

**New Covenant United Methodist Church
Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 15, 2012**

**“The Body of Christ: Going in Faith, Growing in Love
and Serving Others”**

*Indicates that they who are able should please stand.

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Call to Worship *Down to the River to Pray*

Leader: O come, let us worship and show our love for
God

Greeting (Responsively) People: THAT WE MAY GO INTO THE WORLD AND
LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELF.

*Congregational Praise *I Love You with the Love of the Lord
The Bond of Love, The Servant Song*

Children’s Message Randy Wall

Offering & Music *Blessings*—Savannah Cooper & Shannon Reavis

*Offertory Response Doxology—MH 25

Prayer Bryan Abernathy

Anthem *Alpha and Omega*—His Song

Scripture Genesis 4:1-16—Janet Hinson

Message “My Brothers Keeper”—Pastor Randy Wall
“In the Beginning.....” Sermon Series

Welcome to worship on this Sunday morning. How good it is to gather today in the house of the Lord. If you are a guest here at New Covenant Church, a special welcome to you. Pastor Randy continues his sermon series titled “In the Beginning: Beginning Stories, Lifelong Lessons.” Today, he focuses on the story of the first brothers, Cain and Abel. As worship begins, speak to God uttering a prayer for this time of worship before us. During worship, allow God through the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

Principle 1—This is a story about brothers, and also a story about _____.
See Genesis 4:3-5

Principle 2—This is a story about brothers, and also a story about _____.
See Genesis 4:8-10

Principle 3—This is a story about brothers, and also _____.
See Genesis 4:12-15

*Closing Song *My Hope Is Built*

*Benediction *Go Now In Peace*—MH 665

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emergencies!—If you have an emergency and need our pastor, please call Randy at (704) 464-9837. If you cannot reach Randy, please call Linda Stroup at (704) 913-2812.

Worship Attendance Sheet—You will find in your bulletin our worship attendance sheet. Whether you are a regular attender or a guest, please fill this out and drop it in the offering plate so we will have a record of your attendance and follow up accordingly. For those who are regular attenders, please register your attendance and update your information if there has been a change. Thank you for your help.

Prayer Quilts—The quilts placed on the quilt racks are for Christine Sherrill, Conroe Dowell, Scott Taylor, Jayne Taylor, Cynthia Stickel, Chloe Dietrich and Marie H. Bommer. Quilts on the left were placed on the racks last week. The quilts to the right are on the racks for the first time. Please say a prayer and tie a knot for these individuals.

Congratulations to the following new officers elected on January 8th:
TRUSTEES- Trip Callahan: Chairperson, Webb Hatley: Vice Chairperson,
Cheryl Smith: Secretary
COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP- Bryan Abernathy: Vice Chairperson,
Holly Adams: Secretary
PARSONAGE COMMITTEE- Carolyn Lazevnick: Chairperson,
Donnie Lanham: Vice Chairperson, Jennifer Price: Secretary

Staff-Parish Committee will meet on Monday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Missions Committee will meet on Monday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

The 2012 Planning Session has been scheduled for Saturday, January 28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Following a brief time of breakfast and fellowship, we will prayerfully spend some time planning for our ministry together in 2012. While this planning session is for members of the Administrative Council, all persons who are a part of New Covenant Church are welcome to attend. (Please bring a breakfast item for all to enjoy.)

Help Needed—We need help in the Toddler Sunday School Class. If you are interested, please call Missy Michael at 704-735-3400 or please see Skip or Alicia Underwood.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT			
Weekly Giving Goal	\$ 5,222.00	Building Fund Giving for 1/8	\$ 1,673.00
Given 1/8	\$ 4,452.50	Building Fund Balance	\$ 10,648.18
Giving Goal to Date	\$ 10,444.00	FLC Loan Balance	\$450,260.17
Given to Date	\$ 10,392.50		
Deficit	\$ 51.50		
Attendance for January 8th—1st Service-94, 2nd Service-127			

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

NURSERY THIS WEEK—9:00 Cindy & Cameron Ganous; 11:00 Michelle Stroupe & Christy McInnis, Steve & Missy Michael

NURSERY NEXT WEEK—9:00 Carol & Christian Thomas; 11:00 Dustin & Danielle Hutchison, Luann Elliott & Polly Miller

VISITATION TEAM THIS WEEK—Gregg & Cindy Ganous

VISITATION TEAM NEXT WEEK—Marvin & Matt Hinson

ACCOUNTING TEAM THIS WEEK—Kim Reese & Luann Elliott

ACCOUNTING TEAM NEXT WEEK—Vallette Rudisill & Teresa Weyeneth

ACOLYTE THIS WEEK—Kevin Sellers; **ACOLYTE NEXT WEEK**—Bailey Canady

USHERS FOR JANUARY—9:00 Harvey Thomas, Doug Hyche, Curt Deskus & Tommy Everhart, 11:00 Spencer Stewart & Randy Hallman

AT NEW COVENANT THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Band Practice
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Youth Council Meeting
4:30 p.m.	T4C Youth Choir
5:30 p.m.	DOC Women's Choir
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Youth

Monday, January 16

7:00 p.m.	Handbells
7:00 p.m.	Staff-Parish Committee
7:00 p.m.	Missions Committee

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 a.m.	Prayer Service
9:30 a.m.	Quilt Ministry
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Tae Kwon Do
7:00 p.m.	Men's Study Group
7:30 p.m.	Cornhole in Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 a.m.	Baby Quilt Ministry
6:00 p.m.	His Song Men's Choir
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

Thursday, January 19

7:00 p.m.	Praise 150 Practice
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Friday, January 20

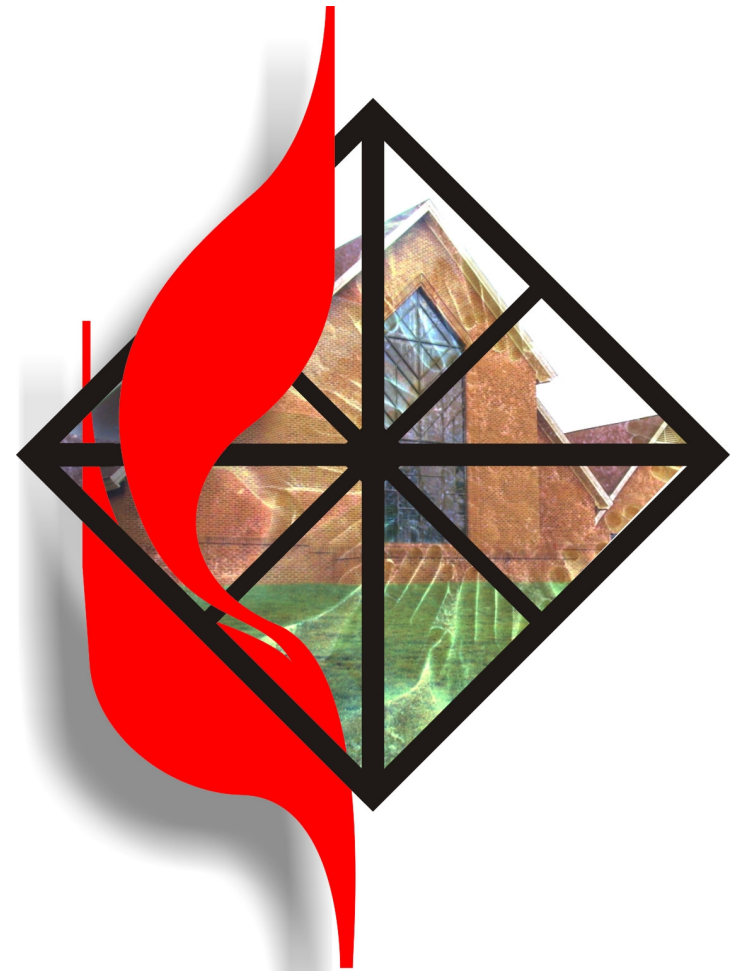
Room in the Inn

Saturday, January 21

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Bulletin Deadline is NOON Wednesdays

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Nuts for Sale—The Youth will be selling walnuts for \$4 for a 1 pound bag. The nuts will be available in the narthex. See Donnie Lanham for details.

Love Offering/Bryan Abernathy—Today during both worship services, we will receive a love offering for Bryan Abernathy's mission trip to Haiti, Bryan will be leaving on February 29th. They will continue rebuilding a school, assist with mobile medical clinics, construction projects in various churches, and visit an orphanage. The proceeds from this offering will help offset the cost of the trip and provide funds to buy needed supplies. Please place your donation in the love offering baskets when we receive our regular offering during both services. Checks can be made payable to New Covenant, please note Haiti Mission Trip. Thank you in advance for your donations to this important ministry.

Attention Women—A new women's bible study group will be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month (starting January 18th) at 7:00 p.m., in the parlor. We will be starting the new year by studying the Book of Ruth (study guides are \$6.00). All are welcome. If you have questions, contact Amy Overbay

Attention Men—The men's study group will meet each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. They will be studying the book, *Paul, Living for the Call of Christ* by Gene A. Getz. Cost for the book will be \$15. Questions? Contact Randy Wall or Bryan Abernathy.

Come Sing With Us!!! Children's Choir (3rd thru 5th Graders) will meet on Wednesday, January 18th, 25th, Feb. 1st and 8th from 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the Sunday School classroom to learn songs of Jesus' love for our Valentines Sunday, February 12th, at the 9:00 a.m. service only. All are welcome! Mrs. Kat & Mrs. Amy

Confirmation—There will be information sessions for young people and their parents who are interested in being a part of a Spring, 2012 confirmation class at the following times: on Sunday, January 29 from 5:00-5:30 p.m. in the parlor or Wednesday, February 1 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. in the church parlor. General information about class expectations will be shared. Our confirmation sessions will begin on Sunday, February 6th, and will be held on Sunday afternoons at a time to be decided.

If you would like a meeting or visit with Randy Wall, Pastor, please call the church office at 704-827-4468 or parsonage at 704-464-9837 to schedule an appointment.

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Visitation—New Covenant is starting a new visitation effort to reach out to family, friends, and acquaintances who need support and encouragement. Anyone interested in this outreach is invited to our standing meetings, which will be at 7pm on the first Monday of the month. If you have someone in your life who could use a visit from members of the church family, please contact Sam Price, Jason Miller, or Amy Overbay.

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Men's Conference—Any young adult men from ages 16 to 24 are invited to come to the Men's Conference at Chapman Memorial Baptist Church on Saturday, February 18th. All those older may participate in the Men's part of the conference. I am personally excited for the format of the young men, we will be having open discussion on many topics that we deal with each day, from dating to politics, and how the Bible is our guide. I will be sharing the Truth of Scripture and then how that truth should be applied to dating and marriage. Todd Guest

Sportsman Banquet—The sportsmen of New Covenant will be sponsoring a Sportsman Banquet on March 10th in the Family Life Center. The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 which will include a spaghetti supper, door prizes and Chris Wells will be our special guest. Proceeds will benefit the New Covenant Building Fund and Youth projects. Tickets will be available today. Questions or details, see John Carpenter.

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