

COVENANT NEWS
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 Covenant Baptist Church
 3131 Erskine Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054



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OPPORTUNITIES – Week of April 29, 2018

Sunday, April 29
 9:15 am Breakfast (furnished)
 9:45 am Combined Adult Sunday School
 9:45 am Youth & Children Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 Youth – Lunch Together
 Following Worship

Tuesday, May 1
 7:00 pm Nominating Committee Meeting
 Conference Room

Wednesday, May 2
 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

Thursday, May 3
 National Day of Prayer

VOLUNTEERS		
	BABIES & TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL
APR 29	Renee & Hannah Phillips	Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan
MAY 6	Linda Pettigrew & Assistant	Libby & Meredith McCraw
MAY 13	Robin & Leeann Jacobs	Pam Phillips & Assistant
MAY 20	Renee & Hannah Phillips	Susan Herd & Dianne Duncan
MAY 27	Linda Pettigrew & Assistant	Libby & Meredith McCraw

MAY		
DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
Trudy Shuford	Rick Richard	Covenant Deacons
Wednesday Fellowship Meal – May 2		
Adults & Children – Kyle Fletcher’s BBQ		

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!



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)



*We welcome a new member,
 Mrs. Traci Benson, to our church.
 Traci has one daughter, Rose, who celebrated
 her first birthday in March of this year.*

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.

Pastor Chris and Amanda are buying a house in Belmont. Their planned moving date is May 11. The weekend before on May 4 and 5, they may be doing some repainting. If you are handy with a brush, roller, masking tape, etc. and you are available on Friday, May 4, and/or Saturday, May 5, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



... to everyone who sent updated contact info. Please note that if we have your information, it will be included in the church directory. Please call or email if you have information that you prefer unpublished. Updates are needed by April 30.

Thank you, Sharon

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, issue your check to Covenant Baptist Church and write "Safety & Security" on the memo line.



Hold the Date Church-wide



Sunday, May 20
4 - 7 pm

Cornhole, Horse Shoes,
Face Painting & Food!



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.

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.

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