

2021



August

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Covenant Courier

GARAGE SALE TO BENEFIT HABITAT AND OTHER MISSIONS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021, FROM 8A TO NOON

Mark your calendar and tell your friends—our Garage Sale is happening! All proceeds will be used to support Covenant’s mission activities.

We need more **volunteers** to help with organizing, pricing and then working on the day of the sale. If you feel led to help support this effort, contact any of the LWWMC members, or email Don Coble at dwcoble1@gmail.com.

We continue to accept any donated items, except for clothing. Items are **now** being stored in the classroom **opposite** the kitchen off the Fellowship Hall. (The other classroom and the basement storage area are FULL). The Habitat for Humanity "Restore" will receive all donated items that do not sell.

The Local & Worldwide Missions Committee thanks everyone for their support of this and all of Covenant's mission activities.

SAVE THE DATE:
CHURCH WIDE
GARAGE SALE
AUGUST 7, 2021



STUFF THE BUS UPDATE

How did we do, you ask??? The Local & Worldwide Missions Committee would like to send out a HUGE Thank YOU for your support for our local mission - Stuff the Bus. Your donations will make a big impact and difference this year in the lives of the at-risk children in the Johnson City Schools. Between the items you brought in and the \$535.00 (!!!) in monetary contributions, our church was able to donate **six large boxes of school supplies, which included 65 backpacks**. Wow! That's amazing!

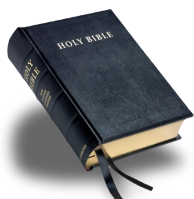
Thank you for sharing God's love,

The Local & Worldwide Missions Committee

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

John 15:12

IN THE PULPIT—AUGUST



August 1	Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman
August 8	Rev. Dr. Brian Alderman
August 15	Bri Olson
August 22	Laura Hicks Hardy
August 29	John Golden



WORSHIP SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us on Sundays at 11:00 AM for in-person worship services! Out of an abundance of caution, we will not be providing nursery care at this time.

Adult Sunday School Classes:

The **Issues Class** will continue to meet on Zoom at 8:30a; contact Jerry Nagel at swnjwn4@gmail.com.

The **Sojourners Class** is meeting in person at 9:45a; contact is Ron Smith at ronDsmith1349@outlook.com.

The **Bible Discovery Sunday School** class begins again on the **8th of August**. For those who love to examine and learn from Holy Scripture, we will have in-person Sunday School classes beginning the 8th of August at 9:45a in the Bible Discovery classroom (off the hallway between the sanctuary and the choir room). Contact is Bob Armistead at 423-202-3270.

MONTHLY MOVIE MATINÉE!

Saturday Matinée at the Movies will begin in September. We will meet in the church library on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:00 PM. Movie details to come!!



UPDATED STATEMENT ON MASKS

On behalf of Session and the Re-Opening Task Force:

Out of an abundance of caution, we advise that participants attending indoor activities at Covenant continue to wear masks until the risk level of COVID-19 infection is low. The CDC guidelines relaxing the wearing of masks apply to fully vaccinated individuals. Our informal poll of Covenant worship attendees found that approximately 20% are not vaccinated. There are some that are too young, are allergic, or are immunosuppressed and can't be fully vaccinated. To determine the COVID-19 risk level, we are using the Covid Tracker website for Washington county:

https://covidactnow.org/us/tennessee-tn/county/washington_county/

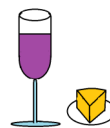
We will check the website each week, and when the parameters are all in the **green - low risk - zone**, we will email a notice and place signs on the doors indicating that **masks are voluntary**. Should the COVID-19 risk level cross back into the **yellow - medium risk - zone**, we will email a notice and place signs on the doors that **masks are required**. Thank you.

NOTE: Covenant's Covid-19 Masking Guidelines apply to ALL groups meeting in person at the church. Please read, respect, and adhere to our Statement on Masks.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2021-22 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY: WHAT MY GRANDMOTHERS TAUGHT ME LEARNING FROM THE WOMEN IN MATTHEW'S GENEALOGY OF JESUS



All of the women of the church, and friends of the women in the church, are invited to attend our monthly PW Circle study groups. There are three (3) groups from which to choose: one daytime, one evening, and one that is switching it up depending on the weather! All 3 use the same study book, which is available for pick up in the church office workroom on Sundays or during office hours. The Circles meet from Fall to Spring, and take Summers off. If you are interested in knowing more about the PW Circles, please connect with one the contacts.

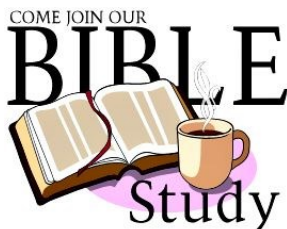
- ♦ **The Red Tent Circle normally meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month (beginning in August); however, they will meet on the 3rd Thursday for the months of August & September.** The first meeting will be on Thurs., August 19, at 7:00 PM at the home of BJ King, 8 Fox Run Lane. (Contact for this Circle is BJ King.)
- ♦ **The Friendship Circle meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the church library at 1:30 PM. Their first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 8.** (Contact for this Circle is Elaine Warehime.)
- ♦ **The Joy Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.** Unless they change the day/time. The first meeting MAY be on Tues., September 14, at 7:00 PM in the Bible Discovery classroom in the hallway near the Sanctuary OR at the home of Anne Smith OR during the day at the park. **Contact Anne Smith to find out!!!**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

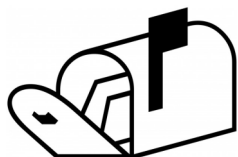
The weekly Men's Bible Study group will begin meeting again on
Thursday, August 5, 2021!!

All men of the church (and friends of the men in the church) are invited to the Men's Bible Study on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. We will meet every week in the Fellowship Hall, rain or shine. The coffee is hot and the discussion is lively.

We'd love to have you join us, even if you aren't able to come every week. More participation equals more perspective, and more perspective can lead to a greater understanding of the Bible.



If you wish to be **added or removed** from our mailing list, either snail-mail or e-mail, please contact the Church office at 423-282-5324 or office@cpcjc.org.



Elders of Covenant (Session)

Class of 2021

Don Hart, *Communications*
Bud King, *Administration & Budget*
Pat Smith, *Christian Education*
Frankie Wolff, *Congregational Life*



Class of 2022

Tony Madden, *Local & Worldwide Missions*
Betsy Moakler, *Congregational Life*
Anne Smith, *Christian Education*
David L. Wood, *Worship*



Class of 2023

Kathi Cary, *Worship & Clerk of Session*
*Don Coble, *Local & Worldwide Missions*
*Gwen Hunter, *Congregational Life*
Lauri Zembower, *Admin. & Budget*

[*Extending one year per PC(USA) Covid-19 guidelines.]

Committees and Task Forces at Covenant

Administration & Budget Committee
Worship Committee
Christian Education Committee
Communications Committee
Congregational Life Committee
Local & Worldwide Missions Committee
Property Committee
Session

Seasonally or as needed:

PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee)
Elder Nominating Committee
Covid-19 Re-Opening Task Force
Mowing Teams
Bereavement

NOTES FROM SESSION...by Kathi Cary

Since having to close physical access to the church, the Session has, on behalf of the church:

- ♦ Accepted Sharon Fuhrman, Logan Tindell, Holly Bland, and Bob Clark into membership of Covenant.
- ♦ Approved re-opening of Covenant for worship, Sunday School, small groups, and outside groups (Al-Anon, N.A. other 12-step groups, non-profit board meetings, etc.)
- ♦ Supported the purchase of AV equipment, which will enable us to live-stream our worship services.
- ♦ Continued the missions of the church by supporting, through our budget and congregational offerings, our regular and special mission projects, such as the Melting Pot, Family Promise, "Stuff the Bus" (school supplies for at-risk children in the Johnson City School system); and food for Good Samaritan.

Also, many of you are not aware that contributions (pledges, giving to the church and its missions) continued throughout the Covid-19 lockdown, even while the church building was physically closed.

BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE—MONDAY, AUGUST 9 FROM 6 TO 8 PM—ZOOM

Topic of the month: Dr. Daryl Carter will facilitate a discussion on the current sensitive issue of Critical Race Theory as it applies to education in the public school system. Dr. Carter is a professor of history, focusing on African-American history. He is also Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences for Diversity and Inclusion. You may contact Ed Wolff at bbwolff1937@gmail.com for details.

MOM POWER

Although, due to Covid 19, Mom Power was not able to meet in our building this spring, Covenant volunteers were still able to bless 8 young mothers and their children by providing lunches at Rotary Park playdates, and transportation for one mother/child. We are blessed to be a part of this ministry that provides parenting education, relationship, and emotional support to struggling young mothers and their children. We are thankful to Angie Martin of Families Free and Diana Morelen of ETSU Psychology Department for including us in this Kingdom work. We plan to participate again in Spring 2022. Thank you to all of our Mom Power volunteers! You are very much appreciated!

Here is a note from Angie Martin, Mom Power coordinator for Families Free:

Mom Power went very well! Of the 8 moms who enrolled, only one dropped out but it had nothing to do with her not wanting to participate. She will be joining this next group in Elizabethton. 6 of our mamas received "completion" certificates and one mama received a "participation" certificate. The playdates made all the difference with this group. It was wonderful that you all could support this. We are so glad we will be back to in-person groups in Elizabethton and look forward to next spring at Covenant!

Have a great summer! Angie Martin

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Hello friends and supporters, Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center (HPCRC) is alive and well!

July 1, 2021 was a pivotal day in the life of our almost 66-year-old special place we know as Holston Camp. The future is bright!

On that day, the mutually beneficial agreement to adopt a covenant relationship between HPCRC and Holston Presbytery went into effect. This is the same form of relationship Holston Presbytery has with institutions such as King University and Tusculum University. With this relationship, our Camp remains affiliated with the PC(USA), Holston Presbytery, and the many churches that have been the lifeblood of this ministry since its beginning. The Camp is now in an improved position to be nimbler, and Holston Presbytery is relieved of the responsibility for funding the Camp Director's salary.

Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center is a not-for-profit corporation in the State of North Carolina and has been since its beginning in 1955. It is now governed by a Board of Directors, responsible for all operations of HPCRC, including the employment of an Executive Director, and all other support staff. The title of Camp Director was changed under our new bylaws to Executive Director, which more accurately represents the duties of this very important position.

As of this writing, we have completed four weeks of resident camp and are halfway through our nine weeks of day camp. Work is complete on Director's Hall, which will house the soon-to-be-launched preschool program. The focus of the preschool will be learning in nature. All camp kids love nature playtime: well-supervised free play in God's good creation. There is so much to be learned outdoors! The preschool will be a year-round program and serve the local community where this is a much-needed service.

The Camp staff and Board of Directors have a long list of projects, programs, hopes, and dreams for the future of the Camp--YOUR Camp! Would you be interested in serving on a project team to assist the Board with a project or program? Please contact either me or one of the Board members. Ideas and energy are welcome!

As a not-for-profit organization, we have learned the "rule of thumb" is to plan to raise 25-30% of the annual budget through donations. This is how programs like summer camp can be a success without charging large registration fees. We are currently developing a plan for sustainable financial support. Please be watching for opportunities to be a part of YOUR Camp's future.

I am humbled to have been elected as Chair of the Board and proud to serve with such a strong, committed group of people. God has been especially good to Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, where our hearts belong.

Gwen Hunter, Chair, Board of Directors, Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF
JETER COLLINS

BY

Steve & Jackie Bader
Alan & Donna Bridwell
Betty Maletich
Gary & Anne Smith



CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

Pat Zembower, Christian's mother; Traci Starr Honeycutt, Jim & Norma Starr's daughter; Gary Davis, Charlotte Corbett's son-in-law; Gary Salazar, friend of Cynthia Erdei.

Our mission co-workers:

Bob & Kristi Rice: South Sudan
Jon & Kathy Christiansen: Zimbabwe

Ministries of the Presbytery:

UKirk ETSU (Pres. Campus Ministry)
Holston Presbytery Camp

INVITATION TO CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR GLAY HOOD

From Marti Saltzman (Glays daughter):

"Please join us to celebrate the life of Glay Morgan Hood on Sunday, August 8 at 3:30 at the Down Home, 300 West Main Street, Johnson City. All are welcome!"

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD OFFERING

The **Good Samaritan grocery carts** continue to be placed outside the double doors in front of the office, under the overhang, **between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM, Monday thru Thursday.** Just drive up, load your items into the cart, and drive off! The grocery carts will be in the hallway on Sundays. We will continue collecting the following food items as they are staples:

**Jelly/Jam; Peanut Butter; Canned Veggies;
Canned Fruits; Dry / Canned Beans; Rice;
Soups; Cereals (*hot and cold*);
Canned Meats (*Tuna, Vienna Sausage, etc.*)**

If you wish to make a monetary donation, we will pass it along, too. Thank you for your generous donations to this local ministry!



ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that you can make your contributions to the church online? You may also give to Special Offerings, such as 5 Cents a Meal, BABMOC, Good Samaritan, The River, as well as giving a memorial gift or other contribution online. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy—just visit the church website, [www.cpcjc.org] and click our Online Giving link. There is also a box you can check (optional) if you wish to help the church offset the cost of providing online giving.

Besides online giving or dropping off or mailing a check, it is also easy (and free) to set up **automatic payments** through your banking institution or online BillPay.

Thank you for continuing to support the work of Covenant Presbyterian Church. *If you have any questions, please contact Tina in the church office.*

JUNE TREASURER'S REPORT

Income to General Fund June

Actual \$13,461.37
vs. Budgeted \$13,186.00

Expenses from General Fund June

Actual \$9,312.79
vs. Budgeted \$13,186.00

Year to Date Income General Fund

Actual \$**99,184.93
vs. Budgeted \$79,116.00

Year to Date Expenses from General Fund

Actual \$63,912.93
vs. Budgeted \$79,116.00

*The 5-Cents a Meal Offering
for June was \$30.00.*

***included pre-paid pledges from
2020 and applied to 2021.*

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to glorify and enjoy God. We live knowing that God calls us to be a place of love, support, hope and acceptance regardless of earthly labels; Jesus Christ commissions us to make disciples and passionately share our gifts with the world through prayer, teaching, and service; the Holy Spirit allows us to determine and carry out Christ’s will for our lives and the life of our church, and empowers us to seek out and respond to the needs of our local and global community.

AFFIRMING ALL GOD’S CHILDREN:

We at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Johnson City, Tennessee, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church (USA), aka PC(USA), present its Churchwide Antiracism Policy, first adopted in 1999 and revised in 2016. It proclaims the following:

“While recognizing that racism victimizes many different racial ethnic groups, we acknowledge its unique impact on the African American community. Given the particular forms that anti-Black racism has taken in the United States of America, both historically (including slavery and Jim Crow) and today (including mass incarceration, disproportionate policing, economic inequality, and continuing acts of racially oriented violence and hate), we state clearly: GOD LOVES BLACKNESS. Too many have denied this basic truth for too long. Our choice to align ourselves with love and not hate requires both a rejection of racism and a positive proclamation that God delights in Black lives.”

STATEMENT OF OPENNESS AND WELCOME

We aspire to Christ’s model of openness and love for all persons. As God has welcomed us, we also welcome everyone into the life, leadership, and community of Christ’s church, regardless of abilities, age, economic status, education, ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social position or any identity or status that might be perceived as separating us from God or one another.

We pledge to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each of God’s children, with membership, leadership, and employment open to whomever God calls.