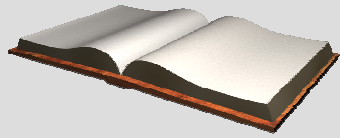


CHRISTIAN THOUGHTS TO PONDER



Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!

Prayer: Don't give God instructions - just report for duty!

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

You can tell how big a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

The best mathematical equation ever seen:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

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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| Kathy Freeman | Pat Conway |
| Bill Fricke | Vic Miller |
| James Harbour | Richard Motley |
| Lee Schneider | Jack Weiler |



Ponderings With Pastor Paul

It's time for the MOST refreshing months of the year! I'm sure you have your preference for one season or another, but for me, the HOPE of cooler, drier air in the Fall makes life SO MUCH sweeter. I start to feel ALIVE and VIBRANT every October. We're almost there! Just one month to go! Instead of just enduring the heat and humidity of summer I once again feel like tackling new projects in the Fall.

In order to prepare for a glorious Autumn at Covenant I'm hoping that we'll spend time together in September reflecting on and living the Biblical truth found in II Chronicles 7:14 which declares: "If My people who call themselves by My Name will HUMBLE themselves, and PRAY, and SEEK My face, and TURN from their wicked ways, then I will HEAR their prayers and FORGIVE their sins and HEAL their land." If we'll spend just the month of September in "solemn preparation" by "humbling ourselves and seeking God's face with a genuine spirit of repentance," I believe we'll be ready for the wonderful NEW things God wants to do in the lives of His people at Covenant.

Certainly with these days of transition in our congregation, and with the birth of the new church site at Venetian Bay in New Smyrna Beach, some sober appraisal of our congregation's spiritual health and our relationship with God is timely. The last time we did this intentionally was about ten years ago. It's about time we sought The Lord with a spirit of humility again! I believe God will bless everyone who sincerely joins together in this matter.

There were several times in The Old Testament that God called ALL the people together for a "Solemn Assembly." It seemed that God's people had a "gift" for becoming complacent in their relationship with God. It didn't take long before the people who called on The Name of The Lord took Him for granted. Their lives deteriorated spiritually; more sins became tolerated; the increasing distance between God and His people was no longer noticed; the people "got on with their lives" without God. God was no longer a "big deal." During these times of Solemn Assembly both the priests and the people were asked to recommit to His sovereign rule within their hearts,

and asked (once again) to lead HOLY and CONSECRATED lives so HIS glory would arise and be seen in their midst. That's the Biblical context in which I present our focus in September.

There was a commercial for an ice cream product in year's past that had as it's slogan, "What would YOU do for a Klondike bar?" May I paraphrase that for our congregation during September? "What would YOU do to see a mighty work of God, an authentic, no-holds-barred, miraculous outpouring of His Spirit and Presence and Power in our midst?" Would YOU be willing, once again, to HUMBLE yourself, and PRAY, and SEEK God's face, and TURN from YOUR wicked ways?

It seems that God loves to respond to people who genuinely are WILLING to do those four things. It's the only way that both the priests and the people can refocus on His sovereign rule in their lives. It's the best way to fertilize the ground that God has already cultivated during the beginning of our congregational transitions. I am reminded of the sign I once saw in Connie Srinivasan's home:

"God's will! Nothing more; Nothing less; Nothing else!" May it be so for us, O Lord.

MOTHERS MORNING OUT



In order to be wise stewards of the resources that God has given us, we find it necessary to charge a fee for the Mother's Morning Out Program. This will be our fee schedule:

- 1 Child...\$ 5.00**
- 2 Children....\$8.00**
- 3 or more Children.....\$10.00**

GODSPELL



JUNGLE BOOK KIDS



Wonderful Performances given by our CAFA Kids !

July Income.....	\$ 53,451.
July Expenses.....	<u>65,885.</u>
Deficit	\$12,433.

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
- 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

**- MINISTERS -
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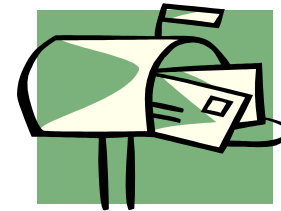
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FROM THE MAILBAG

*Your kindness...your care...just being there...
Thanks for all the ways you've been a
blessing! Thanks to all of you in our blessed
church family, for all the cards, care and
love.*

Love in Christ

Mark & Linda Stivers

Dear Covenant Family,

*We cannot thank you enough for all your
prayers. God truly "listened" and has put
Ed's cancer in remission.*

We feel so blessed by all of you. Thank you

Love to all,

Ed & Helen Briones

*July 2008 - Mission Team To Clewiston,
C.R.E.W. and I would like to say Thanks
for all the work you did, but Thanks is not
enough. We really enjoyed all of the time we
were blessed to spend with you guys; and
can't wait for you to return. (When are you
coming back!?)*

*Tell everyone we miss them already and
how they blessed everyone they helped.*

Love you guys, Renee

*Please thank everyone for me for all your
prayers and best wishes...and especially for
the lovely planter. I will treasure it as a
remembrance of this wonderful event in
my life. Sally's creative level before surgery
was 7 (0.50-1.30 mg/dl) and on Saturday, her
level with her new kidney, was 0.9 ! She and
her doctor are thrilled!*

*Sincerely,
Caryl Taylor*

Caryl donated a kidney to Sally Williams (from GA) on Aug. 12. Both ladies are doing exceptionally well.

Sue & Covenant UMC –

Thank you so much for the hospitality and kindness you and your church provided us!

As we talk through our experience it is often that you all are mentioned as a blessing! May our Savior bless your ministry for the loving kindness you showed us!

Aaron Travis &
Indiana Converse Student Ministry

This letter is long overdue. Months go by, one by one and year by year. While reading the July issue of Covenant Corner, I came to realize again how fortunate we are to have Editor Kitty Maiden writing and preparing our newsletter. It is so easy to take this labor for granted. It is time to take special recognition of Kitty's dedication and creative accomplishments.

In three previous churches, I had the experience of producing the monthly newsletter. It is no simple task and like, the calendar itself, the due dates never end, and show up regularly without pause....ready or not.

I invite you to take more than a casual read of each newsletter. Every article requires judgment, skill, talent and a full measure of love in order to be meaningful and timely. Gathering the information, writing the articles and formatting the presentation is not a formula, it is the result of caring and skill.

As we read, we should appreciate how fortunate we are to have one of the finest newsletters among all churches. The next time you see Kitty ... (or send her a note) tell her how much you appreciated her professional production and faithful dedication. We should be very proud of her. There is none better.

Respectfully yours,
Art Vittur

(Gulp!) Art wouldn't allow us to just read this wonderful accolade. He insisted it be printed...so I say: "Thank you, dear friend. As a master printer yourself, compliments from you are doubly special!" WOW! Editor