

COVENANT NEWS

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3131 Erskine Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054

OPPORTUNITIES – Week of April 22, 2018

Sunday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 24

8:15 – 12:30 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting
9:00 am Speeders – Firestone Grill

Wednesday, April 25

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal
6:30 pm Regular Church Conference
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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VOLUNTEERS

BABIES & TODDLERS

PRESCHOOL

APR 22	Robin & Leeann Jacobs	Pam Phillips & Assistant
APR 29	Renee & Hannah Phillips	Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan

APRIL

DEACON

BUILDING LOCK-UP

USHERS

Wayne Ballenger James Hall Koinonia Class

Wednesday Fellowship Meal – April 18

Adults – Ham, Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Bread, Dessert & Beverage

Children –
Pizza

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 29

9:15 am – Breakfast for All
9:45 am – Combined Adult SS
Class to be taught by
Rev. Tim Taylor

Breakfast will be furnished—
no need to bring anything!



REGULAR CHURCH CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 6:30 pm

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

**“Look to the LORD and His strength;
Seek his face always.” I Chronicles 16:11 NIV**

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)



NEW PASTOR AT COVENANT

The first day at Covenant for our new pastor, Chris Hensley, will be Monday, May 14. In order to help Chris and Amanda with miscellaneous and possibly unexpected relocation expenses, the Pastor Search Committee, with cooperation of the Finance Committee, is initiating a temporary designated fund. We are asking members to donate to this fund through May 13. On Chris’ first Sunday, May 20, we will present him and Amanda with a check. Please make out your check to Covenant Baptist Church and write “Pastor Relocation” on the memo line.



What a wonderful day we experienced Sunday! It began with worship enhanced by the beautiful music from Becky, Jerry, Gene and the choir. The service continued with the addition of Traci Benson to our church family and culminated with the entire congregation circling the sanctuary singing the benediction—oh, what a beautiful sight. Then we enjoyed a wonderful lunch together. I want to thank Brenda and her helpers for preparing the delicious meal.

After the meal Trudy, Rick and Sidney spoke very meaningful words to us. We are so thankful for the beautiful crosses. We cannot look at them without thinking about all the people of Covenant. We were overwhelmed with the large number of gift cards to a long list of restaurants. We will be eating out a lot.

When we arrived home and read all the cards that you had given us, we were overcome with emotion at what you had written. We will always remember the words you wrote.

We want to thank you for the gift cards, the cards and the other gifts that you shared with us. Words are not adequate to express our love and appreciation for each and every one of you. Covenant is a very special church. We want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of it.

We believe the future is very bright for Covenant and know that God has great things in store for you. We will remember you in our prayers constantly.

Judy and Dan

SAFETY & SECURITY PLAN

The Security Team is in the process of implementing a *Safety & Security Plan* for the church. We would like donations to help with the funding of this plan. If you would like to give, please make out your check to Covenant Baptist Church and write "Safety & Security" on the memo line.



Pricilla Shirer Simulcast

Saturday, April 28, 2018

8:30am - 4:30pm

Worship with Anthony Evans



Flint Groves Baptist Church

\$25 per person

Breakfast and Lunch provided

Call Flint Groves (704-865-4068) for Information

177 seats remaining Tuesday, April 17



GASTON COUNTY NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 3, 2018 6:30 am

Lowell First Baptist Church Family Life Center

400 West 1st Street, Lowell, NC 28098

Tickets (\$10) available to purchase online or at the YMCA front desk. Tickets will not be available the day of the event.



**Updates
Needed by
April 30**

For many years the Annual Day of Prayer has required that people decide which one of several great community events to attend. This year your Gaston County Family YMCA is proud to partner with others in our community and combine our event with the well-established Gaston County Prayer Breakfast at Lowell First Baptist Church.

No one will have to decide between one event or the other because we are working together to have a single, fantastic event. Former NFL superstar Tremayne Stephens is our featured speaker and George Tindoll will once again provide a hearty breakfast meal.

Please plan to celebrate the National Day of Prayer by joining us for this special, one-of-a-kind event.

We ask that you email or call the church office to update your contact information. Also, if we have information of yours that you prefer unpublished, call or email Sharon to let her know.