

# COVENANT NEWS

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3131 Erskine Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054

## OPPORTUNITIES – Week of March 1, 2020

### Sunday, March 1

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 6:00 pm Youth Activities

### Monday, March 2

7:00 pm Handbells

### Tuesday, March 3

6:00 – 7:30 pm Gaston County Primary Election  
 Girl Scouts meet in Education Building

### Wednesday, March 4

4:00 pm Staff Meeting  
 5:30 – 6:00 pm Children's Missions  
 5:45 pm Fellowship Meal  
 6:20 – 7:15 pm Youth Hang  
 6:25 – 7:00 pm Children's Music  
 6:30 pm Prayer & Bible Study  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

### Saturday, March 7

Daylight Savings – turn clocks ahead

## OPPORTUNITIES – Week of March 8, 2020

### Sunday, March 8

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 6:00 pm Youth Activities

### Monday, March 9

6:30 pm Community Watch Meeting  
 7:00 pm Handbells

### Tuesday, March 10

8:20 – 11:45 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting  
 9:00 am Speeders – Grits N Greens

### Wednesday, March 11

5:30 – 6:00 pm Children's Missions  
 5:45 pm Fellowship Meal  
 6:20 – 7:15 pm Youth Hang  
 6:25 – 7:00 pm Children's Music  
 6:30 pm Prayer & Bible Study  
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, March 12

Gaston Co. Early Dismissal

### Friday, March 13

Gaston Co. Schools Closed

## MARCH

### DEACON

Doris Kellar

### BUILDING LOCK-UP

Steve McCraw

### USHERS

Covenant Deacons

### Mar 1

### NURSERY

Tony Phillips  
 Renee Phillips

### PRESCHOOL

Lynn Barker  
 Robin Jacobs

### Mar 8

Susan Herd  
 Ann Goodwin

Amanda Hensley  
 Beth Aron



Rev. Chris Hensley, Pastor  
 Rev. Nick Clanton, Minister of Youth  
 Gene Bumgardner, Director of Music  
 Becky Bumgardner, Pianist  
 Jerry Fulham, Organist  
 Lynn Barker, Director of Preschool & Children  
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### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday - 8:00am - 5:15pm  
 Friday - 8:00am - 1:00pm

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

*"Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always."*  
 – 1 Chronicles 16:11 NIV

Linda Bess  
 Wanda McCraw  
 Art Morgan

(Gardner Park First-Grade Student (Leukemia) & Teacher)

## GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN

*In Memory of Norman Paschall*  
 (Betty Ammons Brother)

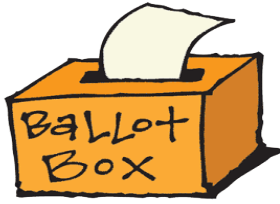
General Fund Linda Bess  
 General Fund Gail White



UPCOMING NEWSLETTER  
 MARCH 15 & 22

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE BALLOTS

Nominating Committee ballots are to be returned to the church by 11:00am, Sunday, March 15. Ballot box provided in the narthex.



## REMINDERS

- **Inclement Weather** – Check WBTV, WSOC, WCNC or WHKY, or call your Deacon.
- **Flower Calendar** - If you would like to place flowers for worship, choose your date, sign the hallway calendar, call or email Sue Puckett or Jennifer Tarkington, and also call or email Debra with the date and wording to be included in the bulletin.

As we look ahead to the month of March, I wanted to share the scripture passages for the Sundays of the month. If you cannot be with us for whatever reason, you will have the chance to at least read over the passages that we will reflect on and study together each Sunday morning. Take a moment and read the passages and consider what God is saying to you based on the two readings, what God may have been saying to the original audience, and why they are still relevant for us today.

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Chris



**March 1** – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 & Matthew 4:1-11

**March 8** – Psalm 121 & Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**March 15** – Exodus 17:1-7 & John 4:5-42

**March 22** – 1 Samuel 16:1-13 & John 9:1-41

**March 29** – Psalm 130 & Romans 8:6-11

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

5:45 pm Adults — \$4.00

Grades 1–5 — \$1.50 Preschool–Kindergarten — Free

**Please call before noon on Tuesday of each week to cancel, or to reserve your meal. This enables us to have enough food without over-spending.**

### March 4

Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans & Baked Apples  
Chicken Nuggets for the Children

### March 11

Stew Beef, Broccoli Casserole,  
Carrots & Rice  
Mac 'N Cheese for the Children



## MISSION ACTION COUNCIL PROJECT FOR MARCH

*Donations to support Community Ministries*

*Shampoo*

*Dishwashing Liquid*

*Toothpaste – Regular Size*



*Donation Box located in Narthex*

## UPDATED REQUESTS FOR THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY

**Food items to stock the Little Free Pantry are running low. Please donate the following items.**

**Donation Container Located in the Fellowship Hall.**



**SMALL CANS OF BEENEE WEENEES** (*pop top lids*)

**CANNED VEGETABLES**

**SMALL JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER** (*creamy*)

**SNACK CRACKERS** (*individually wrapped*)

**CANS OF CHEF BOYARDEE ITEMS --- SMALL AND LARGE SIZES** (*pop top lids*)

**CANNED CHICKEN & TUNA** (*pop top lids*)





*Music*  
is the voice of the soul



Registration  
Required by  
Friday, March 20

Sign-up Sheet  
in Narthex

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 21 – 11:30 am**  
*Covenant Fellowship Hall*  
*(Lunch furnished by the Women's Ministry)*



**The Anchor Inspires...Female Hymn Writers**  
**Presentation by Becky Bumgardner**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We need volunteers to provide a snack supper for the youth on Sunday evenings at 6 PM. Your options include bringing something to the church, inviting them into your home or making a monetary donation. Sign-up sheets are available beside the church office and in the educational building.

### THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who donated used Christmas cards for a Guatemala Mission project.

From these cards, 150 necklaces were made for excited children (and some adults like them too)!

Philippians 4:13 is printed in Spanish on each one – *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

Thank you for your "heart" for missions.

Betty Ammons



**Girl Scouts®**

Covenant Church Family,

As you know, we host Girl Scout Troop 13224 for their meetings. They are very appreciative of our willingness to open our facilities for their use. The girls are preparing for their Camporee and are in need of some supplies. A box will be available in the narthex to collect the items. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the troop.

The list of supplies for the Girl Scout Troop includes:

- Printed duct tape
- Old keys
- String
- Matches
- Roasting sticks
- 5 cardboard paper towel tubes
- 5 plastic magnifying glasses
- 6 small canvases
- 6 paintbrushes
- 13 mess kits (bowl/plate and utensils combination)
- 19 pieces of rope for tying knots

Thank you for supporting the young people of our community in this way.

In Christ,  
Pastor Chris