



July 25, 2021



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



GOD'S WORD & GOD'S CHICKEN

EVERY THURSDAY STARTING THURSDAY JUNE 17TH

9-10:30 AM

Completed grades 3rd, 4th, 5th Join Mrs. Grace for Chicken Minis, a Bible Study, and games!



COVENANT KIDS' CAMP

Friday, August 6th - Sunday, August 8th
@ Doe River Gorge

Come join Covenant Kids at Doe River Gorge for an unforgettable summer camp experience! Kids will have the opportunity to learn from Pastor John Tasch at morning and evening services as they fill the time between adventuring through ropes courses, interacting with the many animals who call Doe River home, and enjoying all the amenities of the lake!

Find more details & sign-ups on the church website or app.



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

For more info...
contact

Robin Goodson—
704.732.2420

Items to include in your shoebox:

1. "WOW" item: A soccer ball with pump, a doll, and/or a stuffed animal.
2. Other Gifts: soap, washcloth, matchbox cars, jump rope, t-shirt, socks, ball, pencils, sharpener, crayons, coloring book, notebook.
3. Pray: Most importantly, pray for the children who will receive your gift. You may include a personal note and a photo.
4. Bring your shoeboxes back to church by August 1st please.



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



WATER
SLIDE
NIGHT



Covenant
STUDENTS



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

SEE WEEKLY CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Sunday Evening Service, July 25th, 6:00PM—8:00PM

- Throughout the summer, our students will dive into their identity, value, and purpose in Christ. Our next lesson will be centered on "God Knows Your Real Identity." Join us this Sunday to discover more.

Wednesday Night Service, July 28th, 6:30PM – 7:30PM

- Middle and high school students, we invite you to join Covenant's Student Ministry small groups on Wednesday nights. During this meeting we will provide opportunities to connect and learn more about God's teachings.

Covenant Students' New Communication Platform

- Stay connected! Text 'covenantstudents' to 844-619-1539 to stay connected to what is happening in our Student Ministry at Covenant Church.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	July 18, 2021	Year To Date
Undesignated Giving	\$20,491.15	\$647,893.33
Budget Needs	\$20,075.67	\$582,194.43
Over (Under) Budget	\$415.48	\$65,698.90
Building Fund Giving	\$20.00	\$8,617.83
Other Designated Giving	\$1,323.00	\$30,442.68
Total Giving	\$21,834.15	\$686,953.84

Building Fund To Date **\$21,207.27**



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MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Security Team July 25

Captain—Mike Florence

Bob Brice, Billy Burgin,
Walt Shires, Terry Somers,
Chris Tallent, Darin Tate,
Bryan Tomberlin

Security Team August 1

Captain—Bill Lyda

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

Nursery on July 25

Babies Angela and Cathy Norris

Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez

2s & 3s Jerry and Jane McGill

Nursery on August 1

Babies Andrea Fornshell, Camryn Devine

Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez

2s & 3s Rick and Angie Landers



Wednesdays At Covenant

7.28 Wednesday Night Bible Study

8.4 Wednesday Night Bible Study

8.11 Wednesday Night Bible Study

Mark your Calendar

7.30 CW - Rock Springs Campground

8.1 Love's Journey Breakfast

8.6-8 Covenant Kids' Camp

8.8 Baby Dedication

8.10 JOY Group

8.22 Promotion Sunday

8.25 Back-To-School Service

9.6 Church Office Closed

9.11 Men's Conference—Off Campus

9.12 New Members

Sunday, July 25

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 + New Members
6:00p..... Covenant Students

Monday, July 26

7:00p..... Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, July 27

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

Wednesday, July 28

5:00p..... Kids' Praise Team
6:30p..... Wednesday Evening Bible Study
6:30p..... Wild & Wacky Wednesdays
6:30p..... Covenant Students—FUEL

Thursday, July 29

9-10:30a..... God's Word & God's Chicken
10:00a..... Ladies' Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 103)

Friday, July 30

7:00p..... Rock Springs Campground



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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“Finding Favor”

Daniel 1:17-21. As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. ¹⁸ Now at the end of the days, when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king. ²⁰ And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm. ²¹ Thus Daniel continued until the first year of King Cyrus.

So, let's get this story straight. Daniel (probably 16 or 17 years old at the time) was taken captive into a foreign land by a foreign king who was known for his cruelty. He was taken into that foreign land for the purpose of brainwashing. In this foreign land, he had no adult support. His parents weren't there to encourage him. His youth group buddies were not there. His preacher wasn't with him. In short, he was on his own. If he was going to stand strong in the testing of his faith and traditions, he would have to do it alone. This evil king set aside a period of three years to retrain the mindset of this young man and some of the other young men from his country. The king would seek to control every aspect of their lives. He would decide what they could read, what they could eat, and what they could drink. This young man, against all odds, decided that he wouldn't play along. He refused the delicacies of the king and refused to drink the wine apportioned for him. In the process of choosing to not “defile” himself with the portions of the king, this young man gained the respect of even his enemies. Daniel made a choice most of us wouldn't. He chose, even as a kid, to walk by his convictions. Even if it cost him his life, he refused to deny his faith. In doing so, he not only found the favor of God; but he also found the favor of his enemies.

I think this story is a reminder to us of the power and might of our God. He is calling us all to do as Daniel did. He is calling us to great courage and resolve. He is reminding us of this:

- Those who live by their convictions will walk in a new level of understanding.
- Those who live by their convictions will alter even the lives of the lost.
- Those who live by their convictions will walk in a new anointing.
- Those who live by their convictions will see promotion.

Michael E. Devine

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