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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

December 2025

Welp...here we are. "The Most Wonderful Time of The Year"! Or at least that's how the song goes. If only it was just that simple, I think all of us would love Christmas to look like it came from a movie. But if you are like me, many times it feels more like Christmas Vacation than the Hallmark Channel.

When it comes to holidays, there is just so much busyness. Things to do, things to buy, places to be...and that's just Thanksgiving! Once we get past that, then the real fun begins! It can be costly, it can be exhausting, it can be draining. It also can be hard for many of us to go through holidays for all the reasons that life throws at us. Yes, if you have ever felt this way. You are not alone.

THE STRUGGLE IS REAL!

And if it is a struggle for you in 2025 to get to December 25...imagine the first Christmas and how much of a struggle it was. This Advent I will be preaching on the various people and characters we know and love as part of the first Christmas. I'm going to focus on how much of a struggle it was for them, and even in the struggles, how they persisted, and how God shone through each of them. Just like God will do for us. Not just this time of year, but every day of our life.

So, take a breath, remember to smile, and know you will get there! Because the best think about Christmas just might be that yes, the struggle is real.... but God, and God's gift, is realer!

Merry Christmas to you! Trust me...the journey will be worth it!

Faithfully,
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**JOIN THE
CHANCEL CHOIR**

WEEKLY REHEARSALS
WEDNESDAYS AT 7:15 PM / SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AM

CONTACT CHOIR DIRECTOR STEPHEN DURR FOR MORE INFO!
STEPHEN@COVENANTCHURCHHIGHPOINT.COM

The church office will be closed on December 25th in observance of Christmas Day. The entire church staff prays you have a safe and blessed day.



JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL HAYRIDE THROUGH THE WOODED PATH

Winter Wonder Woods

DECEMBER 11-13 FROM 5:30-7:30 PM

at Covenant Church
1526 Skeet Club Rd.

Hayride through the lights,
S'mores, Hot Chocolate,
Holiday Games & More!

Northwood Community Center
1st and 3rd
MONDAYS
5:00PM-7:00PM



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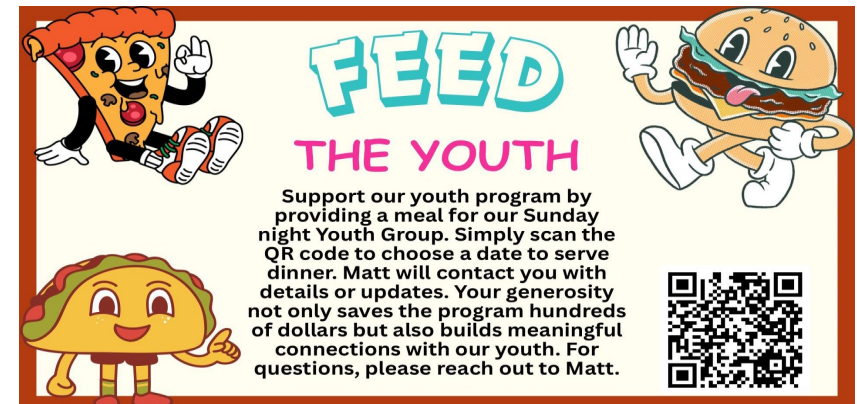


COMMUNITY MEAL




FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers welcomed and appreciated!



**FEED
THE YOUTH**

Support our youth program by providing a meal for our Sunday night Youth Group. Simply scan the QR code to choose a date to serve dinner. Matt will contact you with details or updates. Your generosity not only saves the program hundreds of dollars but also builds meaningful connections with our youth. For questions, please reach out to Matt.



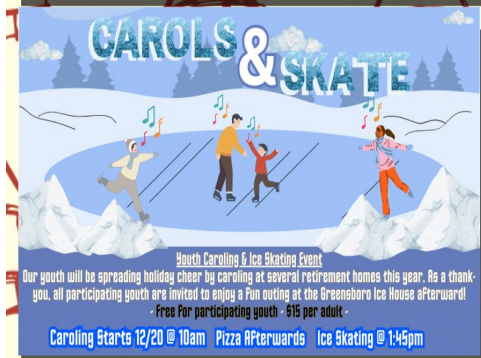
**Need help with transportation?
Contact Laura Danford!**

Wednesdays from 3:30 - 5:30 PM

Covenant Kids Club

For ages Kindergarten - 5th Grade

**Games, Mission Projects, Bible Lessons,
Music with Ms. Robin, Cooking Classes, Gardening, Art**



John Starr Higgins is our newest member of Covenant Church. He joined via transfer of membership at the Wednesday Communion Service, November 12. Welcome John!

Prayers and Praises

- Prayers for Pam Laue as many of her family members struggle with illness.
- Prayers for Daniel Esarey's father, Michael, as he recovers from open heart surgery.
- Prayers for Kevin Smith and Nancy Smith as they are facing serious health concerns. We pray for complete healing and that he feels the love and support of his community.
- Prayers for Randy Davis as he is dealing with health concerns.
- Prayers for Matt Caso as he recovers from knee surgery.
- Prayers for Marcus Ray, the nephew of Brandon and Shelli York. He suffered a serious hand injury and is facing several surgeries.
- Prayers for Vanessa Collier who is facing health concerns.
- Prayers for Jeff Howell, Megan Sutton's father as he is beginning treatment for a relapse with cancer.

Lord in Your Mercy Hear Our Prayers

Cover-to-Cover Covenant Book Club is open to anyone who loves a good story as much as we do. Our book for December is

Jenny Colgan's
"The Christmas Bookshop".

Please join us on December 4th at 6:30pm in The Library. Everyone is invited.



Christmas Eve

W O R S H I P

10 AM *Family Friendly Worship*
with Children's Instant Nativity

5 PM / 7 PM *Traditional Worship*
Candlelight Service (All ages are welcome!)



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

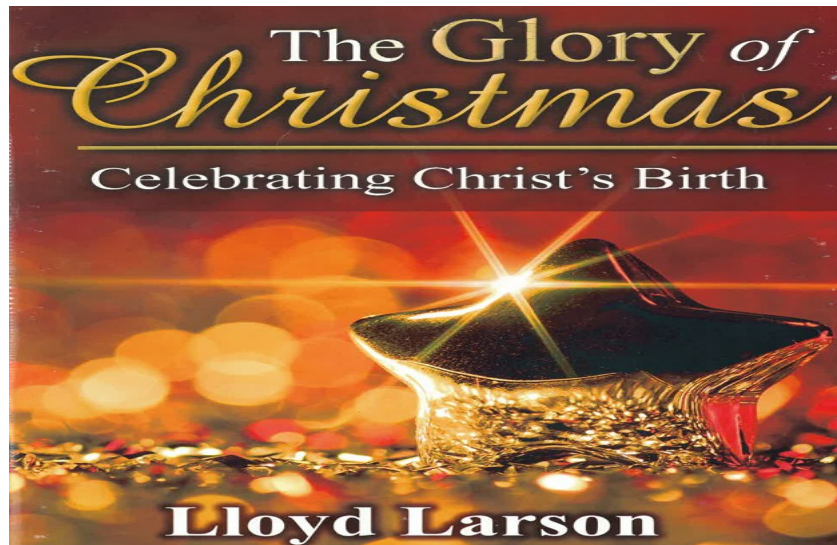
1. Susan Larimore
2. Tony Kozuch
3. Tina Murphy
4. Jorge Amador, Dave York
- 5.
6. Robin Moseley
7. Todd Shoemaker
- 8.
9. Amanda Goins
10. Isabella Jordan
11. Maryann Blower
12. JoAnn Sutton
13. Nancy Williams, Maddie Vaughn
14. Kathy Snage
15. Georgia Reaves
- 16.
17. Jennifer Greenly
18. Kathryn Trost
- 19.
20. Susie Murray, Patrick Williford
21. Cheryl Bolick
22. Phillip Mitchell
23. Mark Mitchell
24. Daniel York
25. —
26. Steven Vaughn
27. Chloe Mitchell, Ashlyn Skramsted
- 28.
29. Jim Gibson, Tina Lipstreu, Lani Boughton, Paul Bullock
30. Butch Lipe
31. Debbie Frisbee, Matt Hawn

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 save this list for reference throughout the month of December.



Mark your calendars for the Christmas Cantata, "*The Glory of Christmas*", performed by the Covenant Chancel Choir on Sunday, December 15th. The Cantata will start at 3pm with a reception to follow.



The Visitation Team is up and running!

If you would like a visit or know someone who would please contact Ron Stutler at rstutler565@gmail.com or Darren Alexander at dalexander@wnccumc.net.

NOV. 9-DEC. 24

FOOD DRIVE

20,000 ITEMS

HELP US MEET OUR ADVENT GIVING GOAL:

FOR THE NORTHWOOD FOOD PANTRY

- CANNED VEGGIES/FRUIT, FRUIT JUICES
- BAG OF SUGAR, FLOUR, VEGETABLE OIL
- NONPERISHABLE SNACKS AND TREATS
- WHITE RICE, PASTA, OR GRAINS
- SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CONDIMENTS
- TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS

Stewardship Season

As we head into 2026, we pause to celebrate the faithful stewardship that is already taking place here at Covenant. In the year ahead, we are eager to begin exploring ways to deepen our faith through stewardship including but not limited to sharing our time, treasure, and talents with our church and community of faith. We commit our time by serving with our hands and feet, our bodies and minds to act as faithful examples of Christian stewardship. We commit our treasure by making financial contributions to support the church budget - which pays for ministries to happen and keeps the property entrusted to us maintained and sacredly cared for. We commit our talents by leading, singing, worshipping, sharing our faith stories, and creating holy moments through loving preparation. Thank you for all the ways you are using your faith in action to make a difference in this world.

DECEMBER 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Northwood Community Center 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Scouts	2 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Trellis HOA Meeting (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	3 9:15 am - 12:00 pm Girl-friend Bible Study (Rm 10) 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Kid's Club 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	4 6:00 - 7:30 pm Scouts (FH & Rm 6) 6:30 pm (Library) Cover to Cover Book Club	5 6:00 pm - 9:00 am Youth Lock In	6 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm (FH) Key Class Christmas Party 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Rm 10) Scouts
7 8:55 am Traditional Worship 10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages) 11:00 am Contemporary Worship	8 8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10) 3 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10) 5:30 pm Northwood Backpack 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Scouts	9 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm (FH) Preschool Teach Lunch 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	10 9:15 am - 12:00 pm Girl-friend Bible Study (Rm 10) 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Kid's Club 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)	11 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (FH) Preschool Christmas Sing Along 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Winter Wonder Woods	12 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (FH) Preschool Christmas Sing Along 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (Portico) Simple Gestures 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Tiger Rock Christmas 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Winter Wonder Woods	13 9:00 am - 10:00 am Dr. Saviola Piano Recital (Sanctuary) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm (FH) Nancy McGee Christmas Party 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Winter Wonder Woods
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28 11:00 am One Combined Service with Lessons In Carols	29	30 6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)	31			