



November 22, 2020



"Our promise to you, born out of His promise to us"



LIGHT UP THE WORLD

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

DECEMBER 5TH

5 - 8 PM

Need help with Christmas this year?



Contact Grace Botkins @ (704)-740-8122 about our Angel
Tree Program

Thanksgiving Week Church Office Hours

**Closing Wed. @ 1pm -
and Thurs—Fri.**



The Children's Ministry is staffed by loving volunteers that have been carefully screened with a background check for our children's safety. We welcome your children to our ministry.

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

SUNDAYS

8:30a Children's Church
(except 1st Sunday)

10:45a Children's Church
(except 1st Sunday)

*Nursery available on Sunday
mornings and Wednesday evenings
(birth - 3 years).*

WEDNESDAYS



Royal Rangers - 6:30p
for boys



Mpact Clubs - 6:30p
for girls

Children's Praise Team—5:00 - 6:00p

FOR COVENANT KIDS INFO
Please text @covenantki
to the number 81010.



**Covenant
STUDENTS**



NEED YOUTH INFO
Please text @a6adb2
to the number 81010.

"Here am I, Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

SEE WEEKLY CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- THE CORE MEETING – 1ST SUNDAY @ 5:15P & 3RD WEDNESDAY @ 5:30P EACH MONTH

Sunday evening – 6:00-8:00p



Bible Stories: God's Creation

Wednesday evening — 6:30-7:30p

**No Wednesday Meeting
Happy Thanksgiving**

FINANCIAL UPDATE	November 15, 2020	Year To Date
Undesignated Giving	\$18,372.14	\$943,893.08
Budget Needs	\$19,414.29	\$893,057.34
Over (Under) Budget	-\$1,042.15	\$50,835.74
Renovation Project Giving	\$920.00	\$10,270.12
Other Designated Giving	\$2,263.00	\$58,502.71
Total Giving	\$21,555.14	\$1,012,665.91
Renovation Project Goal	\$300,000.00	
Renovation Project Total Giving	\$117,400.13	



MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Security Team November 22

Captain—Mike Florence

Bob Brice, Walt Shires,
Terry Somers, Chris Tallent,
Darin Tate, Bryan Tomberlin

Security Team November 29

Captain—Bill Lyda

Tim Cloer, Phil Eastin,
Brian Lane, Ronnie Mercer,
Joe Roseman, Donald White,
Darrell Dellinger

Elders & Wives Altar Ministry

David & Linda Creech

Nursery on November 22

Babies Debbie and Grady Revis

Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez

2s & 3s Megan Lawing, Abby Morris

Nursery on November 29

Babies Cameron and Brooke Kincaid

Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez

2s & 3s Josh and Jennifer Queen

Wednesdays At Covenant

11.25	No Services
12.2	Wednesday Night Bible Study
12.9	Wednesday Night Bible Study Happy Birthday Jesus Party
12.16	Family Christmas Dinner— Drive-Thru Style
12.23	No Services
12.30	No Services

Mark your Calendar

11.25	Church Office Closes @ 1pm
11-26-27	Church Office Closed
12.5	Light Up The World— Christmas Festival
12.6	New Members
12.24—28	Church Office Closed
12.29-1.1	Covenant Students— Winter Ramp



Sunday, November 22

7:15a..... Worship Team
8:30a..... Children's Church
8:30a..... Early Morning Worship
10:45a..... Children's Church
10:45a..... Worship Service + Water Baptism
6:00p..... Covenant Students

Monday, November 23

7:00p..... Business Administration Group

Tuesday, November 24

10:00a..... Ladies' Prayer Group (Room 109)

Wednesday, November 25

Church Office Closes at 1pm

Thursday, November 26

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed



CONNECTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Connections for Prospective New Members is an ongoing seminar for prospective members and others who just want to know how our church body believes and operates. The class may be joined at any time. The class, facilitated by David Creech, meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45a in Room 118. Also, available on Wednesday nights upon request by calling the church office at 704.735.1559.

If you are currently attending another Sunday School class, you may request CDs and a workbook to complete on your own prior to becoming a member.

INFORMATION DIRECTIVES & DEADLINES

Newsletter: Deadline: Monday by 5p; News items: Brandy Mercer
Prayer Sheet: Deadline: Wednesday by 3p; Requests: Brandy Mercer
Announcements: Deadline: Monday by 5p; Ryan Stertzbach

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From Our Pastor

It's Time To Light Things Up

Ephesians 5:8-14 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Paul has this "NOT SO SUBTLE" way of calling us out sometimes in the middle of a verse of scripture. The above is one such occasion. If we simply just cut to the point, we see Paul calling us to a radical obedience that he believes will change the world. Not only will it change the world, but it will completely transform the way we talk, walk, and live as children in the Kingdom of God. What is he saying?

For one, he is saying to all believers, "If you are going to call yourself a believer, a Christian, then live like you are one. If you really have met the LIGHT, then stop walking like you haven't. If you really have come into the LIGHT, then it's high time your life reflected the change. You ought always now to be walking with the fruit of the Spirit readily apparent in your life. Furthermore, if the fruit of the Spirit isn't visible in your life; then maybe the Spirit isn't in your life." Beyond that, he says, "If you are actually children of the LIGHT; then you should not be having fellowship with those whose works are 'unfruitful.' In fact, not only should you not be having fellowship with the unfruitful; but don't even speak of their deeds." Is Paul saying we shouldn't speak to sinners? No! Not at all. He is saying that we shouldn't be in fellowship with them. He isn't saying not to love them or speak truth to them. He is saying that our only response to them is to tell them of the grace and greatness of Jesus. Instead of ignoring their "lostness," we should be telling them about the answer to their pain. He is calling the church to be the church. He is trying to awaken us so that in the days ahead, when we are in dire need of God's voice and Presence, that we will be awake enough to have it. He is calling us to Himself. Listen and respond. It's time to LIGHT things up!

Michael E. Devine

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Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday, 8:30a—5:00p; Friday, 8:30a—11:30a

WI-FI NOW AVAILABLE
Connect to CBCGuest
PASSWORD: CBCfamily

