



The Grapevine

New Covenant United Methodist Church

February 2012



The Young at Heart will be having a Valentine's Luncheon on February 15th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Please join us for good food and great fellowship!

CORNER

THOUGHTS OF THE PASTOR

PASTOR'S



February, 2012 will present a unique opportunity that comes along only once every 4 years. While February usually has 28 days, it has 29 days in 2012 because this is a leap year. I understand that technically we do not ever have 365 days a year, but 365¼ days a year. Since it is difficult to have a day only 6 hours long, they resolve the issue by adding a day every 4 years.

Each of us is going to have an extra 24 hours in 2012 and in February? How will we spend it to glorify God and serve Him? Time is an interesting commodity. All of us can spend time or even waste time. We can even make time. However, none of us can create time. God is the giver of time and he creates it again with every sunrise. Once every four years, we are faced with the decision on how we will use an extra 24 hours in our year. Yet, every day we are faced with what we will do with the time that is given us. How about you?- Pastor Randy Wall



Mission Trip to Costa Rica

Pastor Randy Wall is helping to organize a mission work team to Canas, Costa Rica for July 18-28. He will be co-leading the team with his daughter, Melissa Murr. (Melissa has been on several mission trips before including three teams to Costa Rica. As a high school Spanish teacher, she is fluent in Spanish.) The team will help build a church there for a congregation currently in a rented facility. Cost of the trip is \$1300 and includes airfare, lodging, and most meals. Space is limited and can fill quickly. Interested? An orientation session for team members will be held in the Spring. Contact Pastor Randy for more information.



**YOUTH
GROUP**
★ *News* ★

Greetings with the love and peace we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. What a wonderful God we serve!! The new year has gotten off to a great start. We had 13 youth bring in the new year with Toby Mac and a message from Tony Nolan we all needed to hear. We all had a great time and praise God for keeping us safe.

On January 7th, we had our 1st CCC Regional Impact Day teaming up with Hills Chapel and helping many high social needs in our area. We had over 50 youth and adults go out and help 7 different families. We did everything from raking leaves, to repairing gutters and even replacing some bad spots on a kitchen floor. It was an amazing time of service but most importantly was the time and relationships made with those we served. We had a great turn out of youth. Everyone should be very proud of our recent High School graduates who helped organize and plan the day from dividing up teams, to being at each home in case anything was needed, and then ending the day with leading, sharing and worship. We can't wait to do it again, so look for future Regional Impact Days.

On January 8th, we had a large group gather and go to WinterJam for a night of worship and music. This year has really gotten off to an amazing start.

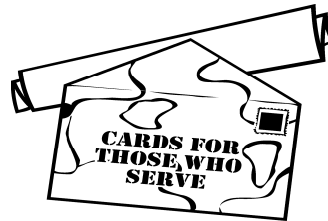
Just this past weekend, Pastor Randy Wall made an announcement to the youth on a challenge they now have ahead of them. Monies have been donated for the youth to match the amount with their own fundraiser. Once they have completed this task, then they can decide which ministry or non-profit organization to which they will donate the money. I am very excited about this for the youth for I pray this will help launch them into a youth ministry that will begin to minister to others. Be on the lookout for some new and unique ways of raising money, our youth have already begun to think and plan fundraisers to match these funds.

Also coming in February, the youth will be offering a night out for parents and couples with a Valentine meal and childcare. Lastly, I want to thank all of our volunteers who help with the youth. I thank God for each of you for our youth have much love for you and I would be lost completely without you. You are all such a wonderful blessing and I could never tell you enough what a great job you all do. Thank You!!!! Please continue to pray for our youth and youth leaders.

In Christ's Service, Todd Guest

Acolytes for February

February 5th—Leah Carpenter
February 12th—Kevin Sellers
February 19th—Christian Thomas
February 26th—Bailey Canady



William Hamilton
98-1359 Koaheache Pl.
A-131
Pear City, HI 96782

Matt Silver & Family
RM 101 Park Village
Hannam-Dong
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Please join us for our
Ash Wednesday Service
on February 22 at 7:00 p.m.

USHERS THIS MONTH

9:00 a.m. Service	11:00 a.m. Service
John Carpenter	Matt Price
Tim Reavis	Jim Simmons
Bill Hamilton	
Donny Coltharp	

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.



Visitation Teams for February

- February 5th—Melissa Patterson & Michelle Stroupe
- February 12th—Bob & Della Dionne
- February 19th—Ron & Ann Ballard
- February 26th—Bobby & Jane Riggins



To the entire New Covenant Church Family, I don't believe I have ever been involved in a church family so caring about fellow members as New Covenant. Words can't express my thanks for the cards, visits and all the prayers for my well being. I felt the power of the prayers and messages in the cards and phone calls. The visits and prayers of Pastor Randy were more than appreciated. Please keep me in your prayers as time goes on. In Christ's Name,

Floyd Brown

Happy Anniversary!

Ben & Joann Harkey

Bill & Frances Smithey



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OOPS . . .

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know! Drop a note off by the office so that our records can be updated.

Hannah Murr	1
Bob Simmons	1
Wesley Stroupe	1
Kadin Drum	2
Marjorie Ward	2
Sandy Cox	5
Charis Sumner	5
Austin Beatty	8
Laura Lamm	9
Wendy Callahan	10
Ben Harkey	14
Bailey Canady	15
Lisa Vellers	15
Matthew Price	18
Jeff Canady	20
Sandy Poole	20
Calvin Hart	21
Lissie Hunter	23
Katie Pruet	24
Harvey Thomas	24
Donny Fedukovich	27
Dave Hunter	27





Important Dates/Activities

Fellowship Meal

Please join us for our Fellowship Meal on Wednesday, February 1st, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Food for the tummy and friends for the soul! The Choir will be sponsoring this meal. The menu will be spaghetti, salad, bread, desserts and beverages. We will need desserts and beverages. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

UMM Breakfast

The breakfast for the United Methodist Men will take place on Sunday, February 5th, at 7:00 a.m. in the FLC. All men are invited to attend!

Worship Committee & Visitation Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Monday, February 6th, at 7:00 p.m. with the Visitation Committee

If you would like to be included in the *New Covenant email group*, please contact Kim Reese at kimreese@newcovenantumc.org.



Our Prayer List

Brayden Mercer, Floyd Brown
Taylor Hudson, RITI Guests
Donna Richards, Tom Myers
Anderson Family, Joe Carpenter
Our Military & Families
David & Mum, Sherry Bradley
Karen Carter, Rick Spake
Iris Carpenter, Ruth Allen
Ginger Owens, Hannah Martin
Mary Mourar, David Martin
Angie Pacey, Firefighters
Cynthia Stickle, Police
Lorene Macemore, Walter Somerville
Edwards Family, Teachers
Katrina Smith, Ed Hyche
James Jones, Our Pastor
Homeless, Shirley Potter
Bill & Marie Bommer
Dolly Toland, Biff Helm
Chloe Dietrich, Jim Guin
Travelers, Those in Spiritual Need
Violet Stalknaker, Mr. Leonard
Paul & Eloise Warren
Freddie & Susan Harris
Philip Awston, Judy Stock
Gary & Debbie Travis
Steven Bennett, Tom Godley
Don Miller, Aloma Dougherty

Mike Miller, Steven Jefferis
Kent Sherrin
Brianna Gardner
Albert Bladen
Conroe Dowell
Troy Burrell
Jamie Stewart
Dawn Bengé
Trisha Shaw
Bryan Abernathy
Rev. Otis Snow
Sherrill Beatty
Grimes Family
Terri Teasley
Frank Reynolds
Peggy Brockenbrough
Erin Miles
Bob Weeks
Kim Alcott
Cody Miller
Cynthia Stickle
Michelle Langford
Cernuto Family
Sherry Bradley
Johnny Simpson
Linda Roberts
Lynda Sims
Raegan Cupp
Katrina Smith
Lisa Howe
Erica Givens
Unspoken
Cindy Cloninger Family
Husbands, Wives & Strong Families
Bradley Spears, Tina Spears
Floyd & Pat's Daughter & Husband

Remember those who cannot be a part of our fellowship on a regular basis:

Ruth Allen
Terrace Ridge Assisted Living
1251 East Hudson Blvd.
Gastonia, NC 28054
(704) 864-8948

Gerald Carroll
321 Winding Trl.
Stanley, NC 28164
(704) 263-9021

Jane Waldroop
Woodlawn Haven Rest Home
301 Craig St., Room B4
Mt. Holly, NC 28120
(704) 827-1573 ext. 283

If there is someone you would like to put on this list, please call the church office.



MISSIONS

February Special Mission Offering

The February Special Mission offering will go to our Special Ministry Fund for assistance to those of our church family in need. You do not have to be a church member to receive help from this ministry. All gifts are kept very confidential known only to the committee members and those receiving the gift. If there is anyone with needs for food, payment of a power bill, medical bill or other bills, these gifts can help. Those serving on the Special Ministry Committee are Jane Riggins, Bill Hamilton, Randy Wall and Linda Stroup. Anyone with a need can make a request to one of the four persons mentioned above. Please support our Special Ministry Fund to help those who are in need. Our offering will be received on Sunday, February 5th, during both worship services. Bless you in your giving.



Men's Study Group

The men's study group will be meeting each Tuesday evening 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.

Women's Study Group

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

UMW Morning Circle

Please join the UMW Morning Circle on Thursday, February 9th, at 10:00 a.m., at the church. All ladies are invited to attend.



Women OF THE Church

UMW Morning Circle Volunteer at Mt. Holly Adult Day Care

On the second Tuesday of every month, the UMW Morning Circle will volunteer at the Mt. Holly Adult Day Care. They will be leaving the church at 9:30 a.m. to go to the day care center. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Carol Thomas or Lynda Sims.



UMW Hart Circle

The UMW Hart Circle will not have their regular scheduled meeting for the month of February.



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 are available now and can also be purchased at the door on the evening of the banquet. Questions or details, see John Carpenter.

Church Staff Ministry Team

Rev. Randy Wall

Pastor

At New Covenant Sunday through Thursday

Todd Guest

Director of Youth Ministry

Linda Stroup

Church Secretary

At New Covenant Monday through Thursday

Janet Hinson

Director of Music

At New Covenant Wednesday and Sunday

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday

8:00 AM—3:00 PM

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*Going in Faith, Growing in Love, and
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