

**COVENANT NEWS**  
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**OPPORTUNITIES – Week of September 23, 2018**

- Sunday, September 23**  
 9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 Youth Lunch & Hike Following Service
- Monday, September 24**  
 6:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, September 25**  
 8:15 – 11:45 am CBS Leadership Team Meeting  
 9:00 am Speeders – Grits N Greens Restaurant
- Wednesday, September 26**  
 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
- Church Office Closed – Friday, September 28**

SEPTEMBER		
DEACON	BUILDING LOCK-UP	USHERS
George Pettigrew	Steve McCraw	Koinonia Class
<b>SEPT 23</b>	Susan Herd & Cathy Brooks	Pam Phillips & Assistant
<b>SEPT 30</b>	Libby & Meredith McCraw	Pam Phillips & Assistant

**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 Meninger,  
 Moris & Linda McSwain’s granddaughter)  
 (Larry Marshall) (Ernie Smith)  
 (Calissa Stubbs, Prissy Ballenger’s granddaughter)  
 (Salvation for a Mother)

**COVENANT BAPTIST  
 HOMECOMING**

has been rescheduled for  
**OCTOBER 7**

Meat, green beans, yeast rolls, and tea  
 will be furnished by the church.  
 Please bring your favorite casseroles,  
 vegetables, salads, and desserts.

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL 5:45 pm**  
**Adults — \$4.00    Grades 1–5 — \$1.50**  
**Preschool–Kindergarten — Free**

To reserve a meal or to cancel your  
 permanent reservation for the week,  
 call by Tuesday morning.

**MENU FOR  
 SEPTEMBER 26**

- Pizza
- Salad
- Tea
- Dessert

## A Word from the Pastor

Grady Nutt, a Christian who happened to also be a comedian and minister, wrote a little book entitled, *Being Me: Self, You Bug Me*. In this little book, Nutt introduces the reader to a deceptively simple sentence that goes like this: **“I am a person of worth created in the image of God to relate and to live.”** Those seventeen words, strung together so, deliver a deeply meaningful, often overlooked or worse never realized, truth for all people. Yes, it is true that Christians have begun to scratch the surface of the truth revealed in this sentence and yet, the whole truth of what is being communicated is often lost on even us, the members of the New Covenant between God and humanity in Jesus Christ.

No matter your mistakes, no matter your struggles, no matter what others say or think of you, you are loved and valued by your Creator. You have tremendous value in the eyes of God, so too does every other human being that has ever lived, lives today, and will ever live. Allow this truth to sink in this week and cling to this truth today and forevermore. If you'd like to read the book, I'll be glad to loan you my copy so that you may explore in greater detail Nutt's teaching on God's love for you and your worth in the eyes of the Divine.

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14*

“Who knew stainless steel could look so good  
and the refrigerators could be so clean?”

**Thank You**  
to the following who  
gave of their time to clean and  
organize the kitchen last week . . .

Dianne Duncan, Debbie Strider,  
Brenda White, Gail White,  
Mike Grooms, James Hall,  
and Art Morgan



A MERRY HEART  
DOETH GOOD  
LIKE A MEDICINE.  
PROVERBS 17:22



## October

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|----|------------------|----|----------------|
| 2  | Jim Braddy       | 17 | Moris McSwain  |
| 5  | Wanda McCraw     | 18 | Nick Clanton   |
| 7  | Prissy Ballenger | 18 | Kay Bridges    |
| 8  | John Bagwell     | 18 | Paige Lanier   |
| 9  | Sam Shropshire   | 18 | J.D. Puckett   |
| 10 | Jimmy Brown      | 21 | Sonny Willis   |
| 11 | Caroline Foreman | 22 | Larry Eldridge |
|    |                  | 26 | Justin Long    |
|    |                  | 29 | David Kellar   |

**DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE**  
**Sunday, September 23**  
**Ordination of Mrs. Doris Kellar**



*Called to Serve*

Youth "Out-to-Lunch" & Hiking  
 Sunday, September 23  
 Following Worship



**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, September 24**  
**6:30 pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday, September 30**  
**9:15 am**

The church will furnish fruit,  
 sausage biscuits and cheese grits.  
 You may bring donuts if you wish!

**COMBINED ADULT**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**  
**9:45 am**



**Bible Study**  
 to be taught  
 by Rev. Tim Taylor

**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
**Sunday, September 30**

All loose offering given Sunday, September 30,  
 will be applied to the Covenant Care Fund.

**MISSION ACTION COUNCIL**  
**PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER**  
*School Supplies for Gardner Park School*

