

COVENANT NEWS
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OPPORTUNITIES – Week of May 6, 2018

- Sunday, May 6**
 9:30 am Coffee fellowship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 6:00 pm Youth Activities
- Tuesday, May 8**
 Primary Election
 Fellowship Hall Reserved All Day
 Speeders – Firestone Grill
 9:00 am
- Wednesday, May 9**
 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
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

DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
Trudy Shuford	Rick Richard	Covenant Deacons

Wednesday Fellowship Meal – May 9

Adults – Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Dessert, Beverage
Children – Fish Sticks

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.



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)



TO PASTOR CHRIS, AMANDA & DANIEL

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.



Dear Covenant,

Our meeting at your precious church is a joy! Thank you for hosting us and for our laboring together for the kingdom of God.



Hold the Date
Church-wide



Sunday, May 20
4 – 7 pm

Cornhole, Horse Shoes,
Face Painting & Food!

MAKE A NOTE

If you have received a notice from “Nurturing Faith,” please ignore as it must have been generated by their new computer from previous customers/addresses. Company spokesperson said all of you may continue receiving notices until computer gives up on regenerating your business.

Thanks, Dot

Anxiety by Tricia Goyer



Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

I never considered myself an anxious person, but the more kids we add to our home, the more anxiety I feel. I’ve lain awake at night thinking about homeschooling more children, about sibling relationships, and about emotional and academic shortcomings in my kids. I’ve worried about not having enough grocery money and setting up dentist appointments—seven dentist appointments. Nearly every time I see a blank space on the calendar, I worry I’m missing something important that we’re supposed to be doing.

Since becoming a Christian, I have known there were “big” things I should take to Jesus in prayer, but as the years have passed I’ve learned that Jesus cares about all my little anxieties too. He listens to my prayers about which homeschooling curriculum to buy just as well as He listened to my prayers for my grandfather when he was dying of cancer. There aren’t big anxieties or small ones in His eyes. We are urged to cast *all* of our anxieties on Him. Or as Philippians 4:6–7 (NLT) says, “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Do you have anxieties? Turn them over to Jesus. Thank Him for His answers, and soon His peace will guard your heart and mind. These are free gifts from Jesus, but it’s our job to turn over whatever burdens us for the peace that only He can give.

FAITH STEP: *Create a prayer jar. Get a jar and set it in a special place. Whenever you have an anxiety or worry, write it down and put it into the jar as a symbol of offering it up to Jesus.*