



"Press On"

Hello, or "Hey," Beloved Church Family and Cherished Friends, As I prepare to write one of my last columns for this long-time church of which I've been a part for eighteen years, I struggle with what to write.

What I know best, and what I love most, (aside from you, of course), and what I'm called to through and through is simply Jesus Christ and His Word. He never lets us down. He is always with us. His Word never changes. We are going through a tumultuous time of transition with our new church start, and many changes at Covenant. While Rollo May said "nothing is certain but change," Mark Twain also said that "nobody likes change but a baby with a wet diaper."

I am also, presently, in Fort Worth Texas, at our General Conference as a prayer delegate. As we reel from disturbing outcomes daily right now, I finally turn to where I always turn for comfort: God's Word.

While change comes, and can be wonderful, it can also be difficult. Therefore, I fix my eyes on Jesus. I turn to the Word of God. And the section of Scripture that keeps coming to my mind right now is Philippians 3:12-14. May we all embrace these words, and each other, as we move forward in response to God's work in our lives, in our church, and in our denomination: "...but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, (and sisters), I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

We serve a loving Father, a wonderful Savior, and a Holy Spirit who is always there with us.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." (Philippians 4:23). Press on.

With love, "Pastor Bec."

PLANNING MEETINGS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The first meeting was held on Thursday, April 24, to familiarize the team with an overview and the theme of this year's VBS. Teaching materials and guides were distributed. The next meeting is:

THURSDAY, MAY 29

The focus will be on interested builders for the decorating sets.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Final pre-VBS staff meeting to go over the class rolls and review emergency procedures etc.

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Staff Dedication

MONDAY—FRIDAY, JUNE 23-27

Vacation Bible School 8:15 am to 12:30 pm

There will be a wrap –up performance on Friday evening, June 27.

FROM THE NURSERY



The nursery will not have Moms Day Out or the Homemaker's Group the week of Vacation Bible School. But, for the first time ever, we will be signing up older nursery children for VBS. The spots are limited and on a first come first serve basis. Pick up your registration form in the nursery or office.

The price is \$15 for the whole week 8:30-12:30. Snacks and lunches are provided!

Get your forms in ASAP!! It is going to be a super week Living God's Unshakable Truth!

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Noel Spencer



Recently I read a book from our church library which I highly recommend, especially if you are interested in prayer for healing. It is an autobiography by Agnes Sanford. She grew up in China where her parents were Presbyterian

missionaries. She loved living in China and planned to live there all her life. She married an Episcopalian missionary. They both were teachers in China. When the political situation became dangerous, they returned to USA where her husband became pastor of an Episcopalian Church. She had the gift of healing and many were healed when she laid hands on them and prayed for them. She and her husband held seminars for pastors all over the world on how to pray for people to be healed.

During World War II she became a volunteer for Red Cross in a Veterans Hospital. They were instructed not to pray with patients or talk to them about God. But she "obeyed God rather than man". To avoid being caught praying, she kept her eyes open and looked at the patient for whom she was praying as though talking to them. She prayed for hundreds of injured vets and all but two were healed.

She reports that she had a higher percent of healing in that hospital than she had when she prayed for people in church. When she was finally caught, she was severely reprimanded and ordered not to continue as a volunteer.

Agnes Sanford, who lived 1897-1980(?), wrote another book, *THE HEALING LIGHT*, which I read 30 years ago. A copy of *THE HEALING LIGHT* has been ordered for the church library.



OLD FASHIONED BARBEQUE PLANNED FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Covenant United Methodist Church
20th Anniversary Party
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2008



It's just around the corner...coming in June. There will be a cookout with lots of food and lots of games, music and fun! The event will begin right after church:

We are in the planning stages and this will require many helping hands. If you wish to help with this momentous occasion and have some special ideas, please call Molly Motley 761-5892. Theme for the Old Fashioned Barbeque will be BACK TO THE FUTURE.

Come, celebrate 20 years of worship, praise, learning, playing and, most importantly, loving Jesus at Covenant.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Many of you have inquired about the church directory. We are working with a fine company who cares, as we do, about the final product.

When we received the first proof, some editing was necessary and, following that, a new proof was issued.

Each time you are issued a proof, there are 15 working days required to make corrections before printing.

We are now in the last stages of printing and hope to have the new directories in a few days. Thank you for your patience. Ed.



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

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2008 COVENANT UNITED METHODIST

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

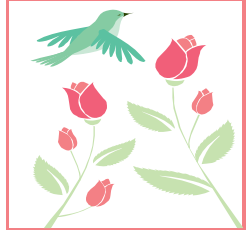


5:30 pm

- YW Youth Group

PO = Pastor's Office

YW = Youth Wing

ON = Old Narthex

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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