

# Covenant Corner

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## Measuring Greatness...

by Pastor Paul

**How do you think God "measures greatness?"** When it comes to individual churches and local congregations, **what are the "measuring criteria" by which GOD measures?** Without even considering the congregation's denominational background and their unique theological perspectives, when it comes to "success" and "fruitfulness" **what is "greatness" in God's eyes?**

Do you think God factors in the size of a congregation and their worship attendance figures; does He evaluate their financial stability and buildings; does He look at the congregation's longevity and their current vitality; does God have any preference in worship styles; do you think He regards pastoral leadership and sermon persuasiveness; does He evaluate by looking at the variety of programs and ministry options in a local church? **How does God "measure greatness?"**

Obviously, God's Word gives us important "clues" in both The Old and New Testaments. Much like with individuals, **God must surely look "at the heart"** of a congregation, no matter what "their exterior" looks like. Do you remember the scathing remarks Jesus had for the outwardly religious Pharisees; people who honored God with their lips but not with their hearts? Do you recall the seven letters Jesus wrote to the seven churches in the second and third

chapters Of Revelations. In those letters Jesus clearly revealed to each church what they had accomplished that **pleased** Him, and the others things they had done or tolerated that clearly **displeased** Him to the point where they were told, "you must repent?"



I think that it would be a good idea for us to ponder anew these "measures" that God has already given to His people. We could learn a LOT from them. This is another "defining moment" for the people and leaders at Covenant; we seem to come upon them (defining moments) every three or four years. It seems that God is always challenging us to stay focused. Here are some basics that quickly come to mind when God is looking for "greatness" in His people.

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## Practical Proposals

From  
**Pastor Patty**



I am thrilled and honored to be your Assistant Pastor. I pray that I will be as much a blessing to you as you have already been to me.

I would like to share a story with you that happened to my friend, Rose, last week. On Saturday she called me from her home in California because she was feeling discouraged, defeated and broken. She said she did not want to live anymore. She has had some sad family issues and debilitating health problems. After praying and asking God for guidance, I suggested that she visit a nearby United Methodist Church the next day. She promised to do so.

The next day, she called me all excited. She had attended worship service at that church and they were so welcoming to her. Each member of the "band" greeted her individually. Women at the snack table warmly welcomed her and had coffee with her. Many others made an effort to show their hospitality. She remembered several names because she said they all wore "cute name tags in plastic holders".

She was encouraged to come back Wednesday night for dinner and Bible study; then again the following Sunday for the potluck dinner. Others invited her to help volunteer at their food pantry.

I asked Rose how many people greeted her; she said about fifteen to twenty. I asked how many were in the congregation; she said about fifty.. Wow, almost half of the congregation was intentional about greeting Rose!

I talked to her again at the end of the week. She had attended the Wednesday dinner and Bible study and loved it. She had already volunteered at the food pantry and made more new friends. And she spent Thursday afternoon with Barbara, a new friend from the church.

I wish you could have heard the difference in Rose's voice and demeanor. Saturday she was lonely, hurting and without purpose. By the end of the week, she has friends, a purpose and hope. This is all because the Body of Christ at that church made a point to welcome a stranger. Rose went there looking for a church, she came out finding a family and a home.

This is how God intended us to be... a loving body working together to bring the lost to Christ and to grow them up in the Kingdom. May we never lose sight of our goal.

As the Assistant Pastor, one of my duties is heading our evangelism effort. God intended that we all be in this together. Every month I hope to offer you words of encouragement, and an evangelizing suggestion.

I hope Rose's story encouraged you. I would like to suggest that you wear your nametag to all the church services and functions. That made it easy for Rose to get to know her new family. If you don't have a nametag, please sign up for one at the welcome desk.

Thank you for all you do for Him,

**Pastor Patty**

Lamp Light

Ministry of

**Covenant United  
 Methodist Church**

*presents:*

**Life Transitions** - Support for coping with Transitional Stress related to economy, health, war, disasters, crime, accidents and more...

Come Experience Hope and Healing...

**2nd and 4th Monday of each month  
 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Room 106**



**God loves . . . . .**

\* those who teach HIS Truth consistently and who remain faithful to HIS statutes, precepts and ordinances.

\* those who exalt Jesus Christ: The Way, The Truth, The Life!

\*those who humble themselves before God; those who bring to Him a broken and contrite heart

\* those who seek FIRST His Kingdom and His righteousness;

\* those who "hear" and "obey"....the people who DO the will of God.

Here's something to "ponder" during the next few months: remember that the book which follows the four Gospels is entitled, "The Book of **ACTS**." It's 28 chapters describing Jesus' disciples who have been **ACTIVATED by The SPIRIT of GOD!**

They were placed "into action." Please notice that the name of that book was **never** called, "The Book of "Good Intentions," or "The Book of "Just Getting By." Amen!

**June Income \$41,894 Expenses \$60,554**

**Rescue the Roof Commitment**

As of July 19th:

\$117,793- donated

\$21,365 - pledged

\$139,158 TOTAL

of \$200,000 needed

**—STAFF PARISH—**

Leonard Addison    Alberto Amador  
Eric Davis            Roxanne Durtschi  
Philip Friemann     Ruth Kressler  
Larry Lewis          Frank Mercer  
Sue Norman          Paul Pollock

**Covenant  
United Methodist Church**

Offers members and visitors three Sunday morning worship services and a Wednesday evening service, plus Faith Building Classes for adults and children

**FAITH BUILDING CLASSES/  
ADULTS & CHILDREN.....9:45**

**WORSHIP SERVICE.....8:30, 10:00 and 11:00**

**SERVING A GROWING CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION**

Rev. Paul Pollock.....Senior Pastor  
Patty Inis.....Assistant Pastor  
Leigh Slayback..... Director of Music Ministry  
Nate Mudge..... Media Director  
Lee Schneider.....Maintenance Supervisor  
Rick Rosengrant , Jim Saucier,  
Caryl Taylor.....Maintenance  
Lise, Jack, Anne, Ashley, Kelly and Christine.....  
.....Nursery Workers  
Tracy Jansen.....Director of Children's Ministries  
Sue Macchiarella.....Administrative Director  
Elaine Kinion.....Administrative Assistant

**MINISTERS—  
ALL PEOPLE OF OUR CONGREGATION**

**- NEWSLETTER -**

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**The church office is open  
Mon.-Thurs.**

**9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon;**

**1:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday - OFFICE CLOSED**

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**REGULAR  
SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY**

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Faith Building  
Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Worship Service

**MONDAY**

6:30 pm Al-Anon

**TUESDAY**

6:15 am Men's Team Jesus

**WEDNESDAY**

8:00 am COA Respite  
9:00 am Quilters; Do Drop In  
Adult Fellowship  
9:30 am Young  
Homemakers  
6:00 pm Prayer Vigil until  
midnight  
7:00 pm Midweek Worship

**THURSDAY**

9:00 am Mothers' Morning  
Out  
10:30 am Pastors Bible Study  
6:15 am Grief/Share  
6:30 pm Praise Team  
6:30 pm Divorce Care  
7:00 pm BSA Troop 477

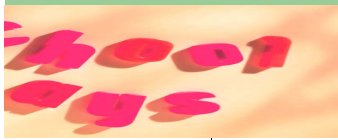
**FRIDAY**

6:00 am till noon: Prayer Vigil

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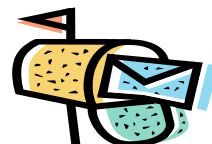
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## FROM THE MAILBOX

July 16, 2009

Dear Friends...

When I count my blessings, your name (CUMC) always comes up. My deepest thanks to all who sent cards, telephone calls, visits, delicious food, beautiful flowers and most of all, your love and prayers during my hand surgery and therapy.

May God Bless you.

With love ...

*Earlys Harding*

## A VISITOR FROM THE PAST

Our dear friend, Julie Tucker, who grew up and found her singing voice as a member of Covenant United Methodist Church, married and became Mrs. LaDouceur while pursuing her singing education. She now lives in Lexington, Kentucky and returns for special visits on occasion. The current visit has to do with Julie's commitment to the Children's Academy of Fine Arts, as well as in celebration of her husband's birthday August 1, 2009

While visiting here, Julie got a call requesting that she accompany three other singers from her University and Drs. Everett McCorvey and Tedrin Blair Lindsey on aa tour to London and to Dublin. There the quartet of singers will be singing four types of song:

*Songs of the South  
 Spirituals  
 Broadway Tunes  
 Opera Arias*

They are touring for Altech from Lexington in preparing for the World Equestrian Games .



## MOTHERS OF PRE-SCHOOLERS

**1st Meeting at**

**COVENANT UMC**

**SEPTEMBER 17**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

**Andrea Domeij, Michelle Papierniak,**

**Judy Guillemette, Faith Casey and**

**Cheryl Newkirk**

**Serving on the**

**MOPS STEERING COMMITTEE**

MOPS International is a Christian non-profit organization that believes in working with local Christian churches to maximize ministry opportunities to God's Kingdom.

MOPS Programs are chartered in churches of many different denominations and Christian traditions, but all share the common desire to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to bring glory to God in everything. It exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of pre-schoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ.



**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**767-8544**

**Leave a message so we can contact you with additional information**

## “The Child of your Womb”: Proclaiming Christ!

Hello Covenant Members, attenders, and friends of this church. It's your daughter, V-Bay , the child of your womb. (Isaiah 49:15)

“To all God's beloved” in Port Orange, New Smyrna Beach and surrounding areas “who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ .” Romans 1:7b

On July first Venetian Bay United Methodist Church, a daughter church of Covenant UMC, turned one year old!

We celebrated with a beach party and low key outreach, at the 27th Ave approach on New Smyrna Beach. (check out pictures on my Pastor Rebecca's facebook site)

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, support, help, and encouragement this past year. Doing a new work, for our wonderful Lord, for the glory of Jesus Christ and His magnificent kingdom, has been exciting, terrifying, and all the realms of emotion in-between.

We are grateful to say that we've been steadily growing. We are grateful to be getting the word out, enveloping new people and families into this church, worshipping weekly, (10 am Sunday's at Creekside Middle School), and are truly connecting people to God, to each other, and the community. We have some very exciting plans for the fall!

We are not afraid to say that Jesus Christ is Lord. In fact, we gladly proclaim this good news. We've studying the book of Acts this summer for preaching and bible study and as a new church, this book is inspiring in many ways.

In the 11th chapter of Acts, we are told of people who were spread out after the terrible death of Steven. And while at Antioch, they spoke to the non-Jewish people there, “**proclaiming the LORD JESUS** and the hand of the Lord was with them...” Barnabas, the encourager, came from the Conference office in Jerusalem, to check it out. He came and saw the grace of God and rejoiced.

So we also rejoice, and God's grace and the opportunity to **proclaim Christ!** May you also rejoice, keep praying, drop in and visit sometime, and always, everywhere, continue to **proclaim Christ!**

With love and joy,  
Pastor Bec



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