



# Covenant Church

May 2, 2021



"Our promise to you, born out of His promise to us"

# 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

## JOY GROUP

DRIVE - THRU

LUNCH

MAY 11

11-11:30 AM

**SIGN UP ON APP OR WEBSITE**

**MENU:**

**STEWED BEEF, RICE, SWEET PEAS, GLAZED CARROTS,  
ROLL, AND DESSERT!**



**MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**



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).*

**WEDNESDAYS**



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



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



**M'pact Clubs -**  
6:30p for girls

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



**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 5/2 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm.
- Students grades 11-12 are invited to join.

**No Sunday Night Service, May 2nd**

**Wednesday Night Service, May 5th, 6:30PM – 7:30PM**

- Focus: Staying connected
- Description—Four week lessons on how to start strong and commit wholeheartedly.

**Graduation Sunday May 23rd**

- Contact Pastor Lance for additional details  
lancefriday@covenantchurch.church.

<b>FINANCIAL UPDATE</b>	<i>April 25, 2021</i>	<i>Year To Date</i>
<b>Undesignated Giving</b>	<b>\$21,284.00</b>	<b>\$366,129.38</b>
Budget Needs	\$20,075.67	\$3341,286.39
Over (Under) Budget	\$1,208.33	\$24,842.99
<b>Renovation Project Giving</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$6,300.34</b>
<b>Other Designated Giving</b>	<b>\$1,180.00</b>	<b>\$17,894.00</b>
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$22,474.00</b>	<b>\$390,323.72</b>
<b>Renovation Project Goal</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	
<b>Renovation Project Total Giving</b>	<b>\$124,860.47</b>	



## TO GIVE

**Scan Here!**

— OR —

Go to [covenantchurch.church](http://covenantchurch.church)  
and click the **GIVING** tab!

— OR —

Give on the **Covenant Church App!**

## MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

**SUNDAY SERVICE:**

**Security Team May 2**

**Captain—Chad Beard**  
 Jordy Beard, Dan Calloway,  
 Perry Caudle, Brian Lukowski,  
 David Mincey, Kyle Raby

**Security Team May 9**

**Captain—Sott Cole**  
 Dawn Cole, Robby Cline,  
 John Nielson, Logan Ray,  
 Bobby Sanders, Robbie Walls

**Nursery on May 2**

**Babies** Jonathan and Monica Harrill  
**Toddlers** Iliana Gonzalez  
**2s & 3s** Josh and Jennifer Queen

**Nursery on May 9**

**Babies** Joe and Sandy Roseman  
**Toddlers** Iliana Gonzalez  
**2s & 3s** Chris and Wendy Casey



### Wednesdays At Covenant

5.5	Wednesday Night Bible Study
5.12	Wednesday Night Bible Study
5.19	Wednesday Night Bible Study

### Mark your Calendar

5.3	Moms & Muffins
5.11	JOY Group
5.16	Baby Dedication
5.22	Paint / Create—Women’s Min. Men’s Conference— Pursuit Church
5.23	Graduation Sunday
5.26	Royal Rangers/Impact Girls Badge Ceremony No Regular Services

**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, May 2

7:15a..... Worship Team  
8:30a..... Early Morning Worship  
9:45a..... Connections for Prospective New Members  
9:45a..... Intercessory Prayer  
9:45a..... Sunday Connect  
10:45a..... Worship Service  
12:30p..... Covenant Students Leadership Meeting  
6:00p..... Equipping Believers | Bible Study

## Monday, May 3

8:00a..... Moms and Muffins  
7:00p..... Servant Leadership

## Tuesday, May 4

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

## Wednesday, May 5

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

## Thursday, May 6

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

### “We NEED Anointing!”

**Luke 4:18-19** “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

In Isaiah 10:27, there is a very interesting phrase that goes like this: “And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing.” What is the yoke and what is the anointing? The yoke, in this particular scripture; was the heaviness, the oppression, and the ungodly harassment that Israel had endured for most of her history. God is promising to remove this yoke of bondage. How would He remove it? The answer to that question is simple. He said He would remove it by the anointing. How can anointing remove a bondage? To better understand the answer, we must understand what He meant by anointing. Anointing is understood to be the “place” where His Presence showed up. Most often this happens when the Holy Spirit comes to a location where rescuing is needed and necessary. Yes, even in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit could and would show up in places to bring freedom and healing. Obviously, it wasn’t as accessible as it is now since the resurrection, but it was always a possibility. The Holy Spirit always was!

Now let’s skip ahead to the New Testament and take a look at what Jesus is saying in Luke 4. He is first of all acknowledging that the anointing is on Himself, that He is full of the Holy Spirit. He is promising that since He is full of the Holy Spirit He will now bring relief and rescue to some very specific groups. He is promising to bring the gospel to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and liberty to the oppressed. All of this is possible simply because the anointing is present. In fact, you can count on this; wherever the anointing is, change happens; freedom happens. In this season of revival, we need His anointing. We need His Holy Spirit more than ever before. May we continually cry out for His anointing. Wherever His anointing shows up, yokes are destroyed!

### Michael E. Devine

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

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PASSWORD: CBCfamily

