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OPPORTUNITIES – Week of August 19, 2018

Sunday, August 19

9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, August 20

6:30 pm Diaconate Meeting
7:30 pm Handbell Practice - Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 22

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Church Office Closed – Friday, August 31

VOLUNTEERS

BABIES & TODDLERS

PRESCHOOL

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

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)

(Molly Menger,

Moris & Linda McSwain’s granddaughter)

(Larry Marshall)

(Ernie Smith)

(Calissa Stubbs, Prissy Griffin’s granddaughter)

(Salvation for a Mother)

COVENANT BAPTIST 30TH HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 16

Save the date!

ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Ice Cream with Sundae Fixings
AUGUST 26 5:30 pm



Covenant Church Family,

As summer is winding down it is time to begin thinking forward to the looming autumn events. One important thing to remember is that our Wednesday night activities will resume, including our meal and fellowship time, children music and missions, youth hang, and adult bible study. On September 5 we will begin a series discussing the seven “I am” statements of Jesus Christ found within the Gospel according to John. I hope that you will join us as we discuss: why it is significant that Jesus made these statements, what those statements say about Jesus’ identity, and what is the significance of these statements to modern Christians? We hope to see you there.

Pastor Chris

If you would be interested in accompanying Pastor Chris and representing Covenant Baptist Church at this free event, let Pastor Chris know by August 23. You may call him at (704) 349-8559 or email him at chensley@covenantbaptist.net.

You're Invited For breakfast and Conversation

**“How Your Congregation Can Benefit by connecting with the
CaroMont Faith & Health Ministry”**

Wednesday August 29, 2018

8:30 am

CaroMont Regional Medical Center (Dogwood Room)

Are you interested in establishing or strengthening a Health & Wellness Ministry in your faith community? Would you like to have free support in accessing resources for health education awareness events and presentations? Would you like to collaborate with other congregations on community outreach events such as:

- **NC MedAssist Free Mobile Pharmacy event** – providing free over-the-counter products, and enrolling individuals in the program to receive free prescription meds
- **Health Fairs & Screenings**
- **Fitness & Spiritual Wellness Programs** (Run for God, Walk to Jerusalem)
- **Free Heart Healthy Cooking Classes**
- **Workshops on Advance Directives** (Living Wills, Healthcare Power of Attorney)
- **Stress Management Workshops**
- **Programs for Older Adults** (Matter of Balance)
- **Cancer Survivor Celebrations**

Feel free to bring individuals from your congregation who have a passion for health/wellness/fitness, who may be willing to lead this ministry or assist in the planning of events in your congregation. This does not need to be a nurse, however, if you know a nurse who may be interested in learning more about Faith Community Nursing, there are grant funds available to assist with costs for training in this specialty.

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 of 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 more if necessary, daily 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.



What we are hoping for is that each devotion will be approximately 250 words. I will provide a handful of scripture options for each day that each author may select from to avoid overlap. Our hope is that each author will draw from his/her own experience in their writing so that we may hear from the many voices that make Covenant so special. The format of the book will likely be similar to that of the security booklet distributed earlier this summer. We hope that you will prayerfully consider adding your voice to the mix.

Pastor Chris



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

We express our Christian sympathy to Cathy Brooks and family in the loss of her father, Mr. James Navey.

Please know that your church family is remembering you and your family in thought and prayer during this difficult time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER SCHEDULE

The combined Adult Sunday School Classes will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall throughout August and return to the individual classes September 2.

TEACHERS

August 19 Sue Reavis
August 26 Trudy Shuford



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our newly elected deacons are listed below. Please remember the deacon committee and pastor as they serve our church throughout the coming year.

DORIS KELLAR JAMES HALL
WARREN KIMSEY STEVE McCRAW



GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN



In Memory of James Navey

General Fund Lynwood and Roslyn Lavinder
General Fund Steve and Wanda McCraw
General Fund Wayne and Glenda Norris

In Memory of Jim Beauchamp

Music Fund Joe and Pearline Buckner
General Fund Linda Bess
General Fund Doris Kellar
General Fund Bill and Barbara Walters
General Fund Bill Spargo
General Fund Tim and Lisa Taylor
General Fund Jimmy and Dianne Duncan
General Fund Mike and Joyce Grooms
General Fund Morris and Vonne Hall
General Fund Steve and Wanda McCraw
General Fund Wayne and Glenda Norris
General Fund Windsor Woods Neighbors

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL



The Wednesday Fellowship Meals will resume in less than three weeks. Time to sign up!

The meals provided at Covenant each Wednesday during school days are a great deal! The meals are good, affordable, and offer a time together for fellowship. Sign-up sheets are located on the narthex table and church office hallway (beside the bulletin board).



MISSION ACTION COUNCIL
PROJECT FOR AUGUST

CANNED GOODS FOR
GREATER GASTON BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



September Birthdays

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| 1 | Gayla Green | 13 | Ann Goodwin | 22 | Jennifer Grant |
| 3 | Rick Richard (J) | 13 | Sarah Sells | 23 | Sarah Donaldson |
| 4 | Sybil Guyer | 15 | Jan Kuhn | 23 | Stephen Major "Tripp" Norwood |
| 9 | Betty Brown | 16 | Casey Biggerstaff | 23 | Elaine Propst |
| 11 | Andrea Gill | 19 | Brooke Gill | 24 | Marianne Hill Moore |
| 11 | Robin Spargo | 20 | Rick Guyer | 25 | Dina Jernigan |
| | | 20 | Carter Harrell | 27 | Doris Kellar |
| | | 21 | Bill Walters | 29 | Dianne Duncan |
| | | 22 | Tiffany Gill | 29 | Jean Richard |