

Monthly Newsletter

April 2025

“Pray for Repentance for faith and greater faith”



COVENANT
COMMUNITY CHURCH
Expanding the Kingdom of God

Pastoral Focus

Dr. Earl Grant Jr., Pastor-Teacher

Ministry Challenge

This month, we continue to refocus and reframe how we minister to the lost as well as believers in this modern era. Although our message will never change - Jesus Christ is and will always be humanity's sole source for salvation - these efforts will provide the platform to relaunch future endeavors.

We will relaunch in ways that foster a better use of our resources; a more engaged community; stronger support networks, fellowship, and disciples for Christ; improved effectiveness in service to others; and a compassionate and caring community of believers who support one another and trust God in all things.

Scripture Emphasis

Romans 6 (Amplified)

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live [together] with Him,

9 because we know [the self-evident truth] that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has power over Him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin [ending its power and paying the sinner's debt] once and for all; and the life that He lives, He lives to [glorify] God [in unbroken fellowship with Him].

11 Even so, consider yourselves to be dead to sin [and your relationship to it broken], but alive to God [in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus.

“BE” Attitudes of Ministry

Belong Completely	-	Embrace
Become Constantly	-	Equip
Behave Consistently	-	Express
Believe Correctly	-	Engage
Behold Continually	-	Exalt
Bestow Compassionately	-	Elevate

Choir Rehearsals @ 7 pm

- 1: Mass Choir
- 8: Men Choir
- 15: Mass Choir
- 22: Youth Choir
- 29: Mass Choir

Events

- 2: Noon Prayer
- 2: Men, Women, and Young Adults Ministry
- 5: Senior Saints Ministry
- 14-18 Morning Prayer Call (see pg. 2)
- 19: Threads of Love (see pg.2)
- 20: Easter Sunday - 2 Services
7:45 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
- 27: Blue Sunday

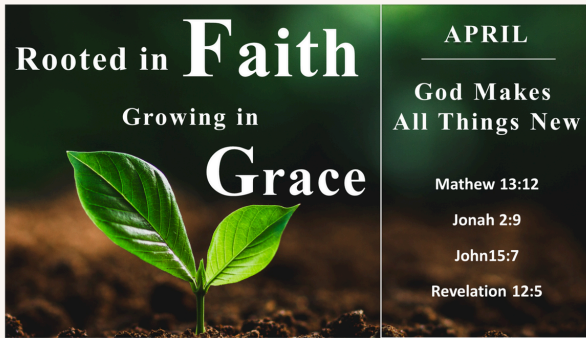
Looking Ahead

- May -

- 1: National Day of Prayer
- 11: Balloon Release
- 17: Threads of Love
- 18: Military Appreciation Sunday

Happening This Month

Prayer Focus



Rooted in Faith
Growing in Grace

APRIL
God Makes All Things New

Mathew 13:12
Jonah 2:9
John 15:7
Revelation 12:5

Easter: What the Bible Says

In many streams of Christianity, Easter is even more important than Christmas. Why? Because it celebrates Jesus' divinity and the purpose of His coming to the earth. The Easter holiday commemorates Jesus' resurrection from the dead and His promise of eternal life to all who believe in Him.

The account of Jesus' resurrection can be found in all four of the Gospels — **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**. Each book ([Matthew 28](#), [Mark 16](#), [Luke 24](#), and [John 20](#)) tells a slightly different account of the story from the authors' differing perspectives. What's consistent across all books is that Jesus was previously in the tomb where He was buried after his crucifixion and that His body was mysteriously gone after three days.

In some accounts, Jesus Himself appears; in others, it's angels that bring the news of His resurrection. But in any case, Jesus' body has been removed from the tomb without explanation. The Biblical accounts then tell of Jesus appearing to Mary Magdalene, the disciples, and other followers ([Acts 1](#)) before finally ascending into Heaven.

For three days following His crucifixion, believers at the time questioned whether Jesus really was the Son of God. By all appearances, it seemed death had defeated Him. But upon His resurrection, He proved that He was not just a human but divine. The apostle Paul summarizes the sequence of events in [1 Corinthians 15:3-8](#) when he says, "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also..."

This account is a declaration of what Christians believe: that Jesus Christ came to earth, died for the sins of humanity, and defeated the powers of death through His resurrection. Easter is the yearly celebration of this miracle and the hope for believers of their life in Christ, which includes the forgiveness of all their sins and the promise of their eternal life.

Ref: https://real-life.gladtidings.org/answers/whats-the-meaning-of-easter/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwK--BhDkARIsAD_mnlopqC09Om3x92z61KcMsRCBc8JY6ewdlxwpxn5u2Juok4KIYgDIqEaAhh6EALw_wCB

Events



Prayer Call
April 14th – 18th
6:00 A.M. – 6:30 A.M.
Call in line:
(667) 770-1236 Pin# 855718

Theme
God Makes All Things New
Revelations 21:5

Tilling the ground with prayer and worship in anticipation of a Spirit-filled encounter with God!

HOLY WEEK OF PRAYER



THREADS OF LOVE

Threads of Love is a ministry dedicated to creating and distributing blankets and care items for premature babies. If you are interested in serving, please contact Karen Leufooy or Ivette Crosby for more information.

When: 3rd Saturday of each month
Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Where: CCC
We'd love for you to join us!

No sewing or crocheting experience? No problem—we'll teach you!



VOLUNTEER TODAY

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Are you new to CCC and interested in serving in one of our wonderful ministries. Please stop by the information desk to get a list of the POC's for each ministry.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



Men's Summer Basketball League
20 and Older Season begins Friday, May 9, 2025

Deadline to Register:
April 9, 2025

POC Bro. Gregory Roman
(912) 977-2537



Y.A.
CCC YOUNG ADULTS



Youth



YOUNG ADULT PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

REGISTER ON THE HOOK

April 27th
3pm - 5pm

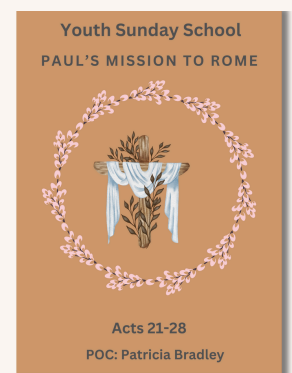
Chicken N Pickle

\$10 Registration Fee Per Player

Join us at Chicken N Pickle for fellowship and some friendly competition. Pickles and balls will be provided.
Food is not included.

FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND

Have Any Questions?
Contact Brother Jonathan Perez



Youth Sunday School
PAUL'S MISSION TO ROME

Acts 21-28
POC: Patricia Bradley



National Self-Care Day

April 5

History of National Self Care Day

'Self-care' is the act of caring for oneself through means that help us feel our healthiest and happiest. It has become the most common form of healthy living and allows us to do something that will otherwise be considered selfish — prioritizing ourselves. It has existed since the dawn of mankind, before notions of medicine, therapy, or other healthcare systems, when humans had to rely on themselves to achieve optimal health through practical means. Self-care was originally used for institutionalized patients, to help them develop self-worth through acts of personal care and preservation. It became a popular term in the medical field to truly understand mental awareness concepts like post-traumatic stress and to help patients suffering from such conditions navigate their way through life.

Modern self-care as we now understand it was popularized by the civil rights movement of the Black Panther Party in the 1960s. It began with the party meeting the needs of community members through the establishment of health clinics, food distribution, and creating programs at a time when it was even harder for people belonging to the minority sections to gain access to healthcare. The concept became even more personal when leaders of the group adopted a more mindful approach to avoid activist burnout. They encouraged activists, leaders, and other members of the community to prioritize themselves and their mental and emotional states through activities like yoga and meditation.

Today self-care has become a global approach to catering to one's needs and is encouraged through any means that helps you feel your best. Chicago-based development coach, Laura Schwartz, is the pioneer of National Self-Care Day and has created the holiday to remind us to take a break and put ourselves first.

Local Events

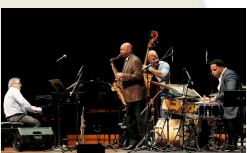
MercyMe

with Zach Williams, and Sam Wesley
at Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, TX
May 3, 2025 | 7:00 pm



Branford Marsalis

Jo Long Theatre, San Antonio, TX
Apr 25, 2025 | 8:00 pm



His Purpose

FEATURE

With Us in the Wilderness

Regardless of where we go, God's love and promises interlace with our lives.

by LAUREN CHANDLER

THE WILDERNESS is a theme woven throughout the tapestry of Scripture. It's the dark gray thread that makes the other colors pop. Many great stories involve a wilderness. The Lord called Moses while he was tending sheep on the west side of the wilderness. John the Baptist preached repentance in the midst of the wilderness of Judea. Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness before He began His public ministry. Perhaps the most notable account of the wilderness is Israel's journey from slavery in Egypt through the wilderness and into the promised land.

The entire Book of Numbers is set in the midst of Israel's wilderness. In fact, the Hebrew title for this book is translated "In the Wilderness."

If you live long enough, you will endure a wilderness (or several wildernesses) of your own — a season of unfamiliarity, barrenness, and wildness. Over the past year, it seems the whole world has endured a wilderness — a pandemic that has interrupted every semblance of normalcy. The wilderness feels wild. It is wild. But it's not arbitrary.

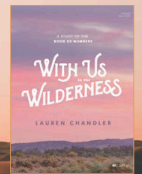
The Lord ordains the wilderness for His people for a purpose. He lets the discomfort of

the unfamiliar, barren, and wild prepare us for the next season. He reveals the idols in our hearts — the things or people we look to for purpose or meaning besides God. He removes distractions and refocuses our attention to set squarely on Him. Above all, He remains with His children in the wilderness. He never abandoned Israel in the wilderness, and He will never abandon any who have put their faith in Christ. (See Matt. 28:20.)

The Lord is weaving the difficulty of this season into the tapestry of your life.

You might be in the midst of a wilderness season. Familiarity and comfort seem out of reach. The uncertain and wild are your reality. Friend, while your experience might be unique to you, you are not alone. Many have gone before you. More than that, there is One who is with you who will never forsake you. The Lord is weaving the difficulty of this season into the tapestry of your life, not to do you harm, but for your ultimate good. ●

LAUREN CHANDLER is a wife and mother of three. She is passionate about writing, music, and leading worship. Her latest Bible study is *With Us in the Wilderness*, available February 2021 at LifeWay.com/WithUsInTheWilderness.

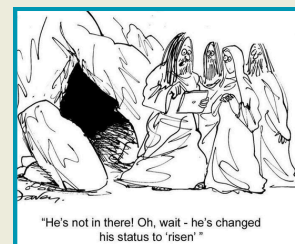
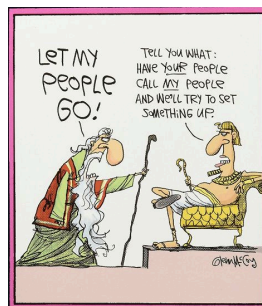


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Mature Living FEBRUARY 2021 11

Christian Humor



Covenant Community Church

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Purpose

To Expand the Kingdom of God according to the Word of God and empowered by the Spirit of God

Mission

Born-again believers of Jesus Christ, directed by the Holy Spirit and the Word to expand God's Kingdom locally and globally.

Priorities

-  *Engage the world*
-  *Equip the church*
-  *Embrace all people*
-  *Express God's Love*
-  *Exalt the Lord*
-  *Elevate our Youth*

The Path to Salvation

God created us to have a personal relationship with Him, a relationship that was broken by sin. Yet, everyone can restore this relationship through the gift of salvation. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins [to God], he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." You can get started with this prayer:

"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I commit my life to You as my Lord and Savior and invite You into my heart. This I pray in your Holy name. Amen."

John 3:16

Learn with Us

Adult Sunday School (8:45 AM)

Sunday Services:

10:00 AM - Sunday Service

Wednesday Services:

7:00 PM - Worship and the Word

	<u>Zoom Link</u>	<u>Meeting ID:</u>	<u>Passcode</u>
A-1	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89705782161?pwd=STlmY0tCYWtwWlZOVzBvT1RuRk81QT09	897 0578 2161	388642
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