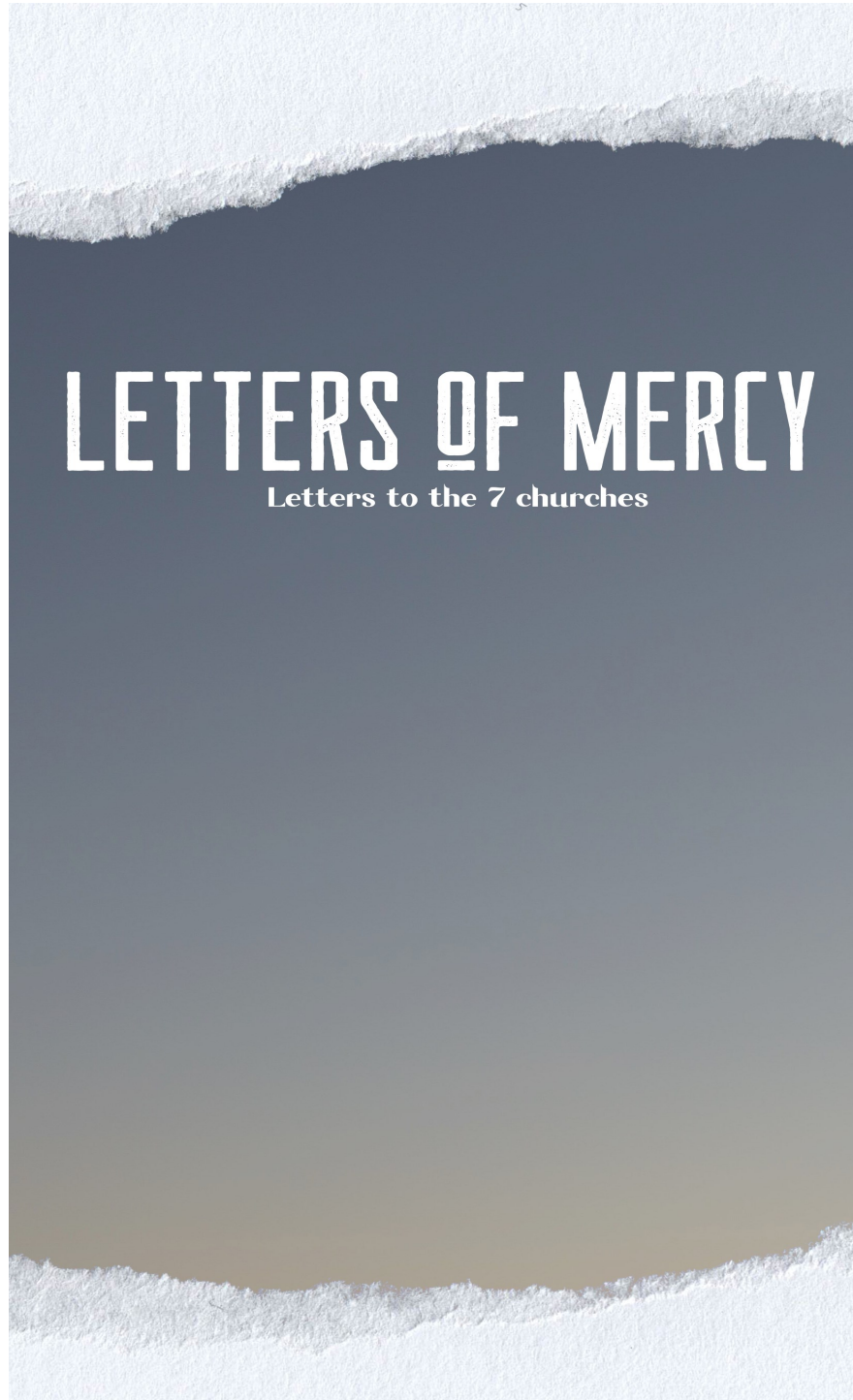




October 24, 2021



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



**LIGHT UP
THE NIGHT**

FALL FESTIVAL

OCT. 31 | 5-8PM

 **Covenant**Church

2168 GASTONIA HIGHWAY, LINCOLNTON



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

**WORSHIP
+
BAPTISM**

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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



M'pact Clubs -
6:30p for girls



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

SEE WEEKLY CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Sunday, Oct. 24th, 6:00PM—8:00PM

- This is our last week looking at Joshua's leadership in the book of Joshua. The book of Joshua is an exciting look at ancient Israelite history; a pivotal era when the chosen people finally begin claiming the Promised Land after centuries of waiting, slavery, and wandering in the wilderness. Joshua was an intimidated new leader, replacing the legendary Moses, in a book that will challenge students to grow in their faith in God, challenge them to act, and call them to a decision for Christ.

Wednesday Night Service, Oct. 27th, 6:30PM – 7:30PM

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

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

Upcoming events: Student Dodgeball Tournament | 9am—Until | Nov. 20th.
Winter Ramp—Dec. 29—Jan. 1

FINANCIAL UPDATE

October 17, 2021

Year To Date

Undesignated Giving	\$24,083.54	\$969,497.50
Budget Needs	\$20,075.67	\$843,178.14
Over (Under) Budget	\$4,007.87	\$126,319.36
Building Fund Giving	\$10.00	\$11,935.83
Other Designated Giving	\$10,886.00	\$57,836.62
Total Giving	\$34,979.54	\$1,039,279.95
Building Fund To Date	\$24,525.27	



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MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Security Team October 24

Captain—Chad Beard

Jordy Beard, Dan Calloway,
Brian Lukowski, Kyle Raby

Security Team October 31

Captain—Scott Cole

Dawn Cole, Robby Cline,
John Nielson, Logan Ray,
Bobby Sanders, Robbie Walls,
Craig Vandenberg

Nursery on October 24

Babies Jonathan and Monica Harrill

Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez

2s & 3s Chris and Kim Carriagan

Nursery on October 31

Babies Andrea Fornshell, Becky Cutshall

Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez

2s & 3s Chris and Wendy Casey

Wednesdays At Covenant

10.27 Wednesday Night Bible Study

11.3 Wednesday Night Bible Study

11.10 Wednesday Night Bible Study

Mark your Calendar

10.27 Preschool Fall Festival

10.31 Light Up The Night Fall Festival

11.9 JOY Group—Drive-Thru

11.14 Baby Dedication

11.17 Worship / Baptism

11.24 No Service

11.24 Church Office Closes @ 1p.m.

11.25-26 Church Office Closed

Sunday, October 24

- 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, October 25

- 8:30a..... Moms and Muffins
- 7:00p..... Elders’ Meeting

Tuesday, October 26

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

Wednesday, October 27

- 5:00p..... Kids’ Praise Team
- 6:30p..... Covenant Students—FUEL
- 6:30p..... Royal Rangers & M pact Girls
- 6:30p..... Wednesday Night Bible Study

Thursday, October 28

- 10:00a..... Ladies’ Intercessory Prayer Group (Room 103)

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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“Little” Strength

Rev. 3:7-8 “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”’: 8 “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

As Jesus is addressing the church at Philadelphia, we are hard-pressed to find a single negative word in all that He is saying. That’s true except for two simple little words right smack in the middle of the letter. These two words have confused me for as long as I’ve read them. He says to them, “I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have little strength...” Did you catch it? He’s complimenting their works and then says to them, but you have little strength. This seems very confusing to me. It would seem to me that if he is commending their efforts, He would commend their “big” strength, not their “little” strength. Then it dawned on me; maybe I am reading it wrong.

Maybe He is saying something different from what I’m perceiving. Maybe He isn’t saying that they are weak at all. He may be bragging on them for having strength in the little things. Perhaps He is proud of them because they have shown faithfulness in the way they love in small and personal ways. Maybe His excitement over them and blessing to them stems from the way they love others when no one else is looking. It may be the little things that move the heart of the Father. Perhaps we are sidetracked thinking that what we do only counts when we move big mountains for God. What if we dared to believe that what really impresses the heart of our Father is our faithfulness in the moving of the small mountains. Maybe what impresses His heart is us loving in little ways and serving in little ways. Perhaps He is trying to remind us to love little people in big ways. Maybe “little strength” is what we should all be after.

Michael E. Devine

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