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OPPORTUNITIES – Week of July 29, 2018

Sunday, July 29	Communion Sunday
9:30 am	Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service
5:00 pm	Covenant Talent Show
Monday, July 30	
7:30 pm	Handbell Practice - Sanctuary
Wednesday, August 1	
7:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Rev. Chris Hensley, 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
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VOLUNTEERS

	BABIES & TODDLERS	PRESCHOOL
JULY 29	Susan Herd & Cathy Brooks	Pam Phillips & Assistant
AUGUST 5	Libby & Meredith McCraw	Linda Pettigrew & Dianne Duncan
AUGUST 12	Renee & Hannah Phillips	Pam Phillips & Assistant
AUGUST 19	Robin & Leeann Jacobs	Pam Phillips & Assistant
AUGUST 26	Susan Herd & Cathy Brooks	Pam Phillips & Assistant

AUGUST

DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
Brenda White	Wayne Ballenger	Alpha Class

COMMUNION SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 29

All loose offering will be applied to the Covenant Care Fund.



SUNDAY, JULY 29 5 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

Adult Sunday School Classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall during July and August.



TEACHER – JULY 29
Wanda McCraw

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. *1 Corinthians 15:58 NLT*

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.” – Jeremiah 29:12 NIV

Pam Buckner

- (Iris Avery, Libby McCraw’s sister-in-law)
- (Dennis Clark, Becky Bumgardner’s cousin)
- (Regina Elmore, Linda Bess’ sister)
- (Lisa Grigg, Debbie Strider’s sister-in-law)
- (Jerry Hill – Trudy Shuford’s brother-in-law)
- (Charlain Fitzgerald) (Mary Kerley)
- (Wayne & Gayle Maples & Wayne’s Family)
- (Molly Meninger, Moris & Linda McSwain’s granddaughter)
- (Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)
- (Jerry Moss, Gayle Beam’s brother)
- (Calissa Stubbs, Prissy Griffin’s granddaughter)
- (Salvation for a Mother)

YOUTH GROUP



Time for an adventure!
 CBC Youth will be going to the US Whitewater Center after church on Sunday, August 5. Bring a change of clothes and money for lunch. We’ll be rafting, ziplining, and having all kinds of ridiculous fun! Deadline to sign up is July 29. Cost is \$10. See Nick if you have questions.



Lord, have mercy. Such powerful and potent words to reflect upon.

Many years ago, I was introduced to the Medieval Christian chant called the Kyrie. It is a brief petition meaning, "Lord, have mercy," that is used most often in the liturgies of the Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Anglican Churches, although there are some of our Protestant siblings who use the Kyrie in their worship services too. The prayer, for me, is a powerful reminder of the relationship between humanity and the Divine.

Our God is Lord of our lives. God is the only one who may offer true mercy and forgiveness that is lasting. We are beneath God in every way, yet we may approach God and, emboldened through Christ, have the audacity to ask for Divine mercy, even considering our lowly status in comparison to the Divine because of our sins. I encourage you to reflect on this relationship, on God's lordship, and on God's mercy. As you do, I hope that you can find peace in this very old prayer.


So powerful is this prayer/petition that I have those words etched in prominent places in my office and elsewhere as a reminder throughout my daily life.

In the Greek: Κύριε, ἐλέησον

English transliteration and pronunciation: Kyrie eleison (**keer-ee-ey e-ley-uh-sawn**)

Pastor Chris

Covenant Church Family,

We are calling on all members who have an interest in writing, sharing the Good News of Christ, and participating in the celebration of the Advent season. We would love to hear from our brothers and sisters from our church family as we plan to put together an Advent devotional. Specifically, we would like anyone who may be interested to contribute one, or readings for the upcoming season of Advent that begins on December 2 and continues through Christmas Day. 

Ideally, we are looking for twenty-four participants to write one devotional each. If you would like to write so that your sisters and brothers may hear your voice, please let Pastor Chris know by August 31. All devotions will be due by November 11.

More information will follow. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

Pastor Chris

DEACON BALLOTS

Deacon ballots are due Sunday, July 29. Ballot box located in the narthex.



STANDING COMMITTEE VOTE - AUGUST 12

You may pick up a copy of the Standing Committees' list of nominees in the narthex, Sunday, July 29.



Do you know of one of your family members, a friend, or perhaps a neighbor who might enjoy celebrating their birthday with a group from Covenant? The Women's Ministry sponsors a Birthday Ministry and we love visiting and helping others celebrate a birthday. For more information or to offer a name, please contact Nancy Beauchamp (beachtime65@twc.com) or call 704-864-6538.



**BIRTHDAY
MINISTRY**