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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

AUGUST 2023

As we head into August, the focus for us a church moves from small groups to what we are called to be: a larger body that we call church. And it begs the question: what exactly is church?

Church has always had varied definitions. With the pandemic, however, I think we have seen the church take on many different and varied meanings. And I want to remind us all that there are many different ways we can define church. Is church coming into a building on Sunday? Yes! Is it watching online? Yes! Is it a small group that meets on Sunday? Yes! Is it a small group that meets on a different day? Yes! Is church on Skeet Club Rd? Yes! Is it at Ambassador Court? Yes!

For me church is when the faithful gather to worship God. Church is also when the faithful go and show God to the world so the world can worship God as well! Being a part of a group can always have advantages, however in church it can do something more: it can show you God in different ways than you might not have ever dreamed of! I love church (no matter what the definition) because I can see how God is working through other people. For me, that is important. Many times I can feel God more present in my life when I hear and see how God is present in the lives of other. That is one of the most important reason we gather: so we can not only worship together, we can show how God is moving in each of us! And hearing your stories makes me want to share your story with the world as well!

You have a story. And your story is important. And powerful. And written by God. In August, how can you share what God has done in you with a larger group? Maybe it's on Sunday. Maybe it's online. Maybe it is worship. Maybe it is at the store. Wherever it is, we have a story not only to the nation, but to each other. And that might be the best definition a church can be: telling our story to each other so we can tell the nation and the world!

Join us in August as we explore how God is calling us individually in a larger group setting. And have your story ready...you never know who needs to hear how Christ is working through you!

Faithfully,

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Covenant's Kids consignment sale

of Covenant Church United Methodist

The Consignment Sale is just around the corner, and we are excited to get started working on the Fall 2023 sale. The Sale week will run from Sunday, September 10th (after church) to Saturday, September 16th. Back in the Spring, we had our largest sale to date, and we were able to give over \$1,700 in donations to the ministries of the church, over \$700 in gift certificates to Families in Need, and over \$13,500 in available grant money. It takes 1500+ volunteer hours to make the Consignment Sale happen. As one of the largest ministries of Covenant Church, we love and appreciate the support that we have felt from the church over the years.

To make this the BIGGEST and BEST sale ever, we will be asking you, the church, to support us in several different ways so that the ministry of the Consignment Sale can continue to touch the lives of all who come through Covenant's doors that week and beyond.

Some of the biggest needs are:

Donations to the Families in Need Fund – Checks can be made out to “Covenant's Kids Consignment Sale” and placed in the envelop at the church office.

Food Donations to the Childcare and Hospitality Rooms – Visit the needs board in the gathering area at the church to find out the needs of those areas. There will be a collection box for donations in that gathering area as well. Any nonperishable food left over at the end of the week will be donated to Northwood Community Center and the Backpack Ministry appropriately.

Your presence. There are volunteer shifts available through the website, if you are interested in signing up for a 4-hour shift, which comes with the perks of shopping early and a guaranteed consignor spot in the next sale. However, if you are not able to commit to a 4-hour shift or are not looking to get the “perks” of signing up online, we have a way to plug you in for whatever time you can offer. Visit the sign-up page at the “Needs Board” or see one of the Executive Committee Members to find out how you can help.

Help us advertise. Tell your friends and family to come shop with us. Share our Facebook Ads to your page to help us spread the word.

Thank you so much for all your support. We love Covenant and we love YOU.

-Lia Gilley, Hilah Cook, and the Consignment Sale Executive

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 jmmread@aol.com.



Come join the Chancel Choir Rehearsal Kickoff!

Wednesday, August 2 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary
Contact Stephen Durr for more info.
Stephan@covenantchurchhighpoint.com
Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday, August 20th

Blessing of the Backpacks

9 am or 11am Worship



We welcome our new Director of Youth Ministries Matthew Henry!

Matthew and his family have been members of Covenant Church since December 2019.

Matthew has a background in camp ministry, physical education, and retail management.

God and his family are number one to him. Matthew has always had a passion for helping guide kids/youth in their life journey.

His vision for the youth program at Covenant is to have a place where youth feel accepted, where it's meaningful for them, and where they can have a personal relationship with God but also the leaders that are volunteering their own time to the program.



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 Ray Gilley while he recovers from a stint placed in his heart.
- Pray for Sid Grant as he recovers from a heart procedure on July 19.
- Pray for Deb Frisbee as she has been diagnosed with systolic heart failure.
- Prayers for Cathy Leonard's dad as he searches for answers to unexplained health concerns.
- Pray for Nathan Ritter's mom, Mary Ritter. She is recovering from a fall.
- Prayers for the Trost family as Jason's dad is undergoing treatment.
- Prayer requests for all the homebound and those feeling isolated.
- Prayers for Gerald Morgan as he recovers from a stroke.
- Pray for Janet Buchanan as she mends from a broken shoulder.
- Praise for Mary Ritter. She turns 100 years old 8-9-2023.
- Praise the Covenant Community Garden has raised and donated over 190 pounds of produce the first half of this year. Cabbage, onions, greens, lettuce, potatoes, beans, peppers and squash have been donated to the Ward Street and Northwood food pantries.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers



Covenant Kids

Now Enrolling!

Preschool After School Summer Camp



covenant.afterschool@gmail.com
covenantkidspreschoolum@gmail.com
covenantkids.summertime@gmail.com



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.

A Note Of Gratitude

Jorge and I would like to thank Pastor Darren Alexander and Covenant Church for all the support after losing our precious son Nick. Darren was by our side from the beginning and then did such a beautiful job on his Celebration of Life. We are truly thankful for his loving support and how he guided us through it all! We are so fortunate to have you. Also, thankful that our family and friends from all over the world could see the service because of the church's commitment to technology. We want to thank the staff who all stepped in and were so helpful. We also want to thank the many members who have prayed and reached out. Covenant Church is truly a blessing. Thank You, Amador Family

A Note of Thanks

To my Covenant Family,
Thank you for your visits, calls, texts, prayers, concerns, but most of all, your way of making me feel your love. You are very special to Make and I and your support during my pre and post surgery time has been very special!
With Love,

A Message of Gratitude

Covenant Church Members,
Thank you for the delicious meal provided at the passing of Wade Hines and for the love shown to our family. We are very grateful and thank the ladies who served the delicious meal. It was a wonderful way for friends and family to gather.
Sincerely,
Sylvia Hines



FALL KICK-OFF
SUNDAY, AUGUST
27TH @ 5:00PM

Pizza and Water Fun!
All ages are welcome to
join us for fun, food and
fellowship!

**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

COVENANT CHURCH WELCOMES SANDY DOUTT.



COVENANT CHURCH WELCOMES BOBBY & LINDA WOOD.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday to:



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

1. Leslie Dillon, Jacqueline Levy, Emory Metcalfe, Elizabeth Snyder
2. Ann Powers, Beth Broadley, Chandler Cole, Jacob Milillo, Kate Kabler
3. Mary Johnson, Brandon Monroe, Anderson Dickenson
4. Odell Reavis, Sam Dale
5. Tom Ennis, Kimberly Secor, Laura Jackson
6. Nancy Smith, Sam Daniel, Graham Mitchell
7. Carolyn Lundy, Kyle White, Michelle Collins, Nick Shelton
8. Catherine Schloen, Pam Laue
9. Mary Ritter, Clif Mays, Misty Waldroup, Sarah Dillon, Laura Broadley
10. Steve Seltz, Ken Edwards, Sarah Tennis, Auria Smith
11. Sid Grant, Ella Abbott
12. David Lundy, Haley Moorefield, Dawson Louya, Jillian Pettie, Lexi Moseley
13. Jason Parsley, Emma Harriman, Gavin White
14. Sylvia Stewart, Reyna Brown, Robbie Brown
15. Bertha McGee, Amanda Massengale, Jamie McCaskill, Joely Summey
16. Delores Mitchell, Barb Purdie, Mariea Snyder, Emily Purdie, Laura Danford, Lucia Florian
17. Sean Willoughby-Ray, Renee Strag
18. Wayne Williams, Beth Talent, Ryan Pyles
19. Daniel Berry, Sterling Gordon, John York, Jonathan Ritter
20. Brenda Cregar, Terry Whitaker, Tammy Lide, Mark Steed, Phillip Bullock, Katie Perkinson, Cole Patton
21. Kelly Hayes, Harrison Vannoy
22. Rick Slack, Taylor Peace, Sarah Powers
23. —
24. Lois Herdman, Jackie Skidmore, Rick Combes, Bill Price, Stephen Kabler
25. Justin Izaj
26. Linville Manning, Adam Moye, Caroline Weigel
27. Kay Ritchie, Johnny Oakley, Evan Gilley
28. Charles Collier, Tim Williford, Lauren Jackson
29. Patrick Coble
30. Tad Furrow, Sandra Kabler, Shelby Wood
31. Gary Kilpatrick, Anna LeJeune

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!

Please bring supplies to the gathering area at Covenant by Sunday, August 6th.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR NORTHWOOD COMMUNITY

- 1 Inch Binder
- 150 Sheet Wide Ruled Paper
- 150 Sheet College Ruled Paper
- 24 Box of Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Folders with Prongs
- Pencils 24 Pack
- Composition Notebook
- Highlighter
- 1 Subject Spiral Notebook
- 12 pack of Colored Pencils
- 8 or 10 Pack of Markers
- Pencil Pouch
- Pencil Sharpener

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

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 NEMLY 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-some things meet in Room 3 at 10 am.
OMG = Our Misfit Group
Open to All Ages / Led by Todd Shoemaker

School Supply Giveaway

Community Breakfast

Inflatables

Back to School Free Event @ Northwood Community Center

Food Pantry

clothing closet

SAURDAY, AUGUST 19TH
9AM-11AM

All are welcome!

2409 Ambassador Court High Point, NC 27265

FAMILY MATTERS

Family Matters

Sunday Morning Small Group
For Families with Young Children

Room 106 at 10 AM

Key Class

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

AUGUST 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1 6:30pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	2 4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 7:30 pm Choir Practice Sanctuary	3 10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2) 6:30 pm Praise Team (Sanctuary)	4	5
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