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Monthly Newsletter of Covenant Church

Dear Covenant Church Family,

March 2023

Have you ever felt you were at a crossroads in your life? A time where you know you have to make a decision one way or the other, yet it is hard to figure out which road is the right one to turn on? We all have those moments in our life where decisions that we make will take us down new paths. Some of those can be exciting and fun. Others can be scary and worrisome. Yet no matter what, decisions have to be made.

Jesus in His own life would find Himself at a crossroads; would He keep on doing all the things He had been doing or would He choose the path that God laid out for Him? Not that the life Jesus had was a wrong road. On the contrary, the life of Jesus up to His crossroad moment was without a doubt the greatest story ever told on earth. However, God was now calling Jesus to something greater than even the things He had done in the past. If Jesus chose to go down the road that God was calling Him, it would be the greatest story ever told forever!

However, there would be consequences for choosing that road. The people who loved Him would begin to reject Him. Those closest to Him would not even understand what He was being called to do. And ultimately He would lose His life here on earth. Yet Jesus chose the road God called Him on and never looked back. And why would Jesus do that? Because Jesus knew that there was something more important than this life on earth. There is life eternal with God!

I invite you to join us in person or online throughout Lent as we talk about the crossroads in our own lives. It might be with family or friends. It might be with work or our health. It might be with our church and denomination. There are many crossroads in our lives. And the choices we need to make might not be easy. However, if we are brave enough to choose the road that God is providing we might be transformed forever!

My prayer is that in this Lenten season, as you contemplate the crossroads in your life, that you will take this time to be focused on where God is leading you. It might be exciting, and yes it might be scary. However, if you take that first step you will begin a journey to something even more wonderful than life on earth. You will begin a journey to God's love forevermore!
See You At The Crossroads,

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.



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.



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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to:

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

- 1.
2. Harrison Strag, Payton Aust
3. Kellie Whelan
4. Peggy Kozuch, Jimmy James
5. Dave McIntosh
6. Carroll Moseley
7. Bucky Snider, Susan Garren, Kara Bensel
8. Merle Little, Tom Bush, Susan Williford, Kevin Smith, Cody Weavil
9. —
10. Mark Pyles, Linda Overton, Patrick Knoll
11. Phyllis Hobson, Jim Crozier, Bill Schneider, Jeff Crumpler, Jenna Burns, Libby Justice, Abby Repko
12. —
13. —
14. Karla Priska, Ben Strag
15. Julie Daniel, Cara Davis, Lauren Matlosz
16. Jeff Stewart, Cindy Clinch, Sarah Overton, Ayden Flanagan
17. Fred Harrill, Stephanie Piraino
18. Beth Berry, Mark Schroeder, Savannah Peck
19. George Parker, Phil Hall
20. Andrew Welborn, Austin Crouell
21. Pam Smith, Camden Saylor
22. Tanner Royals
23. Lorraine Thielmann
24. Gayle Beal
25. Beth Riggsbee
26. Dave Scott, Jake Riggsbee
27. Sharon Kilpatrick
28. Deb Davis, Olivia Massengale
29. Susan Johnson, Arjun Patel, Alyssa Sutton
30. Clem Richardson, Barb Collins, Turner Holt
31. Garrett Williams



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!



Covenant Kids Consignment Sale

Spring Sale: March 15-18, 2023

Wednesday, March 15 from 5 - 9
(TICKET REQUIRED)

Sale Open to the Public (No ticket Required):

Thursday 5-9 PM, Friday 9 Am-8PM, Saturday 8 am-12 pm

Our sale runs on 100% volunteer power! As a THANK YOU to our volunteers, we provide:

- FREE meals, snacks, and drinks during shifts
- FREE childcare during shifts
- Tickets for you AND a friend to shop early at our Volunteer & Consignor Presale
- Chance to register for our next sale during Priority Registration to guarantee your consignor space and the first pick of volunteer shifts
- We provide on-site training – no prior experience necessary!

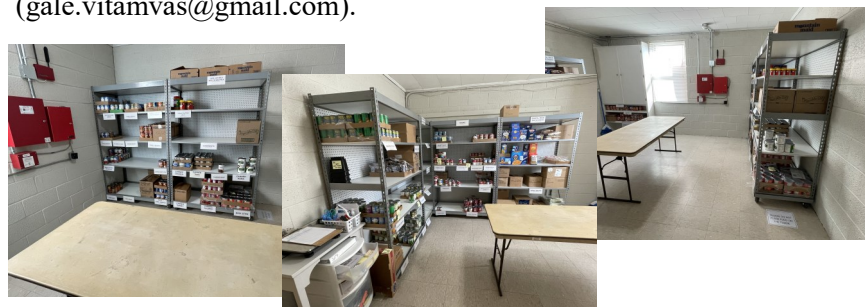
We have many volunteer opportunities:

- Set Up: helping clear chairs and furniture from the church; setting up racks, tables, and shelves needed for the sale. Physical shift – no limitations.
- Check In: helping check and sort items as consignors drop off; sorting and placing items in the correct places on the sales floor. Physical shift – no limitations.
- Organizing: evaluating the space once everything has been dropped off; making things clear concise, and orderly for out shoppers.
- Sales Floor: assisting shoppers on the sales floor once shopping begins; putting items back out on the sales floor as shoppers sort through items; carrying full baskets/items to our hold area/sold area for shoppers.
- Check Out: working on the computer/register to scan, count, and bag all items being purchased; process payments.
- Carry Out Helper: lift and carry large items from sales floor to sold area; lift and carry shopping bags or large item to a shoppers car once items are paid for. Physical shift – no limitations.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer please go to
www.covenantconsign.com.



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).



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.

Covenant Church 2023 YTD January

	<u>Actuals</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Church Standalone Net Income (Loss)	\$ 10,900	\$ 9,526	\$ 1,374
Offerings	75,156	73,024	2,133
Expenses	(64,256)	(63,498)	(758)
Weekday Ministries Net Income (Loss)	\$ 10,395	\$ (2,565)	\$ 12,961
Revenue	42,213	36,253	5,959
Expenses	(31,817)	(38,819)	7,001
Northwood Community Net Income (Loss)	\$ (1,025)	\$ (643)	\$ (383)
Offerings	465	208	257
Expenses	(1,490)	(851)	(639)
Total Church Net Income (Loss)	\$ 20,270	\$ 6,318	\$ 13,952
Total Offerings / Revenue	117,834	109,486	8,348
Total Expenses	(97,564)	(103,167)	5,604

Worship Attendance 2023 from January 1 to current

	9:00am	11:00am
01/01/2023	130	10am only
01/08/2023	135	86
01/15/2023	165	94
01/22/2023	131	61
01/29/2023	130	86
02/05/2023	131	60
02/12/2023	120	77
02/19/2023	133	58



We officially welcome the Whitaker family into Covenant! Erin transferred her membership while Justin, Riley, and Izzy were all baptized at the 11 AM service on Sunday, February 12th. Please welcome them officially into the Covenant family!

ADAM HAMILTON
Author of John, The Walk, and 24 Hours That Changed the World

LUKE
 JESUS AND THE
 OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
 AND OUTLAWS

**Join Pastor
 Darren
 Wednesdays at
 6:30pm for
 Bible Study
 March 1, 8,
 22, 29
 April 5
 Room 10**

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

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for Bob Escue, Sam Escue's brother, who will have open heart surgery March 15.
 - Pray for Gracie Escue Strawn who recently had cancer spots removed and suffered an aneurism.
 - Pray for Joyce Sharp, Sam Escue's half sister, who will undergo neck surgery.
 - Pray for Sherri Scott's mother, Becky Phillips, as Becky is facing health issues.
 - Prayers for Laura Blacksten who is recovering from surgeries on her back and foot.
 - Pray for Michelle Shepard's friend, Dalton Gray, who is in need of healing.
 - Pray for Meg Stamler is recovering from back surgery.
 - Pray for Linda Richardson who has shingles.
 - Pray for Jacqui, Jimmy and Kim Adam, relatives of Pam Laue. They all have serious health concerns.
- Please continue to pray for the nations of Turkey and Syria dealing with the aftermath of a devastating earthquake.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayers.

An Easter Cantata Presentation
 Encounters with the Healer, the Servant, the Lord of Easter

Come, Touch the Robe
 Music by Pepper Choplin

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!

DISCOVER
 Covenant

**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

**WEDNESDAY
KIDS CLUB**

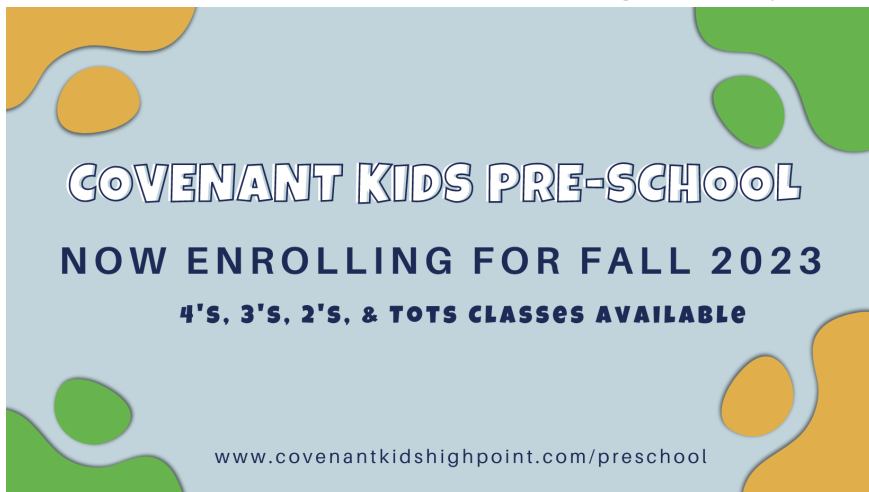
6:30pm-7:30pm
Ages: 3 years-5th Grade

Join us on Wednesday evenings
for fun games, missions and
music with Ms. Robin.
Ages 3 Years-5th Grade
Room 111 and 113
March Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th,
22nd, 29th



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!



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



Please sign up by Sunday, March 19th by calling Michelle at the church office at 336-841-3242 or by signing up in the gathering area.

MARCH 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10)</p> <p>4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10)</p> <p>6:30 pm "Luke" Pastor Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Wednesday Kids Club</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <hr/> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages)</p> <p>11:00 am Contemporary Worship</p> <p>7pm Consignment Team Meeting Rm & 8</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10)</p> <p>10:30 am We Need to Talk Short-term Group (Rm 10)</p> <p>12:30 Staff Meeting (Rm 10)</p> <p>5pm—7pm Northwood Community Meal</p> <p>6:00 pm AA (Rm 10)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2)</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Team (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10)</p> <p>4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10)</p> <p>6:30 pm "Luke" Pastor Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 pm Wednesday Kids Club</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:00-8:00 pm Quilt Guild (Northwood Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:00 am Small Group Hour (All Ages)</p> <p>11:00 am Contemporary Worship</p> <p>12:30-2:30 pm Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group (Youth Room)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 am Men's Bible Study (Rm 10)</p> <p>12:30 pm Staff Meeting (Rm 10)</p> <p>6:00 pm AA (Rm 10)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Planning (Rm 2)</p> <p>1:30pm –6:00pm Blood Drive Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:30 pm Praise Team (Sanctuary)</p> <p>6:30 pm Downtown Sound (Rm 8)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Girlfriend's Bible Study (Rm 10)</p> <p>4:30 pm Music Therapy (Rm 10)</p> <p>6:30 pm "Luke" Pastor Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 pm Choir Practice (Rm 8)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00pm Seder Meal led by Beth David Synagogue</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
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