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## Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

Dear Covenant Church Family,

When it comes to the month of February two things usually come to mind: It is the shortest month of the year, and it is a month that focuses on one very important thing: love. I also would like to offer a new thing to think about for the month of February: congregational care.

Covenant Church in 2023 is examining who we are through the many different lenses and gifts that God has blessed us with. In February, we are going to be examining (and reexamining) what Covenant is, and who Covenant is, through love and congregational care. Congregational care is a phrase that conjures up many different illustrations: visiting those who cannot leave their houses and visiting the sick are two that come to mind when I immediately think of the phrase and are an important part of what congregational care is. However, to truly be a church that is radically hospitable, I think we need to go deeper into what congregational care truly means. For me, I want us to start thinking about congregational care as something that we do each and every time we walk in the doors at Covenant. How is the person beside you on Sunday morning doing as well? Does every member of our church have a chance to be cared for spiritually? A huge part of congregational care is not just checking on each other for our physical well being, it is checking on each other for our spiritual well being as well. Are we making sure that we as a church are meeting the spiritual needs for one another?

For Covenant to truly find out who we are, we need to understand where we are from a spiritual standpoint. The last part of the Transformation Journey (the initiative that we are a part of through the Western North Carolina Conference) will be focusing on our church and our overall spirituality. How can we be for each other when it comes to our spiritual health? Even more so, how can we become a church that is truly known not just for our spirituality in the moments we are together, but in all facets of our life and ministry? For many people and churches, spirituality is something that is hard to gauge. However to truly understand who we are, it is something that needs to not just be examined, but re-examined over and over again.

And we can do that! And we do that through the lens of February's key word: love. Our love of Christ should lead us to examine our own walk with God as well as our church's. I will be spending February talking about congregational care (and how we are doing it) through the eyes of taking care of those who are the most vulnerable. I also will be exploring it through the eyes of what it means when we as a congregation become more vulnerable to how God is calling us to take care of one another. This is a time to examine how each of us can take better care of our spiritual self so then we can truly take care of those who need us the most!

I hope you will join me in February as we examine what congregational care is for Covenant. February might be short, but I truly feel that the conversations we will have in February will be part of who we are for a long, long, long time!

Faithfully,  
Darren



Northwood Clothing Closet is low on winter children's clothing. Now is a great time to clean out your kid's closet and donate items that are too small for them! Donations can be delivered to the Covenant Church portico or the blue donation box at Northwood.

A pink graphic for a 'DIAPER DRIVE'. It features a stork carrying a bundle, several blue and yellow diapers, and yellow pacifiers. The text reads: 'NORTHWOOD IS HAVING A... DIAPER DRIVE NOW COLLECTING DIAPERS OF ALL SIZES DROP OFF IN THE CHURCH GATHERING AREA OR IN THE "DIAPER BOX" UNDER THE PORTICO Collecting Now through Feb. 14, 2023 Want to participate in the distribution? Contact us for more info!' There are small starburst icons scattered around the text.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

## FIRST MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH!

AT NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER 2409 AMBASSADOR CT. HIGH POINT, NC

EVERYTHING IS FREE!!  
COMMUNITY MEAL, CLOTHING CLOSET, FOOD PANTRY

OPEN FIRST MONDAYS FROM 5 - 7 PM

Facebook/Instagram: @northwoodcommunitycenter  
www.northwoodcommunitycenter.org

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

*Please save this list for reference throughout the month of February..*

1. Nikki Gentile, Dawn Kearns, Lew Stookey
2. Lee Whitaker, Susan Anderson, Julie Izaj, William Wilcox
3. Bob Parsley
4. Gregg Weigel
5. Debbie Grant, Tate Tennis
6. Becky Smith, William York
7. Brian Manley
8. Scott Ingram, Sadie Mincy
9. Bud Blower, Jackson Ivey
10. Melissa Burgemeister
11. Sue Commerson, Frazier McGee
12. Sylvia Hines, Amy Wilcox, Quentin DeGraff, Ohara McCoy
13. Linda Richardson, Matt Caso, Jack Brown, Erin Rudolph, Sandy Douth
14. Hilah Cook
15. Cobi Ingram, Chloe Gibson
16. John Faircloth
17. Linda Schneider, Sue Jones, Mary Ellen Smith, Lisa Bradshaw, Connie Cooley
18. Sara Escue, Mike Vitamvas, Christy Leimone, Anna Knight, Emery Summey
19. Trina Sampson
20. Shirley Williams, Evelyn McKnight
- 21.
22. Clark Singleton, Mitch Peck, Madison Collins, Olivia Shoemaker, Ben Knight, Madison Gann
23. Garry Kearns, Kelly Johnson
24. Jean Utley, Matthew Ritchie
25. Roy Wood
26. Marikate Tennis, Tori Shelton
27. Halli Hogan, Jack Dyer, Micah Burgemeister
28. Greg Leimone
29. Gayle Brown

### ATTENTION COVENANT MEMBERS:

If you do not see your name on the monthly Birthday List, please contact the church office (michelle@covenantchurchhighpoint.com or 336-841-3242, x10) with your full name and birthday/month/year and we will add you to the monthly birthday list for the newsletter. Thanks!





congregational care  
AT COVENANT CHURCH

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Jan Kramer, Shirley Williams, Linda Register, Sharon Fouts, Doug Ritchie, Lawrence Bivens, Jill Goins' mother, Linda Moore, Debra James, Georgia Reeves, Margaret Beliecki, Mandy Burns, Karla Priska and her mission team to DR, Joan Russ

*Names suggested for the prayer list will remain on the list as long as the person making the request wishes. After 30 days, the name will be removed unless there is an additional request for the name to remain on the list. Please contact Michelle Higgins in the front office ([michelle@covenantchurchhighpoint.com](mailto:michelle@covenantchurchhighpoint.com)) or Ellen Coppley Florian ([ellen@covenantchurchhighpoint.com](mailto:ellen@covenantchurchhighpoint.com)) with any additions, deletions or corrections.*

## SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

*Breakfast served at 10:00 am.*

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
WORSHIP WITH US  
AT 9 AND 11 AM**



Fifth Sunday Breakfasts will be ongoing and are a chance for us to connect and fellowship regularly on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to help support this ministry in any way, please contact Brandon and Shelli York at 336-553-8081.



OUR  
**MISSIONS**

**Northwood Community Center** is our mission campus located at 2409 Ambassador Ct. in High Point. At Northwood, we offer a monthly community meal, food pantry, and clothing closet as well as special outreach events for the community. We are always accepting donations of clothing or non-expired food to serve our neighbors! Food can be delivered to the Covenant Gathering area and clothes can be donated in the blue box outside of Northwood. This month the food pantry has been busy remodeling are storage area. Removed old cabinets and installed new racks. Ready to receive more food as we grow. For more info or to get involved, please reach out to Gale Vitamvas ([gale.vitamvas@gmail.com](mailto:gale.vitamvas@gmail.com)).



### **Covenant Community Garden**

Like to garden? Did you know Covenant Church has a community garden in the back of our property and we have some spaces available? You can help get the beds ready for or take a bed for the summer. Plant whatever you like. You keep a percentage and the rest goes to Ward Street and Northwood's food pantries. If you are interested or want more information contact the church office.

**Ward Street Community Resources** has regular needs of boxed milk, canned goods, plastic and paper bags, and other items. Remember that hunger is not seasonal. Please deposit donations in the large gray bin under the coat rack in the hallway near the gathering entrance, or in one of the marked bins at the drive-through portico on the left side of the church. For more info please contact Judi Marshall at [jmmread@aol.com](mailto:jmmread@aol.com).





6:30pm-7:30pm  
**Wednesday Kids Club**

Join us on Wednesday evenings for fun games, missions and music with Ms. Robin.  
 Ages 3 Years-5th Grade  
 Room 111 and 113  
 February Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th




*Welcome to our New Members*

John and Carol Fitzwater (Left), Dave and Diane Salmon (Center) and Debbie Teller (Right) are the newest members of our Covenant Church family. Welcome! We can't wait to watch God at work in your lives here at Covenant and in the world. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see them on Sunday.

**O.W.L.S (SENIORS) LUNCHEON**  
**TUESDAY, FEB. 14**  
**FROM 11:30 - 1:00**

RSVP BY CALLING MICHELLE IN THE FRONT OFFICE: 336-841-3242

*Join the Choir!* 

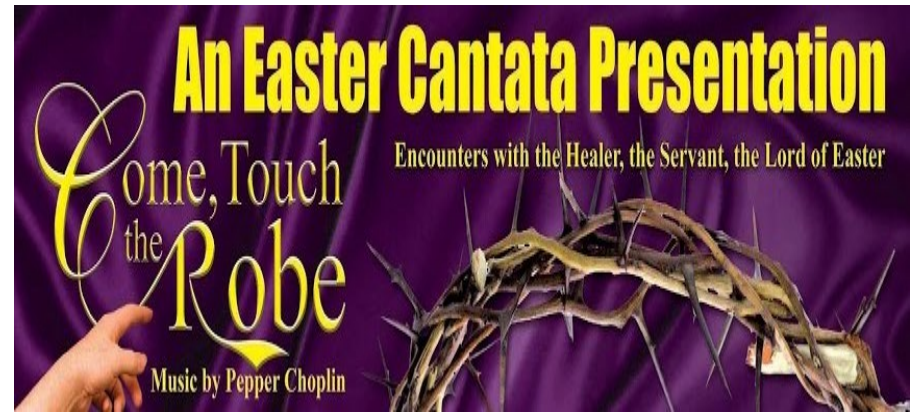
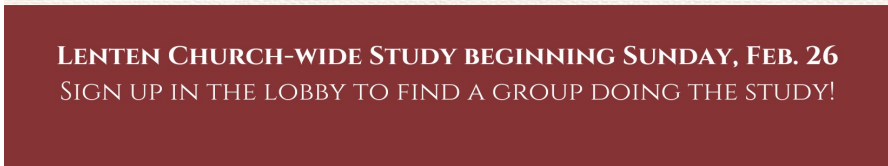
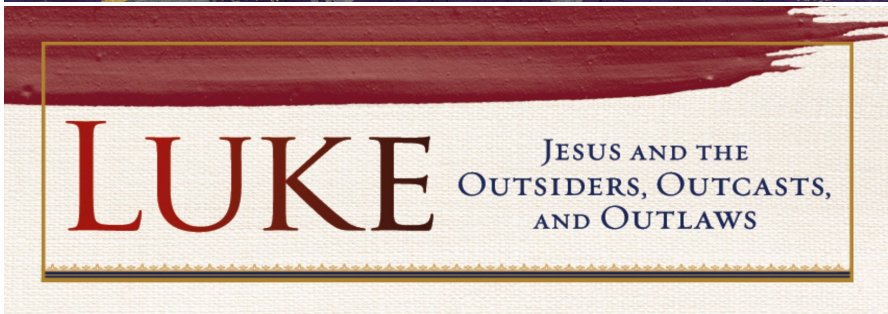
CONTACT CHOIR DIRECTOR STEPHEN DURR  
 OR JOIN THE GROUP FOR REHEARSALS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN ROOM 9 AT 7:30 PM

**COVENANT KIDS PRE-SCHOOL**  
**NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2023**  
**4'S, 3'S, 2'S, & TOTS CLASSES AVAILABLE**

[www.covenantkidshighpoint.com/preschool](http://www.covenantkidshighpoint.com/preschool)





*We are so excited for our Easter Cantata!*

The Chancel Choir is excited to share "Come, Touch the Robe" from Pepper Choplin. The Cantata will be on Palm Sunday, April 2 at the 9:00 am service and we will offer light breakfast refreshments following the service! The Chancel Choir is starting to rehearse for this program on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm in Room 8. All are welcome to join in the joyful noise! The Chancel Choir will be having an extended run-through rehearsal on Sunday, February 19 from 12:30-2:30 pm in the sanctuary.



**Third Sunday Mornings at 10 AM  
Meeting in the Sanctuary**



**OPEN TO ANYONE THAT WANTS TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT COVENANT CHURCH'S HISTORY, BELIEFS, VALUES, AND FUTURE PLANS. THIS GROUP IS PERFECT FOR NEW MEMBERS LOOKING TO GET STARTED AND CONNECT DEEPER.**



*Sunday Morning  
Small Group Spotlight*

**FAMILY MATTERS**  
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Family Matters  
Sunday Morning Small Group  
For Families with Young Children  
Room 106 at 10 AM

**SOLES TO SOULS**  
SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP

Room 6 at 10 AM  
Best Suited for Retirees

In addition to these groups we are offering two new groups this spring and have one established class that is not yet named! The new class is located in Room 3 and is best suited for parents of teens and middle-aged adults.

**FAITH LINK**  
SUNDAY MORNING  
SMALL GROUP

ROOM 2 AT 10 AM  
OPEN TO ANYONE BUT BEST SUITED FOR NEWLY EMPTY NESTERS!

SUNDAY MORNING  
*New Connections*  
SMALL GROUP

ROOM 10 AT 10 AM  
OPEN TO ALL AGES

*Key Class*  
SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP  
ROOM 8 AT 10 AM

BEST SUITED FOR SENIORS  
AGES 70 AND ABOVE

**YOUTH GROUP**  
SUNDAY NIGHTS  
6:00 - 7:30

DINNER, PRAISE & WORSHIP,  
GAMES, AND BIBLE STUDY

Parents  
Afternoon  
Out

Sunday, February 19th  
3-6pm  
All Ages

RSVP by Thursday, February 16th to Laura at  
[laura@covenantchurchhighpoint.com](mailto:laura@covenantchurchhighpoint.com) or  
336-841-3242 x18.

**Easter**  
**EGG HUNT**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND**  
**3:30PM**

COVENANT CHURCH 1526 SKEET CLUB RD

## *Candy Donations Needed!*

**We are now accepting candy donations for the Easter egg hunt. Please bring your donations to the front office or buckets around the building. Thank you!**

**covenant's kids**  
**consignment sale**

March 16 - 18 / Shop the Sale / Volunteer at the Sale  
[www.covenantconsign.com](http://www.covenantconsign.com)



In an effort to keep our community up-to-date on every detail of what happens here at Covenant Church AND to be more environmentally conscious, we are GOING DIGITAL this fall. You have until July 1 to "resubscribe" if you'd like to keep receiving a mailed paper copy of the newsletter. If you'd still like to receive a printed newsletter, please call the church office at 336-841-3242 and let Michelle know you wish to continue receiving a mailed paper copy. If you are ready to receive a digital version of the newsletter please subscribe at:

**[www.covenantchurchhighpoint.com/newsletter](http://www.covenantchurchhighpoint.com/newsletter)**

**BACKPACK MINISTRY**

Providing Food for 120 Children Weekly  
For more info, please contact Trina Sampson or Leslie Hawn

**Backpack Ministry** is led by Trina Sampson and Leslie Hawn. Please reach out via email to get in touch with them. Trina Sampson is available at [foursampsons@yahoo.com](mailto:foursampsons@yahoo.com) and Leslie Hawn is available at [lwhawn@gmail.com](mailto:lwhawn@gmail.com) with any questions or to get involved.

# February 2023

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

			<p><b>1</b> 9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm We Need to Talk Short-term Group (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Wednesday Kids Club 7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> Youth Ski Trip _____</p>	<p><b>4</b> _____</p>
<p><b>5</b> _____ 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship No Youth—Returning from Ski Trip. 9:00 pm Women's Online Bible Study 6 (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 10:30 am We Need to Talk Short-term Group (Rm 10) 12:30 Staff Meeting (Rm 10) 6:00 pm AA (Rm 10) 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2) 6:30 pm Praise Team (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm We Need to Talk Short-term Group (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Wednesday Kids Club 7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 5:00-8:00 pm Quilt Guild (Northwood Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
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<p><b>19</b> 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 12:30-2:30 pm Choir (Sanctuary) 3:00 - 6:00 pm Parent's Day Out (Fellowship Hall) 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 12:30 pm Staff Meeting (Rm 10) 6:00 pm AA (Rm 10) 7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2) 5:30—7:30 pm Pancake Supper (Sanctuary) 7:30 pm Praise Team (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10) 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary) 7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
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