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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

JULY 2023

As we are heading into July there are a ton of things we love saying “hello” to: Independence Day, possibly family vacations, the warmth of summer. This July, sadly, we have to say “goodbye” to one of ours: Andrew Huff.

It is hard to believe that it has only been a year that Andrew has been with us. Yet in a year he became an invaluable part of our staff and community. Andrew not only served in new and exciting ways with the youth, he helped us to reimagine how we connect with each other as a congregation and as a church family. While we are going to miss Andrew, we are excited that God is leading him and Faith in new and wonderful ways and we will be there to support and love them as they begin this new chapter in their life.

I hope you will take the time to give your love and appreciation to Andrew. Throughout July we will be taking up a love offering for Andrew and Faith. To give: simply write a check and make it out to Andrew Huff and make a note in the memo, “love offering”. You can drop it in the offering plate throughout July, or you can mail it to the church office as well. On July 23rd, which will be Andrew’s last Sunday, we will have a reception for Andrew at 10 o’clock where you will have a chance to thank Andrew for his time here at Covenant. We hope that you will come and be a part of this special event!

When I first met Andrew, I was surprised at how big of a brain the man has. He is indeed one of the smartest people I have ever met. However, after working with him for a year, I realized that his heart is even bigger than his brain! His love of people, his love for the underdog, and most importantly his love of God is something that is not only commendable, it is inspiring. I look forward to seeing how Andrew and Faith will transform our world. And I look forward to seeing you in July as we celebrate Andrew’s ministry and wish him the fondest of Covenant goodbyes!

Faithfully,

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ANDREW HUFF

Thank you for your time and service to us at Covenant Church. We wish both you and Faith the very best in your future journey. We love you!



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. For more info or to get involved, please reach out to Gale Vitamvas (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 jimmread@aol.com.

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) or Ellen Coppley Florian (ellen@covenantchurchhighpoint.com) with any additions, deletions or corrections.

Prayer and Praise

- Pray for Sylvia Hines and her family as they mourn the passing of Wade Hine who died on June 20.
- Prayers for Cathy Leonard's dad as he searches for answers to unexplained health concerns.
- Prayers for the Williams family as they mourn the loss of Wayne's brother.
- Prayers for the passing death of Romell Ritchie. Romell is the sister-in-law to Kay Ritchie and is Mike Ritchie's aunt.
- Prayers for Gale Vitamvas and her family as they mourn the death of Gale's uncle Earl who passed away on Saturday, June 10, 2023.
- Pray for a safe return from camp for our Faith Friends team.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayers.



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 and Leslie Hawn is available at lwhawn@gmail.com with any questions or to get involved.

This is a promotional graphic for Covenant Kids. It features three horizontal bars: an orange bar at the top with the text "Covenant Kids", a yellow bar in the middle with "Now Enrolling!", and a green bar at the bottom. The green bar contains the text "Preschool After School Summer Camp" and three email addresses: covenant.afterschool@gmail.com, covenantkidspreschoolum@gmail.com, and covenantkids.summertime@gmail.com. To the left of the email addresses is a small logo depicting three stylized figures holding hands under a sun.

The Heat Is On

The Covenant Youth are collecting new electric box fans as a youth service mission project to give to Northwood Community Center where they will be given to those who ask for one. Bring your fans to the Gathering Area Monday through Friday or Sunday mornings and each week the youth will deliver them to Northwood Community Center. Let's help make our neighbors as comfortable as they can be this hot summer.



We're Going Digital!

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

First Mondays at Northwood Community Center
5:00PM-7:00PM
FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
CLOTHING CLOSET
FOOD PANTRY

Northwood Community Center 2409 Ambassador Court, High Point, NC 27265

School Supply Giveaway
Community Breakfast
Inflatables
Back to School Free Event @ Northwood Community Center
Food Pantry
clothing closet
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH
9AM-11AM
All are welcome!

2409 Ambassador Court High Point, NC 27265

Ways to Make Stellar VBS Amazing!

- Pray for the kids, volunteers and families.
- Invite friends, neighbors, grandkids...
- Volunteer to be a crew leader, station assistant, crew assistant.
- Volunteer to help with registration or snack.
- Check out the donation board in the gathering area. Bring in needed items.
- Come help decorate or organize supplies (all skill levels needed)!
 - Sunday, July 9th at 3pm
 - Monday, July 10th at 10am
- Register Today by scanning the QR code or by going to the site below.



July 17-21

6:30pm-8:30pm

Ages: 3 years-Rising 6th Grade

<https://vbapro.events/p/events/covenanthp>

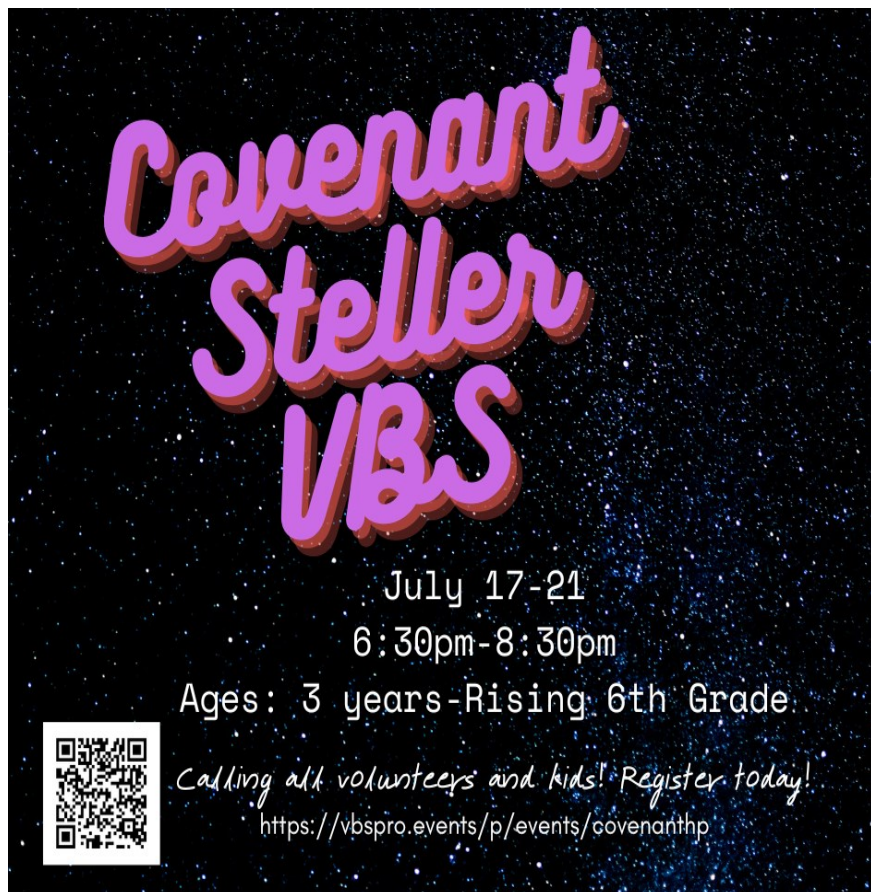
Covenant Stellar VBS



Thursday, July 13th @11:30am
Fellowship Hall at Covenant


OWLS PIZZA AND A MOVIE

Please bring \$5 for lunch.



Covenant Stellar VBS

July 17-21
6:30pm-8:30pm
Ages: 3 years-Rising 6th Grade



Calling all volunteers and kids! Register today!
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/covenantph>

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:



Please save this list for reference throughout the month of April.

1. Sharon Fratus, Jeremy Williams, Johnny Ballard II, Nathan Moye
2. Ginger Gilley, Matt Witmeyer, Claire McCaskill
3. Sharon Bush, Michael Susong, Conner Daniel
4. Nancy Manning, Dale Long, Ashley Vitamvas, Christopher Mehling, Danielle Mehling
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6. Mary Long, Sarah Paschal
7. Turner Daniel
8. Marsha Kerr, Kim Church, John Gann, Emily Hawn
9. Jim Bowers, John Bullock, Jonathan Hatchell, Jamie Miller, Benjamin McCain
10. Carla Schroeder, Scott Lipe, Laura Slack
11. Jody McGhee, Allen Oliver, Jacob Smith, Tate Abbott, Riley Manley, Eve Gleeson
12. Malina Brown, Caleb Leimone
13. Jill Goins, David Kerr
14. Pat Laughrey
15. Warren Slack, Pearson Foster, Parker Jones, Linda Wood
16. Buck Stanley, Kirk Lewis
17. Emily Hurst, Spencer Rice
18. John Kerr, Kelly Ward, Haley York, Taylor Aust, Evan Knoll
19. Griffin Rice, Avery McCaskill
20. Joey Tatum, Candace Weigel, Riley Weigel
21. Sara Payne, Aaron Key
22. Janet Buchanan, Vanessa Slack, Brad Robins, Maggie Jones, Matt Susong, Ellen Florian, Ashlyn Burns Filomeno, Brandon Shelly
23. Lori McGinnis, Ruth Price, Chuck Sharp, Christine Chastain, Lisa Davis, Kalpen Patel, Chris Danson, Tyler Ennis, Madison Mays
24. Freddy Harrill
25. Al Stewart, Jeff Jackson, Emily Vaughn, Elaine York
26. Polly Morgan, Megan Vannoy, Sammie McGee, Hunter Metzger
27. Darwin Gentile, Marley Bellows, Sarah Stephens
28. Gloria Ramsey, Gavin Scott
29. Becky Harrill, Christopher Perry, Sarah Lide
30. Susan Allen, Jackie Frazier
31. Addie Spencer

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 birth day/month/year and we will add you to the monthly birthday list for the newsletter. Thanks!

COVENANT CHURCH WELCOMES DANIEL
AND JENNIFER ESAREY WITH THEIR
DAUGHTER OLIVIA ESAREY.



COVENANT CHURCH WELCOMES CHRIS &
MEGHAN STAMLER AND THEIR CHILDREN
BAILEY-ANN, RYAN AND BRAYDEN
STAMLER.



Covenant Church 2023 YTD May			
	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Church Standalone Net Income	\$ (41,761)	\$ (47,407)	\$ 5,646
Offerings	289,251	286,989	2,262
Expenses	(331,012)	(334,396)	3,384
Weekday Ministries Net In-	\$ 3,724	\$ (21,692)	\$ 25,416
Revenue	204,668	184,214	20,454
Expenses	(200,944)	(205,905)	4,962
Northwood Community Net Income	\$ (3,586)	\$ (3,213)	\$ (374)
Offerings	2,623	1,042	1,581
Expenses	(6,209)	(4,254)	(1,955)
Total Church Net Income	\$ (41,623)	\$ (72,311)	\$ 30,688
Total Offerings /	496,541	472,244	24,297
Total Expenses	(538,165)	(544,555)	6,391

* Northwood renovations are funded by separate grants,

Sunday, August 20th

Blessing of the Backpacks

9 am or 11am Worship



Covenant Church is a community of faith that welcomes you in love. Come and worship with us.



SHINE
beam with steady radiance
Matthew 5:15



Sunday Mornings @ 10 am
Room 208

“SHINE!” - New Women’s Group
Beginning Sunday, May 7
Led by Hilah Cook

SUNDAY MORNING
New Connections
SMALL GROUP



ROOM 10 AT 10 AM
OPEN TO ALL AGES

FAMILY MATTERS
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

FAITH LINK
SUNDAY MORNING
SMALL GROUP

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

OMG!
A SMALL GROUP OF "MISFITS"
ROOM 3 AT 10:00 AM

The self-proclaimed "misfits" group is the perfect landing place for anyone wanting to go deeper while remaining uniquely themselves! Jesus surrounded himself with misfits and this group intends to follow Christ through study and community. This unique group of 40-somethings meet in Room 3 at 10 am.
OMG = Our Misfit Group
Open to All Ages / Led by Todd Shoemaker

Key Class
SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP / ROOM 8 AT 10 AM
BEST SUITED FOR SENIORS AGES 70

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Consignment Registration Opens
2 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00-7:00 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)	3 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 12:30 Staff Meeting (Rm 10) 5:00—7:00 pm Northwood Community Meal 7:00pm Boy Scouts	4 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	5 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)	6 10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2) 6:30 pm Praise Team (Sanctuary)	7	8 8:00am—6:00 pm Northwood Community Center and the High Point Quilt Guild private event
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23/30 9:00 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship Youth Mission Trip <hr/> 10 am Fifth Sunday Breakfast (30th)	24/31 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 12:30 pm Staff Meeting (Rm 10) 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Youth Mission Trip	25 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8) 1:30—6:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive Youth Mission Trip	26 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8) Youth Mission Trip	27 10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2) 6:30 pm Praise Team (Sanctuary) Youth Mission Trip	28 Youth Mission Trip	29 Youth Mission Trip