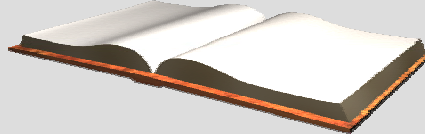


GOD'S YELLOW PAGES

Let your Faith do the walking...

<u>Sick - In pain</u> Psalm 38 Matthew 26:39 Romans 5:3-5 2 Cor. 12:9,10 1 Peter 4:12,13,19	<u>Excuses</u> Luke 14:15-24	<u>Pure thinking</u> Philippians 4:8
<u>Sorrowful</u> Psalm 51 Matthew 5:4 John 14 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 1 Thess.4:13-18	<u>Extravagance</u> 1 Timothy 6:7-12	<u>Reading the Bible</u> John 5:39 Psalm 1:2 Psalm 119:97
<u>Tempted</u> Psalm 1 Psalm 139:23,24 Matthew 26:41 1 Cor.10:12-14 Philippians 4:8 James 4:7 2 Peter 2:9,3:17	<u>Fault finding</u> Matthew 7:1-5	<u>Resolution</u> Ephesians 6:10-18
<u>Thankful</u> Psalm 100 1 Thess. 5:18 Hebrews 13:15	<u>Fear</u> Luke 12:5	<u>Righteousness</u> Matthew 5:6 Matthew 6:33
<u>Traveling</u> Psalm 121	<u>Greed</u> Luke 12:15-31	<u>Sincerity</u> Philippians 1:9,10
<u>Trouble, in</u> Psalm 16+31 John 14:1-4 Hebrews 7:25	<u>Hatred / Enemies</u> Matthew 5:43-48	<u>Steadfastness</u> 1 Corinthians 15:58
<u>Worried</u> Matthew 6:19-34 1 Peter 5:6,7	<u>Hypocrisy</u> Matthew 23:27,28	<u>Stewardship</u> 1 Corinthians 4:2 2 Corinthians 9:6,7
	<u>Judging</u> Matthew 7:1	<u>Temperance</u> 1 Thess.5:6-8
	<u>Lip service</u> Matthew 7:21	<u>Trust</u> Psalm 37:3-5 Proverbs 3:5,6
	<u>Lust</u> Mark 4:18,19	<u>Truth</u> John 14:6 John 17:17 Ephesians 4:14,15
	<u>Self-exaltation</u> Luke 14:11	<u>Victory</u> 1 Corinthians 15:57 1 John 5:4
	<u>Self-righteousness</u> Luke 18:11,12	<u>Watchfulness</u> Mark 13:34-37
	<u>Sin</u> John 8:34-36	<u>Worship</u> John 4:23,24
	<u>Submission</u> 1 Peter 2:13-17	<u>Zeal</u> Romans 12:11
	<u>Swearing</u> Colossians 3:8	
	<u>Tribulation</u> John 16:33	



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*, Business Administrator
- 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

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Ponderings With Pastor Paul

Sometimes believers become "experts" at serving God but somehow remain novices when it comes to really knowing God. Without really having regular times of intimacy with Him our lives tend to be un-centered and unbalanced: chaos and stress are the normal by-products.

We end up serving some idea of God without truly knowing Him person-to-person. As in all relationships the truth of the matter is that if you really want to get to know someone you must spend more time with that person. How much time do you and I spend daily "getting to know Him?"

We were created in God's image and by design we have a deep need to know our Creator; that's just the way it is. God would like nothing less than for us to daily give Him permission to order our steps in His will. Our very souls are made for this. The words of Psalm 42 declare, "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so my soul pants for You, O God." Bruce Wilkinson writes in *Secrets of The Vine* (pages 101-115), "We often fail to reach the place where God can produce the fruit of The Spirit in our lives because we're busy but not fruitful.

In our Western-style "rush to do and to perform" many of us fail at simply enjoying God's company because so many believers never develop the practice of abiding in Him and in His Word."

If our need for this relationship is so deep and constant why do so few of us fervently pursue it? Two simple reasons: our perceived lack of time AND our real lack of desire. If we really valued (desired) knowing God at this deeper level we would make the time. The word "abide" means to build a dwelling place; much in the same way as we would build a home for our family and call it "a humble abode (dwelling place)."

Once we make the time (and take the time) to build a dwelling place for God each day, we learn the practice of abiding in Him. We actively cultivate a deeper relationship with Him and we get to know Him, not just know "about" Him. Once we learn the practice of abiding in His presence, in His grace, and in His love, we come away from our private time with Him feeling substantially nourished for each day and find that Jesus' promise of "abundant life" is being fulfilled. The challenge in abiding is always to break through from dutiful activities to discover that God always desired a flourishing relationship with us that was very personal so that our time with Him would become a blessing. That is why God makes this promise: "if you draw close to Me, I will draw close to you." If there is any "secret" in learning to abide in Him it is simply this: God never asked us to "do" devotions, but rather be totally "devoted" to Him. The word "devoted" is used in the Biblical sense of being "set apart, or devoted to God." When we "devote" and cultivate private time with God each day it provides us with a place to be quiet, settle our hearts before Him, talk with Him, write down and journal new ideas and questions to ask Him, and even weep before Him when we "cast all our cares unto Him." You'll find that when you learn to abide in Him what happens on the outside doesn't matter so much as what God is doing on the inside, deep down within the center of our lives. Happy Independence Day for our Nation; but blessed "Dependence on God" every day in each of our lives! Remember how Jesus said, "If you abide in Me and My Word abides in you then ask whatever you will and it will be done unto you."



Kay Ostrosky celebrates her 100th Birthday with her Covenant family

TRUSTEES CORNER

The Trustees held their monthly meeting on June 2, 2008.

Items on the agenda included an update on several building repairs that needed to be completed by our original contractor, Michael C.

Several of these items were agreed to by Michael C and approved by the Trustees.

Another item discussed was the update on the Cell Tower. The original tower plan was for a Tower height of 150 feet, which was amended to make the new height limit a total of 115 feet.

Thank you for your interest and best wishes from all Trustees to all servants of CUMC.

Blessed in Christ.
James L. Harbour, Trustee

May Income.....\$70,650
May Expenses..... \$60,942

LIBRARY UPDATE:

All new books on display shelves. Good reading. Check them out.

Mary Babb



EMMA MURRAY
Sings the National Anthem at a recent CUBS game. Yay, Emma!

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

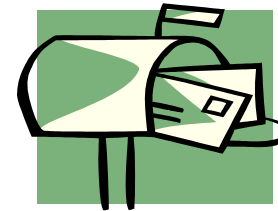
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- Nate Mudge.....Media Director
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FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Church Family at Covenant,
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your support upon the recent death of our father, Noel Spencer. We are more grateful than we can say for the expressions of kindness and for your willingness to join both your sorrow and your strength with ours. Although our father's death was so unexpected and so heartbreaking to us, as to many of you, we are grateful beyond measure for the quality of his life and faith and for the joy that he experienced right through the end of his life.

The picture shown here was taken on the Maine Coast on May 20, 2008, the very day of his accident. We still can barely believe that he is gone... and yet we rejoice for him in the joy that is his today with his Savior. Beyond our gratitude for the recent kindnesses of the Covenant



Church we are even more grateful to you for providing our father with such a rich church home in the last number of years and especially for your support as he grieved our mother's death. We pray for your unity and strength as you minister there in Port Orange and in all your arenas of mission.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Spencer McCurdy, Tom Spencer,
and Sherri Spencer Wells

"The best things in the world aren't things. They're people like you. Thank you with all my heart."

Thanks to all of you—our church family—for the beautiful flowers and cards. We thank God for all of you.

Love in Christ,

Mark and Linda Stivers

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for me when I was in the hospital

In early June, and especially those who called and stopped by to see me.

I love you all. There are no people like Covenant people. May God bless you all.

Dick McCracken

Celebration Sunday, June 22nd, finally happened! The 20th anniversary event for Covenant UMC was so well planned and carried through under the masterful artistry of our pastors, our choir, our food and events planners and all you wonderful people who filled the sanctuary for the 10:00 service. The little ones (and SueMac) had plenty to do with the inflatables, too. It was a very special Sunday. I was so glad to be there with my daughter, Phyllis, and granddaughter, Maggie, from Atlanta...who were at Covenant for years and brought me here. Much love, Kitty Maiden