

## Covenant Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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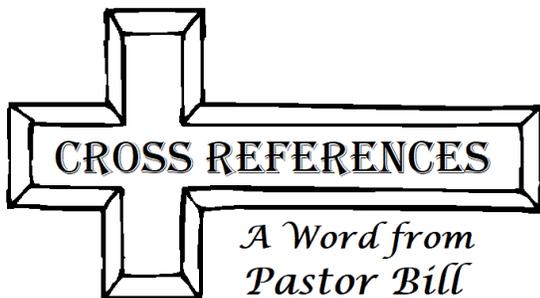
A Christ centered covenant community;

Loving God,

Loving People,

Making disciples

August 2018



*We always thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.*

— 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

Did you catch the 3 marks of a vital church in this passage? *A vital church is one...*

- ***where faith is growing.*** Its members grow closer to Christ, becoming more like Him daily, because their commitment to solid Biblical teaching equips them with the absolute assurance of God's love and understanding of how lost and broken sinners become eternally secure in Christ because God put His Holy Spirit in our hearts. With the sure confidence of knowing God is sovereign and our lives have meaning we grow beyond our doubts and become doers of the Word.
- ***where love increases.*** People who are not trained in the Scriptures are not equipped to be "*doers of the Word.*" To grow in love, it's vital to know God's inspired Word, that "*is profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the people of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Christians who begin serving people will inevitably discover that this service to Christ is their greatest joy. Sound teaching connects them to the source of Christian love – a love that is never self-serving but grows through meeting the needs of others: "*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have*

*loved you, so you must love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34).*

- ***which perseveres.*** Christ doesn't expect every church to be big and influential. He *does* expect every church to faithfully continue in discipleship in their time and place by loving the world through sharing compassion, community and confidence in God's goodness. And when Christians endure in loving Christ by loving people they discover the reality of God's power in their lives.

These marks are the essence of Covenant Church – and why I'm excited to serve as your pastor. You truly are a loving people who care, serving a God who loves, making disciples.

*Pastor Bill*



### **From the Clerk**

If you have struggled with a lot of standing/sitting during worship, you will be pleased that the Worship Team, with support of Session, has decided to stand at the beginning and at the end of our worship time and remain seated the rest of the time. This means most of the singing will still be while standing, but not so much up/down/up/down. And of course, you are always welcome to remain sitting if that is more comfortable for you.

On Saturday, July 28, several of our members helped move donated furniture for new Habitat house owner Chris and his son. We have been blessed by his testimony and their visits during our worship services. We are excited that they have this beautiful new home of their own to live in.

The Christian Ed team is happy to report a new small group has been started by Linda Anderson to study church history. Any and all are welcome to join. Call Linda for specifics.

Our youth programs are growing too. Parents, encourage your middle school and high school age youth to join in the fun, fellowship and learning being led by Crystalle Kirkbride for the summer evenings on the last Sunday of each month. If your son or daughter is a little hesitant, offer to join them until they feel comfortable. A youth program can't happen without leaders and participants! Also watch for the brief drama that our kids and youth will be presenting to the congregation on August 19. The Session thanks all those who are working so hard to encourage our kids in the joys of knowing God.

Properties Elder Cathy Taylor is asking for help in seeking out possibilities for a larger facility for worship. Thank you to all those who have already been seeking out possibilities. We have also been talking with Kara, our wonderful and current landlord. Although the decision will ultimately be that of the Session, we encourage everyone to keep their eyes and ears out for options and let Cathy know of any gems you might find! In the meantime, be sure to invite

friends and neighbors to come meet Pastor Bill and our welcoming covenant partners to fill our worship center and join us in ministry

## New Online Directory

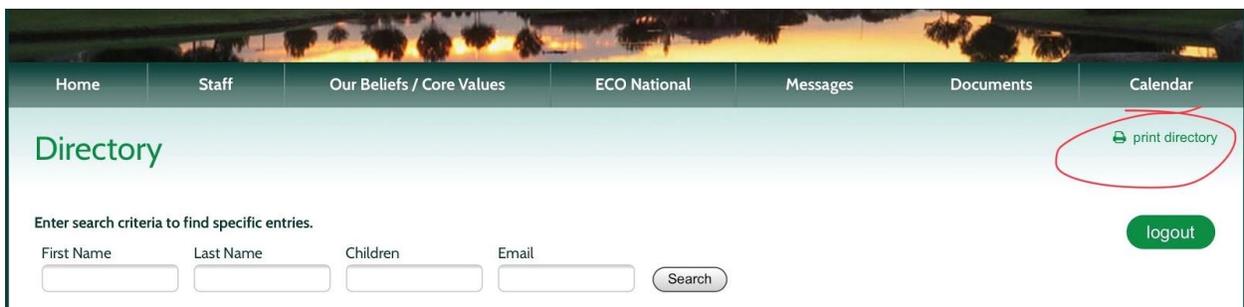
We have an online church directory now! Check it out on our website. Just click on “Staff” and then “Directory”.



You must login in order to see this portion of the site.

A screenshot of the 'Directory Login' form. The form has a title 'Directory Login' and two input fields: 'Login' and 'Password'. Below the fields is a green 'submit' button. The form is set against a light yellow background.

If you'd like to update your info or put your Glamour Shot photo in there, please email Derek at [derekflyer@gmail.com](mailto:derekflyer@gmail.com). If you prefer to have a printed copy, you can print one at home by clicking on “print directory” in the upper right corner after you sign in.



Enjoy our new directory!

## Hospitality Team

The next fellowship luncheon will be August 12<sup>th</sup> immediately after church service. Bring your favorite dish to share & enjoy getting to know each other better.

## Women's Ministry

The next planning meeting is August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the church office. There will also be a meeting August 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-7PM at the church. We hope many of the women will attend this meeting and we are requesting that you bring your favorite family recipes with you. Also include any favorite family story or tradition that may go along with the recipe. Come and share your ideas for the Women's Ministry.

## Children's Church

Mark your calendar for August 19<sup>th</sup>. The young people of our church will be performing a skit from one of their lessons. Please come and support the young people of our church.

## Theology Matters

### August 2018

#### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.* (KJV)

#### Was the Doxology originally included in the Lord's Prayer?

There seems to be quite a disagreement as to whether this last line, "For yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever," was included in Jesus original Prayer. The RSV, the ASV, the NIV, and the New Living Translation are among those Bible translations that do not include it. However, the KJV, the NKJV, the NAS and the NASU are among those that do include it.

Those who say that this doxology was not included in the original prayer generally agree that it was added by the early church when the church began to use the prayer for its liturgy (in order to round out the prayer). Also during these early years, the eastern half of the Church did add the doxology to the prayer when reciting during the Mass. There is even evidence of its use found in the "Didache", the Teaching of the 12 Apostles, which was a 1<sup>st</sup> century manual of morals and worship.

However, some commentators say it would have to have been included originally because a Jew would never have closed a prayer on a negative note. Another possibility for the initial inclusion - because of the way it ties the prayer together and fits so well with the first three petitions. It is a fitting end to the prayer and is similar to many of the praises and doxologies of the Old Testament. It is almost the same as David's praise to God in 1 Chronicles 29:11, and it also corresponds with the doxology used at the temple services (e.g. Ps. 72:19). These things would help to identify its true author - Jesus Christ.

It is interesting to explore the different ideas as to what the original looked like. In the time of King Henry VIII there were versions that included it and those that did not. Henry wanted consistency so he ordered it not to be included. However by the time Queen Elizabeth I ascended the throne, there was very strong anti-Roman Catholic feeling in the country, so at that time, the Doxology was officially added to The Lord's Prayer in the King James Version.

### **Its meaning.**

The meaning of the doxology is really quite clear. "Yours is the kingdom," means that God is the king and the kingdom is His. As king He is in charge of everything. "The power" suggests that He is all-powerful, and that He has the power to accomplish anything, which would include answering any of our prayer requests. "The glory" means that all glory is His. He is the only one truly worthy of glory, and in the end He will receive all the glory.

## **Christian Ed**

### **Men's Fellowship**

The men of the church meet at the church each Thursday at 11:30am. All men are welcome and you can bring a sack lunch if you like.

### **August Calendar**

- 1 5pm Deacon Meeting
- 6 10am Women's Ministry planning meeting
- 9 1pm Worship Team
- 12 Monthly Luncheon
- 16 7pm Session
- 19 Children's program during service
- 20 6-7pm Women's Ministry meeting for all women

### **August Birthdays**

- 2 Richard Taylor
- 11 Dawn Urton
- 15 Gayle Leniger
- 19 Pam Larson
- 23 Olga Sylvestre
- 28 Aaron George
- 29 Chet Dorsey
- 29 Jake Sylvestre

### **August Anniversaries**

- 15 Darold & Lois Wiege