

# COVENANT NEWS

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## OPPORTUNITIES – Week of February 25, 2018

### Sunday, February 25

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Youth – Lunch Together  
Following Worship

### Tuesday, February 27

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

### Wednesday, February 28

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



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)  
(Dennis Clark, Becky Bumgardner’s cousin)  
(Regina Elmore, Linda Bess’ sister)  
(Mary Kerley) (Charlain Fitzgerald)  
(Lena Marston – 4 years old – Cancer  
Betty Ammons, Friend of Family)  
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)  
(Jerry Moss, Gayle Beam’s brother)  
The Pastor Search Committee

## VOLUNTEERS

BABIES & TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL
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**FEBRUARY 25**

Renee & Hannah Phillips	Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan
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**MARCH 4**

Livvie Richard Linda Pettigrew	Pam Phillips & Assistant
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**MARCH 11**

Cathy Brooks & Assistant	Robin & Leeann Jacobs
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**MARCH 18**

Renee & Hannah Phillips	Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan
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**MARCH 25**

Livvie Richard Linda Pettigrew	Pam Phillips & Assistant
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## MARCH

DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
Art Morgan	Steve McCraw	Alpha Class

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL – FEBRUARY 28

Adults – Pork Tenderloin, Broccoli Casserole,  
Baked Apples, Dessert and Beverage  
Children – Chicken Nuggets

## COVENANT CARE FUND DONATIONS

With respect for our Sanctuary Choir and those in the church with spring allergies, once again the Worship Committee is giving you the opportunity to contribute to the Covenant Care Fund in honor or in memory of a loved one this Lenten season. We will have a few lilies in the narthex and other spaces, but the plants cause too many allergy issues. Doing this lets you honor someone special and benefits those inside and outside of the church who may need the Covenant Care Fund in an emergency.



Sharon will have the forms available as of March 1. Let this be a gift for now and in the future.  
Gayla Green & the Worship Committee



*“Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.”*

-1 Timothy 4:12 NLT

## IN KIND GIFTS

In 2017, the church passed new procedures concerning in kind gifts. This note is just a reminder to you as to how the new procedure works. When you purchase items for the church, you need to present the receipts to the church secretary who will copy and retain the receipt copies, giving you the originals along with a letter with the church's federal ID number and a description of the items donated. The letter will not show the dollar amount. You should keep the letter and original receipts for your tax records. In kind gifts will no longer be included on contribution statements.

### MISSION ACTION COUNCIL PROJECT FOR MARCH & APRIL

We are collecting hygiene items for patients of the Rosewood Nursing Home. You may place your items in the basket located in the narthex. Items needed are as follows:



Lotion  
Toothpaste  
Razors  
Soap  
Bodywash

Deodorant  
Toothbrushes  
Shaving Cream  
Shampoo

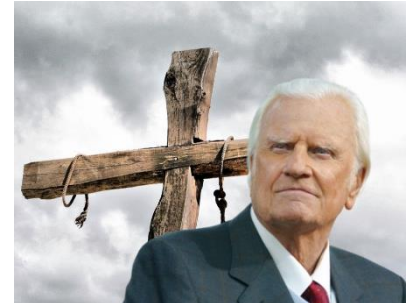


**Men's Shoes (Sizes 9 and Over)**  
**School Supplies**  
**Pots/Pans**

*As we think about our sadness due to the passing of Rev. Billy Graham, it is helpful to note the following.*

***"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."***

***-Rev. Billy Graham***



## OUR ETERNAL HOME

What kind of place is heaven?

First, heaven is home. The Bible takes the word "home" with all of its tender associations and with all of its sacred memories and tells us that heaven is home. Second, heaven is a home which is permanent. We have the promise of a home where Christ's followers will remain forever. Third, the Bible teaches that heaven is a home which is beautiful beyond every imagination. Heaven could not help but be so, because God is a God of beauty.

Fourth, the Bible teaches that heaven will be a home which is happy, because there will be nothing to make it sad. In heaven families and friends will be reunited. God's house will be a happy home because Christ will be there. He will be the center of heaven. To Him all hearts will turn, and upon Him all eyes will rest.

*The above is a devotion written by Rev. Graham, and posted this past Saturday, February 17, 2018*

My father was once asked, "Where is Heaven?" He replied, "Heaven is where Jesus is and I am going to Him soon! This morning, at the age of 99, he departed this world into eternal life in Heaven, prepared by the Lord Jesus Christ—the Savior of the world—whom he proclaimed for nearly 80 years. He will be missed by our family, his colleagues, faithful ministry partners, and yes, many around the world. But what joy he has to be welcomed by God the Father, and be reunited with my mother in the presence of Jesus who speaks peace to eternal souls.

***"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."***

***John 14: 1-3***

*-Franklin Graham, February 21, 2018*