



April 18, 2021

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“Our **promise** to you, born out of His **promise** to us”

# BAR-B-QUE FUNDRAISER

Covenant Student Ministry



**Date:** Thursday, April 29Th

**Time:** 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10 per plate

Bar-B-Que plates include:

- Slaw,
- Baked beans
- Chips
- Buns
- and dessert!

Following the end of  
each service on the  
18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
Covenant Students  
will be in the lobby  
selling individual  
tickets.

## REFINERS FIRE

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

04.30.2021

7 P M

@ COVENANT CHURCH

*Moms, Muffins and Ministry*

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND LEARNING BETWEEN MOMS  
OF YOUNG KIDDOS! WE CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO JOIN US!

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FROM 8:30-10:00AM

IN THE CAFE

COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



The Children's Ministry is staffed by loving volunteers that have been carefully screened with a background check for our children's safety. We welcome your children to our ministry.

*Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6*

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

## SUNDAYS

**8:30a Children's Church**  
(except 1st Sunday)

**10:45a Children's Church**  
(except 1st Sunday)

**Nursery available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings (birth - 3 years).**

**FOR COVENANT KIDS INFO**  
Please text @covenantki  
to the number 81010.

## WEDNESDAYS



**Kids Praise Team -**  
5:00 - 6:00p



**Royal Rangers -**  
6:30p for boys



**Mpact Clubs -**  
6:30p for girls



**Covenant**  
STUDENTS



**NEED YOUTH INFO**  
Please text @a6adb2  
to the number 81010.

*"Here am I, Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

**SEE WEEKLY CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### 1st & 3rd Sunday & 3rd Wednesday Student Leadership Meetings:

- Next meeting is 4/21 from 5:00pm – 6:30pm
- Students grades 11-12 are invited to join

### Sunday Night Service, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

- Title- Week 2 of the Last Words in Deuteronomy
- Description- Using famous last words. This three week series on Deuteronomy explores Moses's final message to the Israelites covering God's love for us, our responsibility to the poor and marginalized, and our call to choose God.



### Wednesday Night Service, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30PM – 7:30PM

- Title- All-In Series: Recalculating
- Description- Four week lessons on how to start strong and commit wholeheartedly.

### Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Covenant Student Ministry BBQ Fundraiser

- Tickets: \$10
- Company or group orders of 8 or more can be delivered.
- Following the end of each service on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> our Covenant Students will be in the lobby selling individual tickets.



<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	<b>April 11, 2021</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>
<b>Undesignated Giving</b>	<b>\$20,704.00</b>	<b>\$327,818.71</b>
Budget Needs	\$20,075.67	\$301,135.05
Over (Under) Budget	\$628.33	\$26,683.66
<b>Renovation Project Giving</b>	<b>\$950.00</b>	<b>\$6,270.34</b>
<b>Other Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>	<b>\$16,326.00</b>
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$21,774.00</b>	<b>\$350,415.05</b>
<b>Renovation Project Goal</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	
<b>Renovation Project Total Giving</b>	<b>\$124,830.47</b>	



## MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

### SUNDAY SERVICE:

#### Security Team April 18

##### Captain—Bill Lyda

Tim Cloer, Phil Eastin,  
Brian Lane, Ronnie Mercer,  
Donald White, Darrell Dellinger

#### Security Team April 25

##### Captain—Brandon Hurt

Cody Carpenter, Mike Finger,  
Joe Fletcher, Jon Kuster,  
Brack Rogers, Jeremy Upton,  
Jason Jenks

#### Nursery on April 18

**Babies** Andrea Fornshell, Camryn Devine

**Toddlers** Iliana Gonzalez

**2s & 3s** Caroline Lackey, Sophia Fornshell

#### Nursery on April 25

**Babies** Chad Hovis, Joyce Little

**Toddlers** Iliana Gonzalez

**2s & 3s** Amber Norman, Brooke White



## Wednesdays At Covenant

4.21 Wednesday Night Bible Study

4.28 Wednesday Night Bible Study

5.5 Wednesday Night Bible Study

## Mark your Calendar

4.29 Covenant Students BBQ

4.30 Refiners Fire—Night of Worship

5.3 Moms & Muffins

5.11 JOY Group

5.16 Baby Dedication

5.30 Graduation Sunday

**ALMS IS IN NEED** of a vehicle to be donated or purchased at little cost for a church family member. If you are able to help with this need, please contact the church office at 704.735.1559.



## Sunday, April 18

7:15a..... Worship Team  
8:30a..... Children's Church  
8:30a..... Early Morning Worship  
9:45a..... Connections for Prospective New Members  
9:45a..... Intercessory Prayer  
9:45a..... Sunday Connect  
10:45a..... Children's Church  
10:45a..... Worship Service + Water Baptism  
6:00p..... Covenant Students  
6:00p..... Equipping Believers | Bible Study

## Tuesday, April 19

10:00a..... Business Administration Group

## Tuesday, April 20

10:00a..... Ladies' Prayer Group (Room 109)

## Wednesday, April 21

5:00p..... Kids' Praise Team  
5:00p..... Student Leadership Meeting  
6:30p..... Covenant Students—FUEL  
6:30p..... Royal Rangers & Mpac Girls  
6:30p..... Wednesday Night Bible Study

## Thursday, April 22

10:00a..... Ladies' Prayer Group (Room 103)



SEND  
**GOOD NEWS**  
AND  
**GREAT JOY**

**PACK A SHOEBOX!**

**PICK UP AND DROP OFF  
SHOEBOXES IN THE CAFÉ**

For more info...contact  
Robin Goodson—704.732.2420;  
robindgoodson@yahoo.com

## CONNECTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Connections for Prospective New Members is an ongoing seminar for prospective members and others who just want to know how our church body believes and operates. The class may be joined at any time. The class, facilitated by David Creech, meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45a in Room 118. Also, available on Wednesday nights upon request by calling the church office at 704.735.1559.

If you are currently attending another Sunday School class, you may request CDs and a workbook to complete on your own prior to becoming a member.

## INFORMATION DIRECTIVES & DEADLINES

**Newsletter:** Deadline: Monday by 5p; News items: Brandy Mercer  
**Prayer Sheet:** Deadline: Wednesday by 3p; Requests: Brandy Mercer  
**Announcements:** Deadline: Monday by 5p; Ryan Stertzbach

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## *From Our Pastor*

# Climbing The Hill

***Psalm 24:3-4 But who can ascend the hill of the Lord and who can stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart and has not lifted up his soul to an idol.***

The Psalmist asks a question we should all want to know the answer to: "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?" Wow! What a thought! He is actually saying that we can have a connection with **WHERE** God is. What does that mean? It means that God loves for us to visit His Presence and He is reminding us that it is a possibility. He is reminding us that Presence is possible. He is reminding us that God is **NOT** unreachable. He is reminding us that intimate encounters are possible. I would argue that they aren't only possible, but absolutely necessary if we truly want to represent Him on the earth to a lost and broken world.

Not only does the Psalmist tell us that ascension is doable, but he actually tells us **HOW** it's accomplished and **WHO** can go there. The ones who visit the hill of the Lord (Presence) are the ones who attempt it with "clean hands and a pure heart and have not lifted up their souls to an idol."

Let's examine these three traits of an ascender. One, we must have clean hands. I think having clean hands means that we have allowed the Holy Spirit to purify us from habitual sin. I believe that one of the basic requirements of finding Presence is that we aren't living with unrepentant sin in our lives. He further says that we should have clean hearts. While I believe clean hands represents viewable sin in our lives, I believe having clean hearts represents the hidden sins one might engage in. God doesn't just want to clean the outward man; He wants to clean the inward one as well. Finally, the Word says that we can't be a people who are lifting our souls to idols. I believe this is a direct indictment of our worship life. Worship, by definition, is us acknowledging what we give our attention to. If we only want to get rich, have a big house, build our bank account, and have power; we are probably worshipping money or prestige. On the contrary, if we want Him above every other thing in our lives, we are probably worshipping Him. An idol is anything that comes between us and Him; it's anything that we desire above Him. God is calling us to a purity of heart and a pure pursuit of the Father. If we are willing to allow Him to clean our hands, our hearts, and our pursuits; INTIMACY is possible. Let's give it a try! Climbing the hill matters.

**Michael E. Devine**

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**Connect to CBCGuest**  
**PASSWORD: CBCfamily**



**Church website:** [www.covenantchurch.church](http://www.covenantchurch.church)

**Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday, 8:30a—5:00p; Friday, 8:30a—11:30a