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## OPPORTUNITIES – Week of June 17, 2018

**Sunday, June 17**      *Father's Day*  
9:30 am      Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service

**Monday, June 18**  
6:30 pm      Diaconate Meeting

**Wednesday, June 20**  
7:00 pm      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## OPPORTUNITIES – Week of June 24, 2018

**Sunday, June 24**  
9:30 am      Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service

**Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus**  
6:00 pm      V B S Supper for Children & Workers  
6:30 pm      V B S Activities

**Tuesday, June 26**  
9:00 am      Speeders – Firestone Grill

*No Choir Rehearsal June 27 or July 4*

## VOLUNTEERS

	BABIES & TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL
JUNE 17	Linda Pettigrew & Assistant	Libby & Meredith McCraw
JUNE 24	Robin & Leeann Jacobs	Pam Phillips & Assistant

## JUNE

DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
Jim Beauchamp	Art Morgan	Men's & Ladies' Classes

## OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

*The prayer of the upright pleases God.  
Paraphrased - Proverbs 15:8*

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)  
Wayne & Gayle Maples & Wayne's Family  
(Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)  
(Jerry Moss, Gayle Beam's brother)  
Norah Kay Summerville,  
Wayne Ballenger's Granddaughter

Vacation Bible School      Ages 3 - Grade 5

Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus

June 24–28      6:30pm–8:30pm

(6:00pm - light supper served)

Mark your calendars  
and plan to attend  
this special week!



Children will experience the theme for each day - Jesus Rescues Us: when we're lonely, worried, struggling and when we do wrong - through Bible Discovery, Castaway Sing and Play, Ship Rec Games, Creative Crafts and more!

Volunteers are needed. Please contact me if you are willing to serve in this important ministry.

Thanks, Ms. Pam



to our new members!

Chris, Amanda  
and Daniel Hensley

Updated directories will be available  
soon and located in the narthex.

## *A word from the pastor*

Covenant Church Family,

It has now been a month that Amanda and I have been in our new home. We are closing in on our fifth Sunday of worship with you, our new church family. We are so thankful to be a part of this fellowship of believers at Covenant Baptist Church. I wanted to extend a word of encouragement to you as we begin a new season of activities both here at Covenant and in our personal lives as the summer draws ever nearer.

While often read at weddings Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 is an appropriate passage to describe the coming together of a church body with a new minister. As good Baptists we believe in the joint work and the “priesthood of the believer.” As we believe these things, let us put them into practice, lift one another up, and help one another along the journey of life. I look forward to journeying in faith with each of you, learning more about you, and striving to encounter God alongside of you.

Your brother in Christ,  
Chris

PS  
Please call me Chris.

## July Birthdays



1 Casey Armstrong	9 Brandon Brownlow	19 Walt Guyer
1 Salina Bingochea	9 Vonne Hall	20 Susan Herd
1 Megan Frye	9 Lamar Kellar	23 Nancy Beauchamp
3 Betty Ammons	9 Mabry Grace MaCauley	24 Margaret Anne Grace Kellar
3 James Beauchamp	10 J. J. Catlett	26 Patrick Biggerstaff
5 Whitney Oliver Bailey	12 Len Bagwell, IV	27 Eden Smith
6 Kenlee Herd	13 Paige Donaldson	29 Mark Pryal
7 Linda McSwain	17 Elizabeth Kelley	31 Anne Tate
9 Austin Bagwell	18 Emberlyn Jacobs	31 Alice Braddy



### MISSION ACTION COUNCIL PROJECT FOR JUNE



CANNED GOODS FOR  
CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

#### Make a Note:

This newsletter is for two weeks. The secretary will be on vacation next week.



**SUMMER CHORAL MUSIC FEST  
JULY 14-15**



On Saturday, July 15, singers from Covenant Baptist and Clover First Baptist Churches will gather to practice select festival pieces for services for the following day.

The following day, Sunday, July 15, the combined group will meet in Clover at 7:45 am for an 8:30 am worship service in the Clover First Baptist Sanctuary.

The group will then travel to Covenant Baptist Church at 3131 Erskine Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054 for the 11:00 am service of music.

The service will include guest musicians playing 4-hand piano, brass and percussion ensemble, organ and piano accompaniment. Selections will include soloists, bass guitar and a combined men's double quartet.

The public is invited at no charge to either or both Sunday services. Please plan to be here and invite your friends to worship with us on this special day.



**FILL A  
BLESSING BASKET  
FOR THE  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER**

Our church is filling **BLESSING BASKETS** for The Cathy Mabry Cloninger Domestic Violence Shelter in Gaston County. We will be filling three sizes of baskets with items from The Shelter's Wish List. Each basket can be filled for under \$20-\$25 with items purchased at Dollar Tree or Walmart. **See the display table in the Narthex and take a list of items and return them so we can fill one of our empty baskets.**

Let's reach out and help some women and children in our community who need a helping hand.

**PLEASE RETURN ITEMS  
BY SUNDAY, JUNE 24**



**Congratulations to  
Chaplin Chris Hensley!**



Associate Chaplain, Chris Hensley was recently notified that his paper, "Where Are You, God?" was accepted for publication in the Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling. The paper was accepted as a Reflective Poem on the connection between Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology. Chris wrote this paper as a part of his work here at CaroMont during the Spring Clinical Pastoral Education unit. The entire Spiritual Care Department celebrates this great accomplishment with Chris!

-From Spiritual Care Notes,  
CaroMont Health newsletter, June 2018

