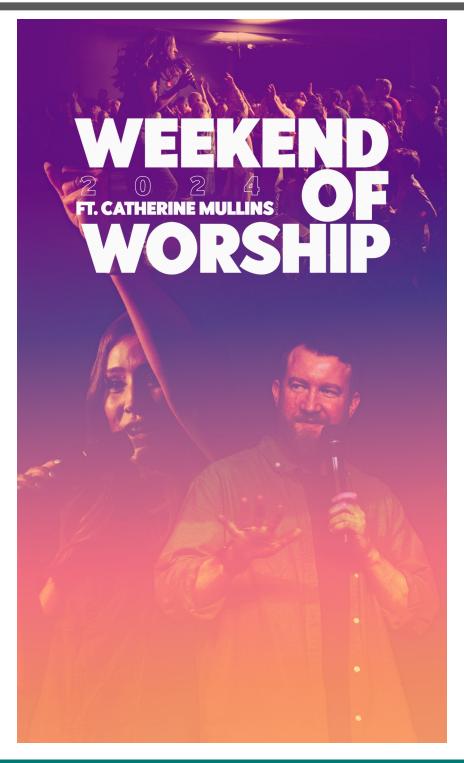


January 21, 2024









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 and Holidays)

11:00a Children's Church (except 1st Sunday and Holidays)

Nursery available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings (birth - 3 years).

WEDNESDAYS



Kids Praise Team - 5:00 - 6:00p



Royal Rangers - 6:30p for boys



Mpact Clubs - 6:30p for girls

STUDENTS



"To the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

SEE WEEKLY CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Sunday Evening, January 21st

Covenant Students 6-8PM

Join us for our new teaching series "Dry Places" which will highlight that we sometimes feel distant from God, like there's no connection between us and Him. We will look together at passages throughout Scripture that show us how God can use the wilderness, the "dry places" in our life, for *our good and His glory*. This is a perfect series for students to invite friends to, **so do it!**

Wednesday, January 24th

HS and MS Groups 6:30 - 7:30PM

Students will meet in the gym to start the night off! Right after, we will head over to the main auditorium for worship and then head into our HS and MS groups right after. This is a great night to build community and have fun that is centered around Jesus!

Want to keep up with everything Covenant Students is doing? Make sure to sign-up for our text thread by texting "covenantstudents" to (844) 619-1539!

FINANCIAL UPDATE	January 14, 2024	Year To Date
Undesignated Giving	\$20,036.06	\$52,896.70
Budget Needs	\$23,769.23	\$47,538.46
Over (Under) Budget	-\$3,733.17	\$5,358.24
Building Fund Giving	\$10.00	\$295.00
School Fund Giving	\$285.00	\$295.00
Other Designated Giving	\$30.00	\$1,825.00
Total Giving	\$20,361.06	\$55,311.70
Building Fund To Date	\$145,634.27	
School Fund To Date	\$368,031.84	



TO GIVE

Scan Here!

— OR —

Go to covenantchurch.church and click the GIVING tab!

— OR —

Give on the Covenant Church App!

STAY UPDATED WITH EVERYTHING AT COVENANT!

FOR COVENANT KIDS INFO:

Text @covenantki to the number "81010"

FOR COVENANT PRAYER MEETINGS

Text @prayercc to the number "81010"

FOR COVENANT MISSIONS

Text @missioncc to the number "81010"

FOR ALL COVENANT INFO

Text "covenant" to the number "704-735-1559"

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Security Team January 21 Captain—Robbie Walls

Gary Blankenship, Jake Rhodes, John Deason, Nolan Wilson, Shawn Kniceley, Tim Cloer. Mark Painter

Security Team January 28 Captain—Phil Eastin

Bonner Pittman, Carl Beam, Chris Osborn, Joe Johnson, Ronnie Mercer, Tony Little, Tony Milholland

Nursery on January 21

Babies Jill Moore and Gilda Mervine **Toddlers** Iliana Gonzalez, Rebecca Cespedes **2s & 3s** Kelly Calderon, Jasmine Farley

Nursery on January 28

Babies Becky Cutshall, Jackie Casey Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez, Rebecca Cespedes 2s & 3s Jessica Kniceley, Sierra Lawrence

<u>Wednesdays At Covenant</u>

1.17 Wednesday Night Bible Study

1.24 Wednesday Night Bible Study

1.31 Wednesday Night Bible Study

Mark your Calendar

1.28 Water Baptism

2.3 Men's Breakfast

2.4 Love's Journey Breakfast

2.5 Servant Leadership

2.6 Women's Bible Study

2.11 Baby Dedication

2.13 JOY Group

2.25 New Members
Covenant Kids/Students—
Parent Night

2.28 Kids' Water Baptism Class

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21	
7:15a	Worship Team
8:30a	. Early Morning Worship + Catherine Mullins
10:00a	Connections for Prospective New Members
10:00a	Covenant Kids' Volunteer Event
10:00a	Intercessory Prayer
10:00a	Sunday Connect
11:00a	Worship Service + Catherine Mullins
6:00p	Covenant Students
Tuesday, January 23	
9:30a	Homeschool Group
10:00p	Ladies' Prayer Group (Room 109)
7:00p	Business Administration Group
Wednesday, January 24	
5:00p	Kids' Praise Team
6:30p	Covenant Students—HS & MS Groups
6:30p	Royal Rangers & Mpact Girls
6:30p	Wednesday Night Bible Study
Thursday, January 25	
10:00a	Ladies' Intercessory Prayer Group
6:30p	Worship Team Band & Singers



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. Facilitated by David Creech, the class meets on Sunday mornings at 10a in Room 118. Also, available on Wednesday nights upon request by calling the church office at 704.735.1559.

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From Our Pastor

He Deserves My BEST!

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

So far this year, I just can't get away from this scripture verse. I guess the logical reason for that is simply this: I believe God is calling His church to a higher level of understanding, devotion, and purpose. This scripture is a beautiful way for us to get to all three. I am convinced that the Lord has something very important to say to us. Verses like this one teach us how to get where we can hear Him on a whole new level. When we present ourselves to Him as "approved," He can speak more clearly to us and work through us. Notice He didn't say as one who has value. We have value already simply because He loves us. Value and approval have nothing in common. We have value to Him if we never do the right thing. What He's after is for me to live a life of which He can approve. For that to happen, I must do my best to present myself to Him unashamedly. Doing my best isn't a way to prove my salvation is about me. No, my salvation will always be about Him. Doing my best is my response to my Father, who has called me by grace and chosen me as His own. Since I know this, I truly want to give Him my best in my spiritual walk. I want to do my part and put in the effort necessary for growth to happen in me. I want to do my very best because that is what He deserves.

Michael E. Devine

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