



# *Covenant Connection*

June 2023

## *From the Desk of the Pastor . . .*

Summertime, summertime, summertime. Say it three times and it will come true. Yes, it's that time of the year, the kids are out of school, the days are warmer, and vacations are planned. It's party time!

Yes, it is but it is also time for us to get to work. The last Sunday of May I talked about us being a memorial to God. We are to be the reminder to others that there is a Savior and his name is Jesus Christ. See God's Spirit lives in us as a memorial to Him. As Christians we are supposed to be a witness to how great God is, a living memorial for the Lord.

So, let's get excited about summer while also keeping up with our faith habits! God doesn't take a break for the summer, so we need to make sure we don't either. God will be with us while we are on vacation.

My hope is that you all have a great summer, with family and friends, going to places you love to go to. I also hope you take the opportunity to be a memorial to others by showing your passionate love for Jesus.

Love you and may God bless you today and every day,

*Pastor Larry*

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"

1 Corinthians 3:16

*Happy  
Father's  
Day*

The righteous  
man walks in  
his integrity;  
**His children  
are blessed  
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7

## United Women in Faith

Hello Ladies! June 12 will be our next general meeting, "Mission Interpretation" hosted by the Mission Keepers.

### June 5

**10:00 am Mission Keepers**    **6:00 pm Hope Givers**  
Hostess: Margie Martin    Restaurant TBD  
Program: Joan Turner

**June 8-10 WNCC United Women in Faith  
Spiritual Growth Retreat - "Women Coming  
to Christ" - Lake Junaluska**

**June 12 - General Meeting - 6:30 pm**  
Hostess: Mission Keepers

**July - No Meetings**



United  
Women  
in Faith

## GIVING CHALLENGE

Two months ago, the Outreach Committee gave you a challenge and you took it on! We began with 100 envelopes with dollar amounts of \$1 - \$100 and 61% of those envelopes were filled! Some more than once! Thank you to all who participated in this challenge! We collected a grand total of \$2250.00! 😊



**Compliments of the Honey Hunters, the church has season tickets once again!**

**FOUR** tickets are available for each home game and they are great seats near home plate. Members of the church can sign up for a game they would like to attend. Schedules and sign up sheet is on the desk outside the church office. To pick up your tickets, see Pat, Kim or Tammy. Hope you get to enjoy a game or two! We have a great team this year! Home games are marked on the calendar in the newsletter as well. Go Honey Hunters!

### Home Games:

**June** 1,2,3, 13,14,15,16,17,18, 27,28,29,30

**July** 1,2,14,15,16,18,19,20

**August** 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,15,16,17,18,19,20  
29,30,31

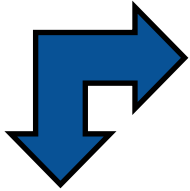
**September** 1,2,3,4,8,9,10,12,13,14

## Summer Music Schedule



**Joyful Noise Ringers** will not meet in June. Resume rehearsal on July 11, will play for worship on July 30.

**Choir rehearsal** will be on the calendar on each Tuesday at 10 am. If any changes or cancellations, Rebecca will let you know.



# Covenant Prayer Corner

## New/Updated Prayer Concerns

**Family of Sarah Bentley** - passed away May 18

**Ann Dees** - was admitted to the hospital May 30, needs healing prayer

**Family of William Goforth** (Suzanne Kayler's father) passed away May 29

**Tom & Val VanAntwerp\*** - Tom is recovering well, removed a tumor on his kidney, diagnosed early, good prognosis. **Val** - recently diagnosed with breast cancer, has begun chemo treatments

## Continued Prayer Concerns

**Mildred McElveen**

**Jay Raxter**

**Beverly Cole**

**Laura McDonald**

**Libby Grose**

**Dean Atkinson**

**Dennis Dees**

**Jeff & Lisa Casey\***

**Don Oglesby**

**Jerry Smith\***

*\*Friends/family of members*



*Sharing in your sorrow  
with love and friendship.*

*Our Christian Sympathy is expressed to the family of Sarah Bentley. Sarah passed away May 18 at Peak Resources in Cherryville. She and her husband, Marvin, came to Covenant in 1997 and were loved by us all. She has missed Marvin daily since his passing in 2014. They are together again! Sarah loved to talk on the phone. There were friends that she would talk to daily, just to say hello, or to tell them she loved them. She enjoyed baking and shared her yummy sweets with many. She is with Marvin again. ♥ Keep Sarah's family in your prayers.*

*(If you would like to send a card to the family, send to Jeff & Dena Beaty, 2803 Shumard Dr, Gastonia, NC 28054.)*

*We also extend our Christian Sympathy to Suzanne Kayler & Family. Her father, William Hicks Goforth, passed away May 29th. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, of 60 years in 2021. Pray for Suzanne & Robert, Eric and Emma, Libby & Malcolm and the kids.*

it's a  
**BOY**

**congratulations!**



**Noah Harvey**

**April 26, 2023**

**7 lbs, 12 oz**

**Proud Parents: Allison & Caleb Smithers**

**Proud Grandparents:**

**Sherri Poole, Laura & Harvey McDonald**

**Owen Anthony**

**May 8, 2023**

**8 lbs, 2 oz**

**Proud Parents: Collin & Catherine Taylor**

**Proud Grandparents: Sharon & Larry Taylor**



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|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 5 Andrew Raxter    | 14 Tammy Bassett  | 24 Liam Meek        |
| 8 Becky VanAntwerp | 15 Eric Lowe      | 24 Tom Turner       |
| 9 Brice Merritt    | 16 Cloe McDaniel  | 25 Jameson Smithers |
| 13 Matt Cochran    | 21 Leanne Flowers | 29 Helanea Killian  |
|                    |                   | 30 Lib Grose        |

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 10 Dobb & Marcia Phillips  
29 Dean & Tommy Sue Atkinson

# June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4:00 Kids at Work 6:30 HH game	2 6:30 HH game	3 6:30 HH game
4 10:30 Worship 6:30 HH game	5 UWF Circles 10:00 Mission Kprs 6:00 Hope Givers 6:30 Racial Justice Meeting - Stanley	6 10:00 Praise Team	7 11:30 HH day game	8 4:00 Kids at Work	9 	10
11 9:15 Council Meeting 10:30 Worship	12 6:30 pm United Women in Faith General Meeting	13 10:00 Praise Team 6:30 HH game	14 11:30 HH day game	15 4:00 Kids at Work 6:30 HH game	16	17
18 Happy Father's Day! 10:30 Worship 6:30 HH game	19 	20 10:00 Praise Team	21 	22 4:00 Kids at Work	23	24 11:00 - 12:30 pm 
25 10:30 Worship	26	27 10:00 Praise Team 6:30 HH game	28 6:30 HH game	29 4:00 Kids at Work 6:30 HH game	30	

Honey Hunter Home Games are marked as "HH game" Mon-Sat. home games begin at 6:30, Sunday games begin 3:30

Girl Scouts are done for the summer and will resume in the Fall. However, the Kids at Work will continue to meet.



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**Rebecca Brooks**

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*June 2023*  
*Happy Father's Day!*

**Regular Scheduled Activities**

**Sunday**

10:30 am Join us for worship!

**Tuesday**

10:00 am Covenant Praise

6:00 pm Joyful Noise Ringers

**Thursday**

4:00 - 7:00 pm Kids at Work

6:00 - 8:00 pm Girl Scouts (resumes in the Fall)

**COME  
WORSHIP**  
*with us!*

**Monthly Activities**

**First Monday**

10:00 am Mission Keepers Women's Circle

6:00 pm Hope Givers Women's Circle

**Fourth Saturday of each month**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Community Lunch