



Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Covenant Update

August 8, 2025

Welcome Theodore Immanuel Estevez!

8 lbs. 2 oz. / 20 inches

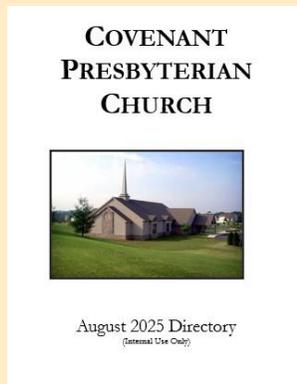
We rejoice with Juan and Rue Estevez on the birth of their son, Theodore Immanuel. Both mom and baby are doing fine. Theodore joins siblings Grayston, Alexandria, Hosanna, Tobias, Benjamin, Stella, and Abraham. A basket for gifts and cards may be found in the narthex.





Congregation Connection

New Church Directory



The latest edition of Covenant's Church directory may be found in mailboxes. Please use the directory to pray for and encourage others in our church family. Additional copies and the password for the online version may be obtained from the office.

2025 Men's Fall Retreat

October 3-5

Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Pocono Mountains

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A copy of the book *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness* by Tim Keller will be provided to everyone who registers for the retreat and will provide to be a valuable resource for your journey.

Two types of accommodations are available at Spruce Ledge Retreat Center in the Blount Mountains. You may stay in the main lodge for more light and airy or stay in the new lodge for more privacy and luxury. Prices are based on occupancy for September 22 and both options include three meals on location and both breakfast and lunch on location. Confirmed accommodations are available as we do not want the site to be over-crowded. One-time participation includes lodging of the discounted rate of \$150 for Spruce Lodge or \$70 for campers.

Registration packets are available in the narthex and contain all necessary details about the weekend. Please contact Jeff Carrier at Jeff.Carrier@presby.org or 252.872.7741 with questions.

The annual study course is a wonderful time to enjoy fresh air, become better acquainted with others in the church, and deepen your walk with Christ.

If you've never attended the retreat before, we hope this will be your first year! Feel free to talk with others about what has made the retreat special for them and why they continue to come year after year.

RETREAT AGENDA

FRIDAY
 Dinner at Center 7:00-8:30 pm
 Opened Book Club 7:30 pm

SATURDAY
 Breakfast 8:00-9:00 am
 Fall Time 9:00-10:30 am
 Discussion Session One 9:30-11:30 am
 Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm
 Fall Time 1:00-2:30 pm
 Discussion Session Two 2:30-4:00 pm
 Valedictory, Campfire, and free time

SUNDAY
 Breakfast 8:00-9:00 am
 Fall Time 9:00-10:30 am
 Discussion Session Three 10:30-11:30 am
 Park up and free time 11:30 am-12:00 pm
 Lunch 12:00 pm-2:00 pm
 Departure before 2:00 pm

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This year's retreat will include the book by Tim Keller titled *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*

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Upon registration a copy of the book will be provided in your church mailbox

North Care Women's Center Baby Bottle Boomerang Update

The staff at North Care thanks us: "Covenant Presbyterian Church raised \$3700.00 for North Care! Women facing unplanned pregnancies get the chance to understand about the life growing inside of them, and many times see that sweet baby. We get the opportunity to share so much good information and valuable resources with them. Thank you for raising money to help this ministry reach these women!"



Upcoming Events

Covenant member and **Reformed University Fellowship intern Andy Reed** has made excellent progress in fundraising and has moved to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga this week. If you would like to receive his email updates, please contact him to be added to the list.

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

OCC Items of the Month: August/September - Pencils, Erasers, Notebooks (*flexible covers*), Colored Pencils, Sharpeners, Scissors, etc. (full list [here](#))

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

- **Revival: the Work of God** - Sanctuary - led by John & Sharon Muhlfeld/Team

August

- 8/9 at 11:00 a.m. - **Women's Ministry U-Pick Flowers** Tour, Flower-picking and lunch; more information [here](#)
- 8/10 at 6:00 p.m. - **Youth Mission Trip Presentation**
- 8/16 at 5:00 p.m. - **Young Adult Car Show** in Perkasio
- 8/17 at 11:45 a.m. - **Harvest Fest Planning Meeting**

September

- 9/7 at 12:00 p.m. - **Annual Congregational Picnic** - sign up in the narthex by August 24
- 9/14 at 9:15 a.m. - **New Membership Class Begins** - sign up in narthex by August 31

October

- 10/3 to 10/5 **Men's Retreat** in the Pocono Mountains - registration forms in the narthex and [here](#) are due September 21; more information [here](#)
- 10/24 at 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. - **Harvest Festival**

We continue to praise God for His provision through the giving of His people. Praise the Lord for His abundant blessing! Please click on the image to open the **July Financial Statement**.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY July 2025			
The total budget for 2025 is \$663,433.00. We have listed the 2025 provision through the budget given to the church.			
Contributions Analysis	1845	1742	
Budgeted Provision	\$ 41,952.00	\$ 573,586.02	
Actual Provision	\$ 41,952.00	\$ 573,586.02	
Other (Income/Budget)	\$ -	\$ -	
Remaining Provision	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 41,952.00	\$ 573,586.02	
Actual Expenses	\$ 41,952.00	\$ 573,586.02	
Other (Income/Budget)	\$ -	\$ -	
Year-Over Summary	1845	1742	
Actual Provision	\$ 75,138.00	\$ 992,774.49	
Actual Expenses	\$ 75,138.00	\$ 992,774.49	
Provision (Expend)	\$ -	\$ -	
Remaining Provision	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
Budgeted Provision	\$ 41,952.00	\$ 573,586.02	
Budgeted Expenses	\$ 41,952.00	\$ 573,586.02	
Contributed Funds	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 1,307.00	
Expense in Building Fund	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	
Total Annual Investment in Fund - July 31, 2025	\$ 1,307.00	\$ 1,307.00	
Amalgam Line Reference: 207			
Ang. Service School Reference: 114			

This Sunday Pastor Muhlfeld will preach from **2 Samuel 15** and his sermon title is ***Hostile Takeover***. He writes, "Whether in business, warfare, or politics, hostile takeovers are common in our fallen world. David was driven from the throne of Israel through a coup d'état orchestrated by his own son. But rather than resulting in disaster, the takeover was a blessing in disguise since it drew David back to humble submission before the Lord. No outward takeover can ever truly harm those whose hearts have been captured by the grace of God, ultimately through the purchase price of Jesus' blood shed on the cross."

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

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