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OPPORTUNITIES – Week of May 13, 2018

Sunday, May 13 *Mother's Day*
9:30 am Coffee fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Monday, May 14
6:30 pm Community Watch Meeting
Wednesday, May 16
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

*The secretary will be off May 25.
The church office will be closed.*

VOLUNTEERS

	BABIES & TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL
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 16

Adults & Children – Hot Dogs & Fixins
Dessert and Beverage

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.

Hold the Date
Church-wide



Sunday, May 20
4 – 7 pm

Cornhole, Horse Shoes,
Face Painting & Food!

Covenant Family,

Amanda and I wish to extend our sincerest thanks to those of you who assisted us in preparing our new home for our arrival. We appreciated your help and your fellowship. We look forward to seeing you all on May 20.

With love in Christ,
Chris and Amanda



Children's End-of-Year Musical Presentation

May 23 6:30 pm

Save the Date

The children will be singing and playing the chimes. Make plans to join us for this special presentation!

If you wish to join us for dinner, you will need to call the church office by 12 noon Tuesday, May 22.



MISSION ACTION COUNCIL PROJECT FOR MAY & JUNE

CANNED GOODS
FOR
CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ken McCuen & Ann Goodwin
and Susan Herd

[A Thank You Letter to My Mom](#) by Ryan Duncan [crosswalk.com](#)

This Mother's Day I'd like to break tradition and write my mom a "Thank You" note. Mom, if you're reading this, I'd simply like to say thank you:

Thank you for all those times you took us to the library and helped us checkout a mountain of books.

Thank you for making sure we ate our vegetables as kids, even that one time with those rancid Brussel sprouts.

Thank you for waking us up each school morning by teaching the dogs to jump on our beds.

Thank you for the encouraging notes you would stuff in our school lunches.

Thank you for making sure our family was plugged into a good Church where our faith would grow strong.

Thank you for every family dinner we shared together.

Thank you for all the times you patched us up after we scraped our knees.

Thank you for only spanking us when we deserved it.

Thank you for the hand-made stockings you hang on the mantel each Christmas.

Thank you for teaching us how to weed a garden, wash dishes, and properly set a table.

Thank you for always being a good sport during family game night.

Thank you for always encouraging us to follow our dreams.

Thank you for showing up at every swim meet, even though I was probably the worst member of our team.

Thank you for that time you took us on an adventure, and we ended up going to Disney World.

Thank you also for that time we went on an adventure and ended up getting our Hepatitis B shots. It wasn't fun, but we still needed them.

Thank you for always celebrating our birthdays with a home cooked meal, cake, and a special plate that let us know we were special.

Thank you for meticulously planning over a dozen wonderful family vacations.

Thank you for always liking my Facebook posts, even though it's a little embarrassing.

But most of all, thank you for letting my sisters and I know we would always be loved. I am truly blessed to have a mother like you, and I am grateful God chose to put you in my life.



Happy Mother's Day, Mom!