

Another Mission Accomplished!



Top left : Donna Spencer busily putting it all together for another of Covenant's very special outreach projects.

Top right: Fun time, whoa, who's that guy with the alligator ? He sure is brave!

Lower Right: The entire troop of missionaries.



HUMOR IS WHERE YOU FIND IT...

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, " It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

While driving in Pennsylvania , a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

FOCUS ON PRAYER

Carol Faircloth

In light of the many bizarre things taking place in this world, we need to be in prayer constantly. For our world, our country and our people.

Some of you know that Kay Arthur is normally a very confident, composed speaker, positive and upbeat. However, at a conference recently in Atlanta she was sounding a warning that we need to get serious about the following things.

1. Repent - Jeremiah 4:3 - Break up the fallow ground - return to Me. Get on your face before God and ask him to break your heart with the things that break His heart.

2. Mourn - Jeremiah 9:17-18 and Ezekiel 9. It is time to weep. Because our nation's sin is incredible.

3. Pray - Jeremiah 36:7 - Pray fervently, passionately for America.

4. Love God's Word - Jeremiah 20. You MUST love the Word of God and be in the Word of God. We must get serious about this.

5. Love others as Jesus loved them. Jeremiah 31:3 and John 13:34.

6. Introduce people to Jesus Christ. It's time to get serious about this. This is no time for timidity. Jeremiah 31:31; Jeremiah 33:1-9 and 15 and 17.

7. Rest. If you will do these things, then rest in the fact that you have done God's will. "It is going to be vitally important for us to get enough physical rest. God has not given us a spirit of fear and if we are obedient to Him, we will be protected. Kay's last instruction was to read Ezekiel 14 over and over until you understand it.

As I think about the Christians of the world, it seems more and more important that we pray for ALL Christians and not just our church. The Olympics begin in China August 8th. Let us PRAY for China, for the believers there and all those traveling to China for the Olympic Games. As you watch, pray for the athletes you see on the screen. We can have a terrific impact from right here in the U.S. if we ask our heavenly Father (who can do more than we can ask or imagine) to intervene in lives and nations.



This from Pastor Rebecca:

Dear Staff , Leaders and "Members" / Servants/ Friends of Covenant U. M. C. —

Words cannot begin to express the heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of my family and I towards this precious church for eighteen years of love, support, encouragement, cooperation and spiritual growth. It has been our great privilege to experience life together with our beloved Covenant family!

Thank you, church, for the very generous check! Thank you ,also, for the thoughtful savings bond for \$2,000.! I'm also grateful for the lovely "Reverend" engraved pen and clock set (just like Paul's—only red); the Bernie's coffee gift set and the "cars." (Ironically, we actually ended up with a P.T. Cruiser rental car this year!

Thank you, as well, for the Day Spa gift. Just the thought of it is enjoyable!

I've enclosed my final tithe to Covenant—may it bless this dear church of whom I'll always be a part.

I pray that God will pour out His Presence upon Covenant more richly than ever before!

"The grace of the Lord be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen."

(I Corinthians 16:23,24)

The Basket was beautiful!!

This from the Waltons:

Thanks so much for spoiling Kaydenee. She is so precious! The basket itself will one day become her Easter basket.

MY APPRECIATION BEARS REPEATING... THANKS AGAIN!

Love from Kaydence, JoAnna and Matthew Walton





Sunday Children's Church
8:30 am, 11:00 am

FAITH BUILDING CLASSES

9:45am Sunday

- 201 New Member Class
- 205 Serving Jesus at Covenant
- 117 Celebration of Discipline
- 204 Bereans
- 202 Sitting At His Feet
- 105 Decision Making & The Will of God
- 106 Growing Kids God's Way
- 104 Understanding the Bible
- PO Financial Freedom
- 119 Middle School
- YW Sr. High School

11:00 am Sunday

- 119 Youth Confirmation Class

5:30 pm

- YW Youth Group

PO = Pastor's Office

YW = Youth Wing

ON = Old Narthex

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR **AUGUST** COVENANT UMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6:00 am Prayer Vigil Ends
					6:00 am Prayer Vigil begins	
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H.U.M. Sunday 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Faith Building Classes 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Worship Service	9:00 am Quilters 9:00 am Mothers' Day Out 6:30 pm Al-Anon 6:30 pm Trustees 6:30 pm Singles Bible Study	6:15 am Men's Team Jesus 6:30 pm Youth Band	8:00 am COA Respite 9:00 am Homemakers 9:30 am Do Drop In Adult Fellowship 6:00 pm Soaking Prayer & Banner Ministry 7:00 pm Midweek Worship	10:30 am Pastors Bible Study 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Divorce Care 7:00 pm BSA Troop 477 7:30 pm Choir Practice	6:00 am Prayer Vigil begins 6:30 pm JUNGLE BOOKL KIDS 7:30 pm GODSPELL	6:00 am Prayer Vigil Ends 6:30 pm JUNGLE BOOKL KIDS 7:30 pm GODSPELL
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