

Covenant Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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A Christ centered covenant community;

Loving God,

Loving people,

Making disciples

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FROM THE CLERK

Even though the Session, with help from our Presbytery, is acting upon Bill Pawson's resignation, your Session is in fervent prayer that Covenant Presbyterian Church is ready to heal and move on in its mission to be a "Christ centered covenant community loving God, loving people, and making disciples." Be assured that God's word will still be what is preached and followed at Covenant. As Pastor Bob reminded us Last Sunday, God has promised to be with us always and he is still here with us. Let us all pray for us to follow His guidance and for the strength to follow His direction. Remember to keep in mind that He doesn't just call the equipped, but rather that He equips the called. Be open to what He might be calling you to do at Covenant.

Pastor Bob Simmons, a recently retired ECO pastor from Christ Presbyterian Church in Goodyear, will be our liaison to our Presbytery to help us in anything we need. He will be helping the Worship Team to line up some wonderful preachers of the Word from all over the state and even some from other states who want to visit our state! Of course, we will still be inviting some of our local favorites, like our own Elder Richard Taylor, Dr Ken Ross and retired CG Pastor David Eleiott.

Your Covenant Mission Team was called up front at the Home of Hope's recent fundraising dinner. We were able to present them with \$5500 from our congregation's generous 5th Sunday offering in September. It was exciting to see all the women and families whose lives have been totally changed through this renowned faith-based organization. We will be asking Pastor Teresa to come again to our church and share testimonies during our worship.

Your Mission Team has also committed Covenant to being a sponsor for our local Seeds of Hope 5K run fundraiser in January. We will be setting up a booth also. We hope to get runners (and walkers) to participate and get other people to work the booth and help along the way. Watch for more information.

We have the greatest group of children and youth! They are always ready to help as needed. We thank Crystalle Kirkbride for all her hard work in providing youth activities at least twice a month. We are needing some Sunday School teachers to keep our younger children learning about God on Sunday mornings. Who wouldn't want to spend some time with those cuties? We have been using easy online materials and are hoping to continue with having enough volunteers to only teach once or twice a month. Be ready to volunteer to any one of the Elders or be ready to say "yes" when asked.

Our Deacons can still put on great luncheons! Thanks to all who make that delicious food, set it all up, and then instantly change our Worship Center to a dining room and back. Most of these luncheons will still be on the second Sunday of each month and all regular attendees will be asked to bring a dish to share. That's an especially good Sunday to invite friends!

Deacons/Hospitality

Happy Fall everyone!! This cooler weather has been wonderful and it's amazing how close all of the fall holidays are to us already! Here's an update of what we have planned for November!

Communion will be held November 4th during service and we will be using the intinction method where we come forward to dip the bread into the cup.

Our next luncheon will be held Sunday November 11th immediately after service. The Deacons will be providing pulled pork and buns and are asking the congregation to please bring a small side dish to accompany it. Great suggestions are salads, dessert or chips. We hope everyone will stay to fellowship.

We plan to start a signup sheet on the back table for anyone who would like to sign up to provide Sunday snacks occasionally. We thank all of the volunteers that have been so helpful and we look forward to visiting with everyone over a hot cup of coffee each Sunday.

Christmas Angel Tree

Our church will be participating once again in the Angel Tree Program. This program provides Christmas gifts for the children of parents that are incarcerated. You take a tag and purchase the gift and bring it back to the church. The angel tags should be ready around the third week of November.

Thank you for your help and participation.

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 wish.

November Calendar

- 7 5:00pm Deacons Meeting
- 8 1:00pm Worship Team
- 11 Monthly Luncheon
- 11 6:30pm Life Group at Kirkbrides
- 14 7:15am Prayers at the flagpole at McCartney Ranch Elementary
- 15 Session
- 25 6:30pm Life Group at Kirkbrides

November Birthdays

- 6 Darold Wiege
- 14 Taylor Ann Kirkbride
- 17 Charlie Leniger
- 19 Carol Smith

November Anniversaries

- 1 Craig & Leslie George