new to the faith, new to the area, or new to the church to be warmly received into the fellowship that we all love.

If you would like to connect with a home ministry group, please contact Pastor Tom Buitter at buitter@ncchurch.net.

Welcome to our Family

**Collin, Ashley, Weston, Adeline,
Elizabeth & Evelyn Alexander**



Where are you originally from?

Collin: Greenville, SC

Ashley: Powdersville, SC

Weston: San Diego, California

Where do you work and what do you do?

Collin: Sales @ NICE CXone

Ashley: Homemaker

Weston: 1st Grade @ Greenville Classical Academy

What made you decide to join New Covenant?

Collin: My Wife and I were looking for a Biblically sound church and while visiting we felt welcomed and could see firsthand that not only was New Covenant doctrinally sound, but it was truly a church family. We wanted to be part of that family.

Ashley: We were looking for church that loves God's word and feels like a loving family. We found that at New Covenant.

Weston: I wanted

How did you come to know the Lord?

Collin: I was raised in Church and after discussing Christ with my parents at a young age I decided to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

Ashley: I came to know the Lord when I was 6 years old after my father shared the Gospel with me.

Weston: I was talking with my Mom and Dad about Jesus dying on the cross, and I decided I wanted Him to be my Lord and Savior

What are your hobbies / What do you like to do?

Collin: Hunting, playing sports, reading especially history and spending time with my family

Ashley: I love baking breads, cookies and cakes. I enjoy spending time with my family and taking our kids on new adventures.

Weston: Legos, sports, dinosaurs and playing with my friends and sisters

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STUDY
GROUP**

TUESDAYS - 6:00PM
ROOM A101 | CHURCH LIBRARY
LED BY ELDER JOE NOBLITT
NOBLITT@NCCHURCH.NET

Hall of Men

Friday July 21 | 6:30p
Home of Andy Rountree
108 Benfield's Ridge, Belton

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>

ARS IN GOD WE TRUST
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, 1776

For Women
**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY
 IN PHILIPPIANS**

Join us for 8 Mondays as we study the book of
 Philippians. All you need is your Bible! We
 recognize vacations might interfere but come
 whenever you can. Open to ages 10+.

JUNE 5	JULY 10
JUNE 12	JULY 17
JUNE 19	JULY 24
JUNE 26	JULY 31

RSVP to Mikala at pannell@ncchurch.net

Update on Construction and the Parking Lot



We are well on our way in the construction process and we want to thank you for your giving, praying and now, forbearing during the mess of construction. The demo is in full swing and a new foundation is being laid. This isn't the fun part of the process, but if you don't get the foundation right, a lot could go wrong! Continue to pray for the process to go smoothly and the workers to stay safe.

Immediately following the completion of the Admin Connector we will redo our parking lot. This is an expensive and very necessary project, and like our bricks and mortar construction, we will do this with cash. We expect refurbishing our existing parking lot to cost approximately \$250,000. Beyond that, we need additional parking, as we have had the same number of spaces ever since 1991 when we built our first building. You can invest now to this work by giving to the BTG fund either online, through the Pushpay app, or in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If writing a check, just designate in the memo portion: BTG.

July Sermons

2nd | 1 John 1-5 | Glow in the Dark Help

9th | 1 John 5:1-5 | Life Assurance

16th | Jonathan Wisdom Preaching

23rd | 2 John | Hospitality Done Right

30th | 3 John | Love and Those Who Hinder It

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

01 - Tyriq & Taylor Green (6)	03 - Amy Cavender	19 - Jim Martin
02 - Dennis & Krisy Mortenson (29)	Sarah Curnow	Anna-Marie Whitten
05 - Mark & Darlene McKay (43)	Josh Rivenbark	21 - Jarrad Evans
12 - Matt & Erin Drago (20)	Emmalyn Thompson	22 - Chris Owens
David & Patti Rountree (43)	04 - Noah Locke	23 - Marlee Drago
13 - Jonathan & Emily Wisdom (10)	05 - Jackson Pent	Josh Williams
14 - Jesse & Pat Bodie (50)	Dain Ranew	24 - Robin Gamble
17 - Joe & Melissa Canney (19)	09 - Matt Drago	25 - Lauren Harrington
Joe & Angela Cochran (36)	10 - Orlyne Beauchamp	Cheryl Hopkins
Joel & Marcia Pearson (47)	Aubrey Rivenbark	Jill Morgano
18 - Andy & Bailey Rountree (14)	11 - Paula Wyse	26 - Barbara Hamm
20 - Marcus & Paige Miller (10)	12 - Mike Settle	Gavin Moore
23 - Tim & Heather Bruynell (13)	Sunny Wells	27 - Lauren Merritt
David & Ann Turner (32)	* 13 - Dorothy Greer	29 - Will Hardy
25 - Cord & Ann Sutter (3)	14 - Michael Troise	Maurice Lopez
	15 - Sandra Roddey	30 - Andy Lamb
	Julie Weaver	David Turner
	16 - Tyriq Green	31 - Ross Browne
	18 - Bray Deavours, Jr.	Oliver Cecil
		Rob Watts

