



# Covenant Presbyterian Church

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## Covenant Update

April 5, 2024

## One-Day Men's Retreat



### ONE-DAY SPRING RETREAT

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8 AM — 3 PM

AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Pursuing the Good Life"*

#### PLAN FOR THE DAY

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Good Life: Part 1 - What constitutes a "good life" in God's eyes?

11:00 Stretch, walk, and complete small projects at the church

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Good Life: Part 2 - How may we pursue it in the grace He provides?

2:30 Final thoughts and prayer

3:00 Fellowship and depart

Breakfast provided. For lunch, burgers and hot dogs provided.  
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY, MAY 5 USING THE NARTHEX SIGNUP SHEET  
CONTACT JEFF CURRIER WITH QUESTIONS

The men's ministry is hosting a one-day spring retreat at Covenant on Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Pursuing the Good Life." The day will consist of discussing what constitutes a "good life" in God's eyes and how we may pursue it in the grace He provides, as well as completing projects around the church and enjoying fellowship with one another. Breakfast will be provided. For lunch, burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP in the narthex by May 5 and contact Jeff Currier with questions.



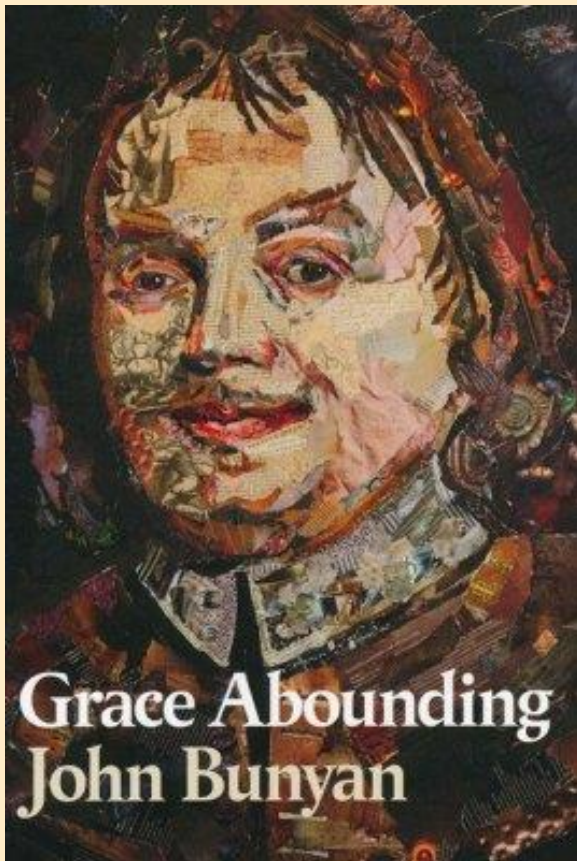
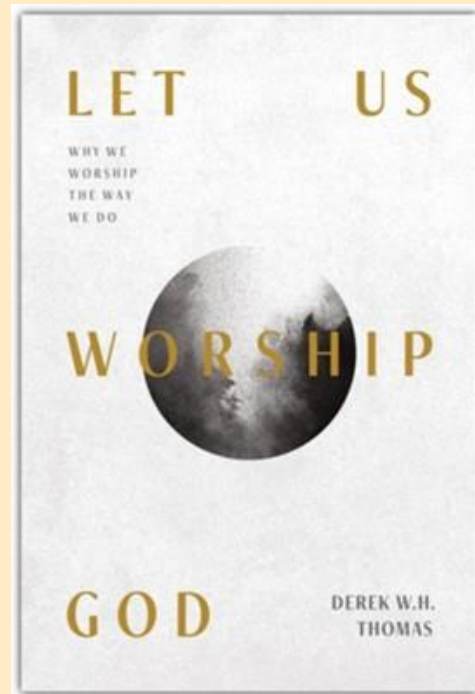
## Congregation Connection

**New Adult Sunday School Classes  
Begin Next Week**

## Worship

*Pastor Muhlfeld/Wayne Shaw*  
Sanctuary

Dr. Derek Thomas points out that when we say “Let us worship” on a Sunday morning, something supernatural happens—as Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them” (Matt 18:20). Our Creator made us with a purpose: to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. Worship is not just one part of the Christian life—it is our life. In this study, we will use Dr. Thomas’ book *Let us Worship* (and other resources) to focus on the local church, keeping Sunday special, the regulative principle of worship, the liturgy, and on the critical role of Scripture and prayer.



## Christian Classics Discussion: (Bunyan)

*led by Nate Wambold*  
Room 107

No doubt those who participated in the last reading class in which we read Bunyan’s *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners* were left in cliffhanger status wondering, “What happened next?!” Well, here is your chance to find out, as we gather to read and discuss the final sections of the book, “A Relation of the Imprisonment of Mr. Bunyan” and “Continuation of Bunyan’s Life.” As a special bonus, we will round out these short sections with the additional classic reading of a powerful short sermon by Thomas Chalmers entitled “The Expulsive Power of a New Affection.” While these works may seem challenging and somewhat affected to our modern ears, in the past these sessions together have uniquely paved the path for smooth and comfortable conversation among fellow curious readers, seeking together to mine perennial truths from works written by believers of a different age.

Click [here](#) to purchase your own copy (with the additional sections we will use in this class).

If you are new to the class or have questions, please contact Nate Wambold or the church office to be included on future emails with reading schedules.

## Upcoming Events

Please check [past Covenant Updates](#) for additional information on items below:

**OCC Items of the Month:** April - comb/brush, sunglasses, lip balm (not medicated); full list [here](#)

### Current Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:15 a.m.:

- **Lessons from the Patriarchs: Isaac and Jacob** - Sanctuary - led by Greg Fisher
- **How Christianity Changed the World** - Room 107 - led by Paul Baldwin

### April

- Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. - **Softball Practice**
- 4/6 at 9:00 a.m. - **Women in Prayer** - All women are invited to join sisters in the church for a time of prayer. No commitment required, come as often as your schedule allows. Occasional attenders are always welcome! - more information [here](#)
- 4/9 at 11:30 a.m. - **Senior Fellowship Brunch**
- 4/13 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Spring Outdoor Work Day** - work list [here](#)
- 4/13 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - **Youth Group Caribbean Dinner Fundraiser** - sign up in the narthex by April 7, more information [here](#)

### May

- 5/5 - **VBS Volunteer Forms due** - *Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God* - forms in mailboxes, narthex, or [here](#)

We continue to praise God for His provision through the giving of His people. Please click on the image to open the **March Financial Statement**.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
March 2024

The total budget for 2024 is \$896,303.02. We thank God for His provision through the faithful giving of His people.

	Min	Ytd
Contribution Analysis		
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 74,691.92	\$ 224,075.76
Actual Receipts*	173,595.99	252,718.84
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 98,904.07	\$ 28,643.08

\*Please note that March contributions included \$28,516.75 to the building fund

	Min	Ytd
Spending Analysis		
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 74,691.92	\$ 224,075.76
Actual Expenses*	105,734.69	258,901.89
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 31,042.77	\$ 33,826.13

\*Please note that March expenses included a \$28,516.75 transfer to the building fund

	Min	Ytd
Cash Flow Summary		
Actual Receipts	\$ 173,595.99	\$ 252,718.84
Actual Expenses	105,734.69	258,901.89
Positive (negative)	\$ 7,861.30	\$ (4,282.97)

Building Fund Summary	
Balance Amount in Reserved Fund - February 29, 2024	\$ 253,589.10
Budgeted Funds	16,668.67
Contributed Funds	28,516.75
Expenses to Building Fund	27,332.46
Total Amount Reserved in Fund - March 31, 2024	\$ 270,240.06

Average Lane Attendance: 257  
Avg. Sunday School Attendance: 128

This Sunday Pastor Rohrman will preach from **Galatians 3:25–4:7** and his sermon title is ***But Wait ... There's More!*** He writes, "If you were asked what the book of Galatians (or Romans) is about, you might say 'justification,' and you would be correct. But it is about more than justification, because our salvation is about more than our justification. In today's sermon passage, Paul will remind us that, by faith in Christ, we are not only legally acquitted in God's sight, in the impersonal way that an accused criminal would be by a judge. We are also adopted, as children by a Father, in a deeply personal way—objects of not only his approval but also his blessings, affection, joy, and even pride, because we belong by faith to his perfect, beloved Son."

[Live Stream](#)

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*We look forward to worshiping with you  
this week!*

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