

# COVENANT NEWS

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## OPPORTUNITIES – Week of February 11, 2018

### Sunday, February 11

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

### Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am Speeders – Firestone Grill  
8:15 – 11:30 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting

### Wednesday, February 14

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



## VOLUNTEERS

### BABIES & TODDLERS

### PRESCHOOL

#### FEBRUARY 11

Linda Pettigrew Pam Phillips  
Livvie Richard & Assistant

#### FEBRUARY 18

Cathy Brooks Robin & Assistant  
Leeann Jacobs

#### FEBRUARY 25

Renee & Susan Herd & Hannah Phillips Dianne Duncan

## FEBRUARY

### DEACON

Tony McCraw

### BUILDING LOCK-UP

Wayne Ballenger

### USHERS

In As Much Class

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL – FEBRUARY 14

Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverage

## MISSION ACTION COUNCIL PROJECT FOR FEBRUARY

School Supplies for Gardner Park Elementary



## CHRISTMAS CARDS MISSION PROJECT

Used religious Christmas cards are being collected for a mission ministry. A basket has been placed in the narthex for the cards. We need only the front portion of the card.

Thank you.  
Betty Ammons



Rev. Dan Freeman, Intentional Interim Pastor  
Rev. Pamela Phillips, Minister of Preschool and Children  
Rev. Nick Clanton, Minister of Youth  
Gene and Becky Bumgardner, Co-Directors of Music  
Becky Bumgardner, Pianist  
Jerry Fulham, Organist  
Sharon Waters, Church Secretary  
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## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

**"Pray without ceasing." I Thess. 5:17 ESV**

Pam Buckner (Salvation for a Mother)  
(Regina Elmore, Linda Bess' sister)  
(Mary Kerley) (Charlain Fitzgerald)  
(Lena Marston – 4 years old – Cancer  
Betty Ammons, Friend of Family)  
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)  
The Pastor Search Committee

Many thanks and much appreciation to our Souper Bowl of Caring lunch



helpers. Josh and Jacob Sells, under the supervision of Nick Clanton, came on Saturday to make that awesome chili, even though they were participating in Boy Scout events on Sunday. James Hall and George Pettigrew did a great job peeling potatoes and carrots and even learned to strip celery with a peeler! Debbie Strider did the beautiful fruit trays while Gail White worked on cheese, crackers, and other salad fixin's and cookie trays. Dianne Duncan and Doris Kellar did our festive football decorations. The clean up crew consisted of Wayne Ballenger, Art Morgan, Rick Richard and Randy Strider of the Properties Committee, with help from Jennifer Tarkington, George Pettigrew, Debbie Strider, Dianne Duncan, Gail White and Brenda White.

Another successful year helping those in need in our community and we simply could not have done it without all of you who to-date have given \$800.00 to help Crisis Assistance Ministry.

In His Love and Service,  
Gail White, Brenda White, & Fellowship Committee

Dear Covenant Friends,

Thanks for the donation you made in Mama's memory. She dearly loved Covenant Baptist and every person in it.

Thanks for all the love and support you've given us over the years—especially this past year. Your calls, cards, visits, and prayers helped us through every time when we needed it.

What a special caring group of friends we have at Covenant. And thanks especially for celebrating Mama's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with us. That was certainly a special day. Mama smiled the whole day. As you probably know by now—that was the only party Mama had ever had—and you—every one of you—took it over the top. Thank you for loving Mama (and us)!

Sincerely,  
Trudy, Brenda, and Jerry



Dear Covenant Members and Staff,

I want to thank you for lunch on Tuesday. It was great. Vance and I also enjoyed visiting with many of you on that day.

Uncle George would be so impressed with all you did on that day for his family. He would have been so happy to know how many of his friends attended his service. The service was so thoughtfully conducted.

I want to thank all of you for the visits, gifts, and most of all, your love and friendship you showed him during the years of his declining health.

He loved you all and he loved Covenant. Thank you again.

Janie Wilder

#### GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN

##### *In Memory of Aline Shuford*

Music Fund	Rick and Livvie Richard
Building Fund	Linda Bess

##### *In Memory of George Martin*

Youth & Children Funds	Bill Spargo
Building Fund	Covenant Baptist Church
Building Fund	Linda Bess
Building Fund	George and Linda Pettigrew
Building Fund	Morris and Vonne Hall
Building Fund	Richard and Joyce Moorhead



#### TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

If you would like a copy of the Intentional Interim Minister Transition Team Report, sign the sheet located in the narthex. Due to the number of pages in the report, we ask that you request only one per family.

To the Members of Covenant Baptist Church:

I so appreciate all of the kind birthday cards I received from members of the church! I feel truly blessed and received great comfort in receiving such a kind gesture on the part of all of you!

Thank you so much for thinking of me.

Sincerely,  
Bud Pritchett



Dear Covenant Friends,

Thank you so very much for the outreach of love and caring you showed my father to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with cards, dinner, cake and ice cream. We appreciate it, and once again, this shows what a special group of people God put together in a place called Covenant Baptist.

Thank you,  
Pam Bagwell

*Love one another.  
As I have loved you,  
so you must  
love one another.”  
John 13:34 NIV*



Last night I helped my grandsons get valentines ready for their preschool party. The cards, which featured a variety of bright characters, had to be pulled apart at perforated seams. Small heart stickers were included to hold the folded cards together.

We were pushing the bedtime limit, sitting at the kitchen table in a circle of overhead light. Drake, five, laboriously printed his name over and over. His brother, three, attached heart stickers, while his daddy wrote BROCK on all of his cards. My job was licking all 68 envelopes.

Brock finished his stack first, and as he was leaving to go up to bed, he came over to Drake and stuck a red heart sticker on his brother's shirt. Drake stopped his printing and looked at the small bright spot of color on his sleeve. "Look, Nina," he said, "Brock gave me this. He must love me."

Sometimes we grown-ups make love way more complicated than it needs to be. A simple gesture, a kind touch, an unexpected card can all say, "I care about you." And, of course, so can a bright red heart sticker.

*Father, thank You for loving me unconditionally. Help me pass that love along today to someone who needs it.*

-Mary Lou Carney Guideposts web devotional