



Come Satisfy the Hungry Heart at Covenant

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Well Done, Good & Faithful Folks!

Soon we'll be celebrating weddings, graduations, end of school year activities and other Spring activities, as we make our way into summer. So, before too much time passes by, let us give thanks to so many who made our 2007 Lenten & Easter season so wonderful:

Thanks to: **Elaine Kennel & the Worship Ministry** for taking time to look at some new and fresh ways to worship and appreciate this holy time; **Rev. Perry & Matt Murray** for our first attempt at Taize worship on Wednesday nights; for all who provided food for the **Soup Suppers**; to everyone who participated in **Chocolate for Lent** and our delicious chocolate feast, allowing me not to have to wrestle with giving up chocolate for 6 weeks ☺.

And let us not forget: **Jim Johnston & the Property Ministry and all** who helped spread mulch to get our yard ready and welcoming; **Dennis Duryea** for his careful & creative choosing of the many beautiful flowering plants that decorated the sanctuary and now live in our church yard; those who provided the children's activities and **Egg Hunt**, including many of our guest families; **Mike Joyce & Betsy Mebane** for the Easter morning pancake breakfast.

And a special word of thanks to our dedicated & talented Music **Ministry** who filled our worships with the beauty of seasonal music, causing us to proclaim, "*Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed!*"

And while we're at it... "**How 'bout that Earth Day celebration?**" We now have a Community Garden! Thanks to Anna & Casey Perry, Grace Note, the Youth & Children, the Stiles/Snepp Family; Rev. Kathy Smith and all who helped set up & clean-up...

And with grateful hearts, let us also thank **Glenn Thornton** for coordinating our annual Spring Daze booth at Bond Park and for the tireless efforts of all the volunteers—while we always provide great food, it all pales by comparison to the spirit of fun & working well together that was shared among us and offered to the customers...

All our hearts are truly filled with gladness to God for giving us so many gifts within the lives of this congregation; but without the willingness to share our gifts, it would all be for naught. Praise God from whom all blessings flow... **Joanne**

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Worship and a Cookout... Who could ask for anything more?



Join us for a
Christian Family Celebration
Sunday, May 20, 2007
10:30 AM

We will be celebrating our church family, all the men and women, girls & boys, who nurture us as family. **We will also honor all our upcoming high school and college graduates.** We also want to say thank you to all who have volunteered in the Education Ministry this past year. Our children especially appreciate your willingness to spread the gospel and teach them Christian values in this loving community.

Rain or Shine, a Cookout will immediately follow 10:30am worship. The Bill of Fare includes: hotdogs & burgers, slaw, chips, beverages & dessert. A donation of \$5 per person/\$15 max for families is requested. Some tables and chairs will be set up, but bring a blanket and lawn chairs. Feel Free to dress casually for worship too!

Calling All Youth & Kids2Kids!



To Do List:

1. Wash car
2. Pick up dessert
3. Help someone in need

Does this look like your list? Well, on Saturday, May 12, you can accomplish all of these things by dropping by the Church between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Covenant's children and youth (Kdgn-12th grade) are sponsoring a car wash and bake sale to raise money for the Youth's summer mission trip. Please stop by and help out this wonderful cause. Questions? Contact Rev. Anna Perry or Jody Barish.

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Komen Race for the Cure Registration Deadline, May 15

Last year, Covenant Christian Church participated in the Susan Komen Race for the Cure in honor of Rev. VerBurg. This year we'd also like to participate in honor of all our breast cancer survivors. Whether you like to walk, run, or just choose to make a donation, we'd love to have you involved. The race is **Saturday, June 9**, at Meredith College with a competitive 5K, a women's 5K, a 5K walk/run, and a 1 mile walk/run, at various times from 7:15 to 9:45 a.m. Last year, many of us chose the 5K walk/run, but you can participate in any of the races and still be on the church's team.

The easiest way to register is online at www.komennctriangle.org. Follow the links for Race for the Cure information. Once you reach "Join an Existing Team," enter Covenant Connection as the team name. You can follow the instructions from there. **Online registration closes at midnight, May 15.**

If you're unable to come to the race, you can be a 'sleep-in' participant OR you can simply make a donation to our team's fundraising goal--both options are online. If you don't like to use the computer, we'll have registration forms and donation sheets at church on Sunday, May 5, and May 12. Questions? Contact Jody Barish at 460-2820 or jodylb23@yahoo.com. **Thanks so much for supporting this wonderful cause! Jody Barish**

Semi-annual Congregational Meeting
May 20, following worship, for the purpose of
electing the 2007-08 Officers & Leaders

Come Meet Borg's Jesus for Yourself

WHAT: Book study and discussion
TITLE: *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*
AUTHOR: Marcus J. Borg, noted author; leader featured in "Living the Questions")
WHEN: Sunday Mornings during May & part of June at 9:15 am in the Seekers Class

The title sounds like "déjà vu all over again," and it is. Borg is a Christian and a Jesus scholar; a professor at a Oregon State University. This book is about his knowing Jesus as a child, as a researcher, and then, struggling to discover for the first time, an authentic relationship with the One who can teach us how to live out our faith. **EVERYONE IS INVITED! DROP IN WHEN YOU CAN!**

Joys and Concerns

Congratulations to: **Camilla Mills** who received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award at NCCU College of Science & Technology; **Drew Kidwell** ranked in the top 25 of his Jr. Class and being selected as a Jr. Marshall for Cary HS Graduation Ceremonies; **Natalie Cassell** who is joining the Peace Corp after graduation from UNC-CH..

Recent: Camilla Mills; Sherri Duryea; Carroll Benedict & family; Dorothy Tiven; Don Ross...

Ongoing Member Requests: Denise Loughridge; Glenda Hoffman; Lesley Richardson; Mary Toney; Betty Johnston.

Continuing Prayers for Family Members: **Parents of Ann Hall;** **Mothers of:** Betsy Mebane; Dick Reaves; Alan Wilkinson; Dave Deardorff; Sandi Velez; Lesley Richardson; **Fathers of** Meg Snave; Sharon Frost; Debbie Miller; **Grandmothers of** Greg Stelmack; Carolyn Allen & Bill Rivers; **Sons of** Kathy Smith & Jim Johnston; **Sisters of** Elgin Fry; Hazel Brothers; Elaine Kennel; Sharon Frost & Brad Baldwin; **Brothers of:** Carol Carson; Phama Johnston; Art Brothers; **Great Aunt of:** Terry White; **Aunts of** Mary Lou Jackson; Steve Frost & Kathy Smith; **Uncles of:** Terry White; Melanie Bunn; Betsy Mebane; **Nephew of** Meg Snave; **Great-nephew of** Jody & Jay Barish; **Cousins of** Betsy Mebane; Elaine Fry; Larry Linguist; Jim Hartman; **Sisters-in-law of** Mary Lou Jackson; Hazel Brothers; Sharon Garrett; Phama Johnston.

Remembering Others: Clarice Garrett; Lisa Hedlund; Herb & Eleanor Ann Moskowitz; Lilly Brust; Sandy Miller; Cameron Wall; Art Mersuri; Kay Yow; Jeff Miller; Rhonda Wendt; Brenda Lorren; Ron Walters & Don Styles; Sharon Johnson; Michael Peters; Mickey Michael; Hazel Schuller; General & Regional Church Leaders; Disciples new church starts: Chapel Hill; Burlington & Wake Forest.

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Thank you from the Worship Ministry

The Worship Ministry would like to thank everyone who has help to make the weekly and special services run smoothly and provide such meaningful worship during this past program year. One of the exciting things about worship at Covenant is that there are so many opportunities for our members to participate.

So, again thank you for serving as a worship leader, reader, sound tech, greeter, Elder, Diaconate member, acolyte, children's moment story teller, choir member, and others who have shared their music with us. Your gifts of time, energy & talent are greatly appreciated.

Elaine Kennel, Chairperson

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Earth Day, Every Day!

Our earth day celebration on April 22 was fun and educational. But truly, we should be celebrating Earth Day, ever day! To help us do that, our Outreach and Social Justice Ministries team is beginning a congregational recycling program. There are several pieces to that program which have already begun!

- AFTER you pull out any inserts you want to take home, place your bulletin in the basket by the door as you exit. These along with office waste paper will be delivered to the Wake County convenience centers.
- Place your used household batteries and printer cartridges in baskets outside the church office.
- We hope soon to start purchasing paper plates and cups made from recycled materials; we're looking for the most cost effective source. We'll also be establishing collection bins for cans and plastic bottles, etc.

Please contact Kathy Smith, ekathys@yahoo.com or 363-6313, if you're willing to make an occasional run to the collection site or if you have additional ideas for Covenant's recycling efforts.

So remember – Earth Day, every day!

Men's Ministry News...

Our next breakfast meeting is Saturday, May 12, 8:15am at the church. Our Guest speaker will be Gary Hahn, the "Voice of the Wolfpack." He will share the story of his life and what Christ means to him. Invite a friend to join you.

Joe Teixeira & Mike Joyce, Co-Chairs

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Women's Ministry News...

Many of the Women's Ministry's activities are winding down as we approach summer. This gives us the opportunity to renew our spirits, to review the past year, and to focus on the next. Please continue praying for guidance and service as we seek women to fill various leadership positions for the 2007-2008 year in the Women's Ministry

Thanks to everyone who helped with food, planning, set-up & cleanup for the April 21 breakfast. We especially thank Elaine Kennel who presented the program highlighting the Mix in '06 Conference. We viewed a DVD depicting the amazing story of Renee Bondi, a quadriplegic, and how she believes God enabled her to sing again and to provide for her every need through a unique and inspiring ministry. Elaine Kennel was also recognized for her many years of service as the Women's Ministry treasurer.

St. Paul's Christian Church (DoC) in Raleigh has graciously extended an invitation to Covenant's men and women to share in their "Thousand Villages" pot-luck dinner and program, Tuesday, May 22. Contact Lisa Yanchunas, 656-7078, for more information.

Our last Women's Ministry Bible Study until Fall, based on the theme, "Common Roots" will be Tuesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. at the church. We will revisit all the "wisdoms" we have studied throughout the year. All are welcome, even if you have not been able to be with us before.

A Women's Ministry meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 10 following worship to plan activities for next year; to confirm co-chairs; and to select committee leaders and participants. All women are encouraged to attend. Your ideas, interests, and commitment are needed. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Lisa Yanchunas or Sharon Garrett to express your interest.

Sharon Garrett & Lisa Yanchunas, Coordinators

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The Library Corner

BL2: Helping Your Kids Make Good Decisions: Guiding your kids in a world full of options, encouraging parents of all ages and stages.

Teaching our children how to choose television, books and friends and who to listen to is a challenge for every parent. This book encourages parents by helping their kids through commitment, discipline, effort and behavior. Half of the book deals with how we make choices and the rest with the role of the parents. Three families at different stages of life are used as illustrations of what one can do as the children age. Scripture is used as a source of guidance as well as life experiences.

Children can learn to choose wisely or foolishly. They can blame others or be responsible. They can choose not to choose and let someone else do it. They will do what they have seen their parents, teachers, mentors and peers do. The parents' chapters are based on modeling, encouragement, guiding and choosing to allow good choices. The last chapter deals with sex, drugs and Jesus.

The Foreword is written by the authors 3 teenage sons. An introduction, appendix and notes of other sources are included in 185 pages. This is easy, interesting reading from which parents or anyone working with children or teens would benefit.

Sally Shelly, Reviewer

Hey! I've Got My Own Blog!

Thanks to David Hamm, the weekly Musings are now on a blog: <http://joannesmusings.blogspot.com> This way you can share your thoughts with me about anything I've written. There's also a link on Covenant's web page: www.CovenantChristianChurch-Cary.org

Check it out! Lookin' forward to hearing from you...

Joanne

2007 CAMP INFORMATION

Download registration forms at
www.ncdisciples.org

Send completed forms to:
Christian Church in North Carolina, PO Box 1568,
Wilson, North Carolina 27894
Or phone: (252)291-4047

Deadline: May 15 for all camps Late fee: \$25
All Camp Forms must be signed by
Rev. Perry or Rev. VerBurg

CAMP CAROLINE

(Arapahoe, NC-along the Neuse River)

Coed Mind, Motion & Spirituality Grades 4-7	June 10-15	\$410
Camp for Grades 3-5 I	June 17-22	\$275
Camp for Grades 6-7 I	June 17-22	\$275
CYF Conference Grades 9-12	June 24-29	\$275
Kayak Camp for Grades 5-8	June 24-29	\$410
Horse Riding Camp Grades 3-6 **See Below	July 2-6	\$400
Camp for Grades 1-3	July 6-8	\$125
Sailing Camp for Grades 4-7	July 6-8	\$125
Uno Camp for Grades K-1 (w/1 parent or grandparent*)	July 7-8	\$65
Created to Be Me for Grade 8	July 8-14	\$300
Kayak Camp for Grades 5-7	July 8-13	\$410
Camp for Grades 3-5 II	July 15-20	\$275
Camp for Grades 6-7 II	July 15-20	\$275
Horse Riding Camp Grades 3-6 **See Below	July 15-20	\$410
Sailing, Arts & Stars Camp Grades 4-7	July 29-Aug 3	\$275

CHRISTMOUNT

(Black Mountain, NC near Asheville)

CYF Conference Grades 9-12	June 18-23	\$275
Camp – Grades 3-5	June 25-30	\$275
Camp – Grades 6-7	June 25-30	\$275

Financial Help Available!
The Coast or the Mountains?
Both offer great camps!

Contact Rev. Perry for more information!

A Penny Here...A Penny There...

It All Adds Up!

What if Covenant Christian Church earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Well, now we can! www.GoodSearch.com is a new search engine that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and it's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Covenant Christian Church as the charity you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! And, be sure to spread the word!

March 2007 Financial Information

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$ 4,042.71
Receipts	\$ 16,312.69
Disbursements	\$ 20,654.94
Ending Balance	\$ (299.54)
Capital Campaign	
Beginning Balance	\$ 26,668.36
Receipts	\$ 225.00
Disbursements	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 26,893.36

Thank you for helping us meet our budget!



Lift off!

Soaring to new heights with God!

Vacation Bible School 2007

Evenings, July 9-13

Mark your calendars NOW!

Registration forms available soon.

For more info contact:

Darla and Brad Baldwin, Directors

darlabaldwin@nc.rr.com

And Now THE ABSOLUTE FINAL Word from Mary Lou...

You may obtain an updated copy of the Membership List via email...or there are copies outside the office on the table.

Also, we do like to know of your attendance at functions here at Covenant...please remember to sign the attendance pads on Sundays, even if the worship leader forgets to tell you... and also remember to fill in the Attendance notebooks for Sunday School and other classes, found in each room.

AND...

Please, please...have your Newsletter articles to me by May 19, 2007 for the Newsletter. I do like to get it mailed before the first of the next month!