



Ponderings

With
Pastor Paul

On the occasion of our 20th Anniversary let me humbly say "thank you" to Jesus, who is **Greater Than** all. Jesus has been **greater than** our needs. Jesus has been **greater than** our sins and our mistakes. Jesus has proven to be **greater than** the circumstances that we have faced all along the way. Jesus has simply been **Greater Than** !

In mathematics and in logic there is a symbol which is written as > which means greater than.. It's used to simplify equations. For example, when learning about numbers on the number line you may say that a number, or a sum of numbers is either = or < or > some other set of numbers. ("equal to" or "less than" or "greater than" some other set of numbers). As this concept is introduced the teacher may write on the board that $5 + 3 > 7$. (meaning that $5 + 3$ is greater than 7.) Or, in order to make you think more critically the teacher may write that $-4 + 2 - 12 > -16$. (meaning that $-14 > -16$.)

After 20 years of serving The Lord as a pastor at Covenant I've learned that Jesus is simply **GREATER THAN** whatever we've had to do or face. Over the years God sent us people who, when added together, became *greater than* any one of us could have been by ourselves. selves. God's true strength came during those times when we were in unity and submitted together to The Lordship of Jesus Christ and the will of God.

One of my continual desires is to become a healthy Body of Believers under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and to remove any "dis-ease" whenever it appears, in myself or in others.

As The Holy Spirit works within us GOD can do **GREATER THAN** we ever hoped or imagined or ever dreamed possible. (Ephesians 3 : 20 - 21; a favorite verse of mine.)

Now it's vitally important that we give our solid support and encouragement to all those from Covenant who feel called by God to go and become the nucleus of the new church at Venetian Bay with Pastor Rebecca. Every time you become aware that someone you know is feeling truly called BY GOD to this great new work PLEASE give them all the encouragement that you possibly can and commend them to the very best of God's Spirit in prayer as they seek to faithfully respond.

We will not be losing anyone; they will be sent out from us in the marvelous sense of The New Testament whenever there was a new church planted. They will be on a wonderful mission with The **Greater Than** God and He will use every one of them to do another *greater than* work to glorify Jesus.

Both the people who remain here at the mother church and those who become His servants as part of the daughter church will still be on mission with God TOGETHER with distinctive roles to fulfill for The Kingdom of God. Let's humbly thank our **Greater Than** God for all that He has done; for all that He is doing, and for all that He will do. Most United Methodists think that HOW GREAT THOU ART is one of their favorite hymns. Now we can sing "HOW GREAT THOU ART" to The "**Greater Than**" God in two unique settings. Amen !!

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH

This wonderful 45 minute (est.) piece of work our Covenant Choir performed one Wednesday evening was so special that we wanted to hear it again. It will be done for the pleasure of all attending on the day of our Anniversary celebration.

In the meantime, our choir will be singing this masterpiece at two of our cluster churches the first Sunday in June.

The plan is to perform at Trinity UMC in Seville at 10:45 and continue on to Lake Helen UMC for a 1:00 performance.

What a blessing... "One Lord, One Faith."

TRUSTEES CORNER

The Trustee's held their monthly meeting on May 5, 2008.

On the agenda was follow up for our Disaster Relief Program. Recently all servants should have received their information cards so that the Church can complete a data base for all the families of our Church. Please complete those forms and turn them in to the office, if not previously completed. Thank you.

The Cell Tower construction is now advancing and the Church has received its first rental check.

The City of Port Orange has granted CUMC a two year extension to complete the roof repairs that have been on hold for a period of time.

Proposals for our mortgage refinancing are now being reviewed. It appears that our mortgage cost will be approximately \$2,000.00 less per month then we are now paying.

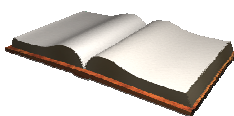
Thank You for your interest and please advise any of the Trustees if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessed in Christ.

James L Harbour, TrusteeE

APRIL — Income	\$59,462.20
Expenses	\$59,868.10
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Deficit	\$405.90

FROM THE LIBRARY



NEW READS:

The Divine Visitor—Jack Hayders

Fresh Faith—Jim Cymbala

The Discipline of Grace —Jerry Bridges

DVD VIEWING:

The Judas Project—DVD 97 minutes

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

Rebecca Hyvonen.....Assistant Pastor

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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ALL PEOPLE OF OUR CONGREGATION

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FROM THE MAILBAG

*Dear Church Family,
Thanks for all your love, care,
prayers, acts of kindness and help.
Words don't express how much this
means to us. God's love is evident
to us in so many ways. We are so
blessed thankful*

Joan and Ed Varley

Blessed Church Family,

*Thank you so much for your prayers,
love and visits that you gave to my pre-
cious dad, David Pyne in his last few
weeks. He was an amazing father who
gave my brother and I love, fun, a sense
of adventure and, most of all, brought
us to this wonderful country, the United
States of America.*

*Although the past few years have been
very challenging for him, I know that
he loved Jesus and how happy he must be
to see his bride, Hazel, of 67 years again.*

*May Jesus continue to shine in your
lives.*

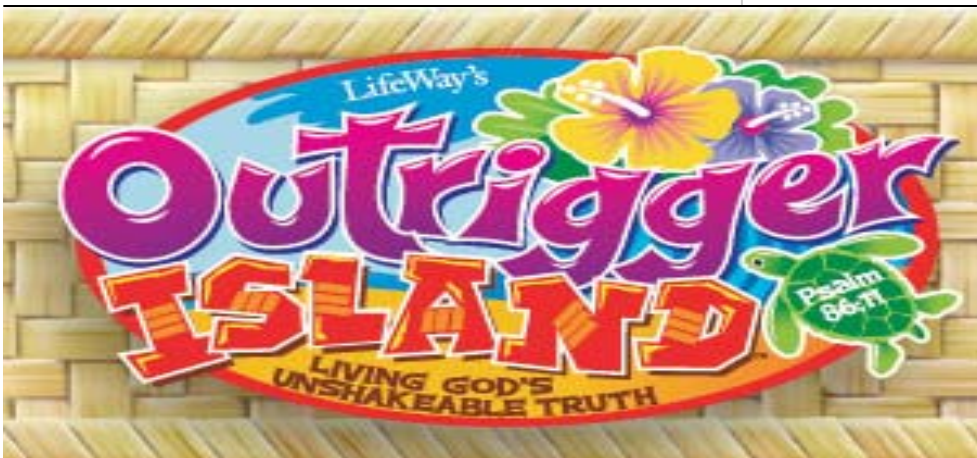
Love, Rosemary Walton

Memorial Team

To all who participated in the Memorial Service for our beloved Lyle Durbin, please know that the family wrote to say how grateful they were and that they now know why Lyle loved Covenant so much. Everything was, as usual, very impressive and the food was delicious.

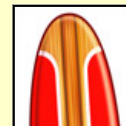
Thank you to the workers and those who donated food. This team is the model for all "Faith In Action" care and support teams. You have the gratitude and respect of all the families you serve at Covenant church.

Molly



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 23-27



GOD'S YELLOW PAGES

Let your Faith do the walking...

<u>Diligence</u> Romans 12:11	<u>Joy</u> Luke 10:20 John 15:11	<u>Need rules for life</u> Romans 12
<u>Duty</u> Luke 20:21-25	<u>Kindness</u> Colossians 3:12,13	<u>Obedience</u> John 14:15-24 Acts 5:29
<u>Endurance</u> Luke 21:9-19 2 Timothy 2:3	<u>Labor</u> John 9:4	<u>Overcoming</u> John 16:33
<u>Faith</u> Matthew 8:5-13 Mark 11:22-24	<u>Leaving home</u> Psalm 121 Matthew 10:16-20	<u>Patience</u> Hebrews 10:36
<u>Faithfulness</u> Matthew 25:23	<u>Lonely</u> Psalm 23 Hebrews 13:5,6	<u>Peacefulness</u> John 14:27 Romans 12:18
<u>Forgiveness</u> Mark 11:25,26 Ephesians 4:31,32	<u>Love</u> Luke 10:27 1 Corinthians 13	<u>Perseverance</u> Mark 13:5-13
<u>Freedom</u> John 8:31-36	<u>Need God's protection</u> Psalm 27:1-3 Psalm 91 Philippians 4:19	<u>Prayer</u> Luke 11:1-13 Ephesians 6:18
<u>Fruitfulness</u> John 15:1-8	<u>Need guidance</u> Psalm 32:8 Proverbs 3:5,6	<u>Prayerful</u> Psalm 4 Psalm 42 Luke 11:1-13 John 17 1 John 5:14,15
<u>Godliness</u> Titus 2:11-14	<u>Need peace</u> John 14:1-4 John 16:33	<u>Protected</u> Psalm 18:1-3 Psalm 34:7
<u>Happiness</u> Matthew 5:3-12	<u>Honesty</u> 2 Corinthians 8:21	<i>Continues in July</i>

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:

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

COVENANT TRUSTEES 2008

Pat Conway

Kathy Freeman

Bill Fricke

James Harbour

Lee Schneider

George Holm

Vic Miller

Richard Motley

Jack Weiler