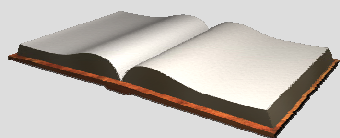


CHRISTIAN THOUGHTS TO PONDER



Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Don't gripe about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?

A lot of church members who are singing 'Standing on the Promises' are just sitting on the premises.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

MEMBERS OF OUR LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

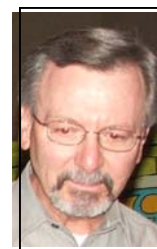
We are very proud of those who serve on the Leadership Council at Covenant UMC. Their responsibilities are the overall administration and programming for the church.

Listed here are our Council members and their area(s) of responsibility:

- Kathy Addison, Evangelism
- Leonard Addison, Staff Parish
- Ida Carveth, Adult Ministries
- Jon Domeij, Member at large
- Carol Faircloth, Prayer and "Sacred Spaces"
- Kathy Freeman, Co-Chair Trustees
- Sue Macchiarella, Administration/ Missions & Outreach
- Frank Mercer, Council Chairman/ Worship / Lay Leader
- Vic Miller, Co-Chair Trustees
- Molly Motley, Volunteer Coordinator
- Paul Pollock, Senior Pastor
- Leigh Slayback, Worship & Music
- Donna Spencer, Education and Youth
- Joan Varley, Council Secretary & Attendance Records
- Kay Wingard, Missions/Outreach/ Ushers & Greeters

COVENANT TRUSTEES 2008

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| Pat Conway | George Holm |
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Ponderings With Pastor Paul

Since July 1st we've been focusing on what it takes to become "A Healthy Body of Believers UNDER The Lordship of Jesus Christ." The basics we're emphasizing are essentially the same as those needed to support a healthy physical body like yours or mine.

Just think about the things **YOU** need in order to be healthy. **You'll need good nutrition** (feeding regularly on The Word of God both publicly and privately); **you'll need good air to breathe** (times of worship, "respiration," in which you can "inhale God's presence" so that you're able "to exhale faithful living"); **you'll need to live in a relatively safe community** where you'll find relationships to help you thrive and feel that life is worthwhile (prayer that deepens your relationship WITH God and Koinonia fellowship that deepens your relationship WITH other believers.)

Becoming a healthy Body of Believers is easy to understand but difficult to sustain in a local congregation. The challenge is always this: we've grown up with OUR OWN ideas about "what a church should be" with concepts that have been based on "our wants" and "our expectations." Very rarely do we seek to understand what God wants us to be as HIS church; very rarely do we "let His expectations" shape the direction and values in a local church. **Radical transformation is ALWAYS required** (Romans 12: 1-2). The transformation that God desires is difficult to sustain in our consumer-driven, "me-first" society.

Here's an illustration that may help. Picture, if you will, a river that flows by your property. On hot days you like to go in for a refreshing dip and then come out on the SAME side of the river and on the SAME shoreline. That's only natural; you want to be near the things that you've always known. Now picture the river being "God's continuous flowing presence" that brings refreshment and restoration. We like to enter it and always come back out on our property seeing the same landscape that we've always seen; we like to keep our familiar reference points. God's expectation is that we'll enter HIS river of life and let go of the familiar landscapes and then ultimately float to an entirely NEW place where we'll become more and more like Jesus Christ ...a radical transformation!

A healthy church begins to look MORE and MORE like Jesus! As Rebecca said in her last sermon at Covenant, a healthy church disagrees less and less with Jesus. A healthy church knows that JESUS has to be LORD. A healthy church agrees that apart from Jesus' direction they have no real purpose at all.

Who wants to become a healthier Body of Believers under The Lordship of Jesus? I DO!

LIBRARY NEWS!

You can look forward reading the two new books, now in the library."

"The Shack"

"Same Kind of Different as Me"

Mary Babb, Librarian





GOOD NEWS CLUB

“Good News” - “Good News!”

We have the opportunity to take the Bible back into the public school system via the “Good News Club.”

What is a Good News Club? Essentially a *Good News Club* is a Bible study for children on school campus after school or off campus during school hours. These clubs provide an excellent opportunity for children in the public schools to hear the Gospel and learn the truth from God’s Word.

In 2001 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that *Good News Clubs* can meet at public schools after hours on the same terms as other community groups. As a result, *Good News Clubs*, a ministry of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*, are held across our nation.

The good news here at Covenant is that we have the opportunity to sponsor a Good News Club at Port Orange Elementary School. This will be a supplement to the education of our children, with Bible teaching to help them grow spiritually and impact their personal and home lives in a particular way.

This could be where you come in!

Would you consider being a volunteer teacher or helper with this after-school program, one day a week? You could also help with your prayers or financial support.

Covenant can only take the Good News of Jesus Christ to the children of Port Orange Elementary if you are willing to become Christ’s hands and feet.

On August 23rd, 2008, there will be training from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for those volunteering to go into the school to teach the Good News. So, please don’t delay in contacting the office right away.

This could be the most rewarding ministry of your life.

A school principal, Dr. John Lane, said, “Many of the students who participate in the Good News Club are now becoming leaders among their peers.”

For more information, please call Donna Spencer
Covenant UMC
386-767-8544

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**

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- Leigh Slayback..... Director of Music Ministry
- Nate Mudge.....Media Director
- Donna Spencer.....Education & Youth Ministry
- Rick RosengrantMaintenance
- Jim Saucier.....Maintenance
- Sue Macchiarella.....Administrative Director
- Elaine Kinion.....Administrative Assistant

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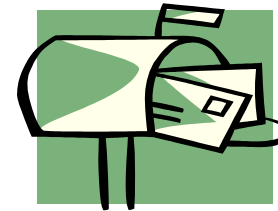
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FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Church Family,

Words are simply inadequate to express the appreciation in my heart for the generosity shown to me and the entire family during Sam's sudden illness and death. By your love, support, cards, emails and prayers, you gave us strength to walk through the fire.

Thank you for the wonderful Memorial service and the meal provided. Sam's mother continues to remark that Covenant is the most loving church she has ever seen. Every one of you was such a Christ-like example for all to see and experience.

As difficult as these last few weeks have been, I know our family is only beginning the journey of grief. Thank you for your continued prayers for us, especially because we live so far apart.

May God richly and abundantly bless you all for your incredible kindness. It will be treasured always.

*Love,
Ann Tucker and family*

Dear Covenant UMC,

Thank you very much for the wonderful gift basket for our baby daughter Caitlin. The handmade items are absolutely beautiful and will be cherished in the months and years to come.

God has blessed us with a healthy baby girl and we are grateful for all your prayers and support during this pregnancy.

*Thanks again,
Chris, Lani and Caitlin Kinion*

Precious Covenant Family,

Thank you so much for your care to me during my hospital stay. The visits, cards, phone calls and beautiful flowers meant so much to me. You truly are Jesus' hands and feet. I am looking forward to seeing so many stars in your crowns! May Jesus continue to shine and bless your lives.

*With love,
Rosemary Walton*

Thank you for the prayers and visits, calls and cards during my hospital stay; and the rehab time over the last four weeks following my surgery.

Friends are a gift from God and He has blessed me with many.
Glenn Stafford

The entire family of George Pollock would like to thank the people of Covenant for their loving support and comfort during his surgery, his hospitalization, and "final farewell." You've been wonderful. You tempered our grief and loss with your prayers, with your many preparations for his memorial service, and with your gracious cards and love!



Dad would have been extremely pleased with your amazing response! We are humbly grateful for such a community of faith and love. Thank YOU, Lord!