

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Psalm 84:11

Pray this week for the members of Covenant who are homebound or living in retirement and nursing homes. Ask God to minister to them by His Word and Spirit. Pray that we as a congregation would be faithful to ministering to their needs as well.

Our missionaries to pray for this week are the staff with Bethany Christian Services. Give thanks to God for this ministry that has served Christ's kingdom faithfully for several years ministering to women with unplanned pregnancies and to families seeking to adopt children. Pray that God would provide for their every need and enable them to continue to minister faithfully.

The prayer efforts of Covenant Church are channeled through our monthly publication of the *Armor Bearer*. The *Armor Bearer* is included as an insert in the bulletin on the last Sunday of each month and contains prayer requests for the following month. The Session believes the *Armor Bearer* is the most effective way we have at this time to make our prayer requests known to the congregation and we encourage you to refer to it daily as you pray for the needs and concerns of our church. If you are not able to attend the services on the publication date of the *Armor Bearer*, you may get a copy of it throughout the month from the narthex.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, March 7

Congregational Dinner following A.M. Worship Service, P.H.
No evening activities at the church

Wednesday, March 10

Deacons Meeting 6:30 P.M.

Sunday, March 14

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Morning Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Covenant Groups (call leader or church office for locations and times)

For more information about any activities listed on this week's calendar, please ask an usher to direct you to an appropriate leader in the church today or call the church office on Monday.

NURSERY WORKERS

March 7: 10:45 – Amy Hamby

March 14 9:30 – Wood 10:45 – Gretchen Bolen

ELDERS

Bob Allen

Brad Carnahan

Manton Frierson, Jr. (Emeritus)

Dick Van De Water (Emeritus)

Kevin Bolen

Gary Collier

Joe Tyler

DEACONS

Matthew Coleman

David Etheridge, Jr. (Emeritus)

Heath Milford

Bill Watkins

David Dodds

Buddy Lingle

Richard Moseley

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome visitors! We extend a special invitation to you to join with our members for a luncheon in Petersen Hall following the worship service today. There will not be any evening activities at the church today.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 69: What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

Hymn of the Week

Trinity Hymnal

1961 Blue Edition # 298

1990 Red Edition # 369

"Shout For The Blessed Jesus Reigns"

CCCS is having a golf tournament on April 19 to raise much needed funds for our school. CCCS is a ministry of our church, and church members can help out in two ways. 1) Would your business or place of work be one of our golf tournament sponsors? Companies can sponsor the entire tournament or an individual hole and have advertising on the course. Please contact David Dodds (738-2453 or ddodds@sc.rr.com) if you can get a sponsor or have a suggestion of a company we could ask. 2) Are you or someone you know a golfer? This will be a fun day on the course. The cost is \$75 a player or \$300 for a team of four and includes lunch, dinner, golf at Crickentree, and other perks. Entry forms are available in the school office, or you can ask the Dodds or the Crains for more information.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Fred McFadden and family in the death of his father, William Steele McFadden on March 2, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 14th. Please set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night.

We will once again decorate the sanctuary for Easter with Easter lilies. You are invited to participate in this tradition by purchasing a lily in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12.00 per lily. Please fill out the order form and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or return it to the church office no later than March 21. Checks should be made payable to the church and included with your order. Note: Members donating lilies are responsible for picking them up Easter Sunday to take to the homebound, the sick or to take home.

EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM

Name(s) _____

Daytime phone number or e-mail address _____

Please fill in the dedication as you prefer to have it printed in the bulletin and circle one or more of the three dedication options:

Given by _____ to the
glory of God/in memory of/in honor of

**PLEASE ENCLOSE PAYMENT OF \$12.00 WITH THIS FORM.
DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDERS FOR EASTER LILIES IS MARCH 21.**

Welcome

If you are **visiting** our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and our Christian community. Please find the attendance registration folder at the end of the pew and help us serve you better by leaving your name and contact information. If you are visiting with us and have not filled out a welcome card, please take one from the back of the pew, fill it out and place it in the offering plate. We promise to keep this information confidential and only use it for personal contact with you and your family.

We have **Christian education** classes for all ages which meet before the service at 9:45 AM. Please come back and make these classes a part of your Sunday experience with us. Ask any of our deacons or members for directions to the meeting place for you child when you come again. Please join us today following the worship service for a Fellowship Dinner in Petersen Hall.

If you are unfamiliar with **our form of worship**, please feel free to speak with one of the Pastors or Elders. We desire to help you understand the biblical rationale for why we worship the way we do.

We observe the **Lord's Supper** every week as the climax of covenant worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are disciples of Jesus Christ set apart unto him by baptism and profession of faith under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating bread and drinking wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the leadership of this local church you are in covenant with God as an active member in good standing of a local congregation where the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed. You also acknowledge you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any doubt about your participation with us, please speak to one of the elders or pastors before or after the service.

NOTE: We use wine in communion because we believe Jesus gave wine to his disciples in the cup to drink. However, the middle circle on the communion trays also contains grape juice, which is white or pale yellow in color. The wine is in the outer ring and central portions of the tray and is clearly red and dark in color.

The Lenten Season

What does Lent mean? The word “Lent” comes from the Middle English *lente* (“spring”) and from the Old English *lengthen* (“to lengthen”), referring to the time of lengthening daylight from Christmas (around the Winter solstice) to Easter (Spring equinox). The Lenten season lasts 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday (17 Feb 10). In anticipation of the great Paschal mystery (the resurrection of Jesus celebrated on Easter Sunday), we are encouraged to examine ourselves anew in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We follow his example and seek for forty days to wage a more earnest struggle against the world, the flesh and the devil. Our desire in this is increased sanctification and growth in Christian maturity and obedience.

At the heart of any worthy Lenten observance is a cultivated attitude of repentance. A true repentance means a genuine change in heart and mind, a change of disposition wherever in our lives we need to return to God. True repentance and a true lent can never be satisfied by mere external observances, no matter how rigorous they are. Repentance is no morbid introspection or “guilt trip” in which we become bound up in ourselves, turned inward to the point of unhealthy despair. Rather, it has to do with God, who is both holy and compassionate. Therefore, Christian repentance always means faith in God, looking to him, trusting him, and responding to his promises of grace. That is why whatever guilt or sorrow we may feel does not crush us. For we know and trust God’s goodness toward us.

Color: Purple or violet—a rich color made with the costliest dyes in the ancient world. It appropriately symbolizes deep, heartfelt, and therefore costly repentance. Lent is not merely a time to remember and think about the history of our Lord’s suffering and death, but is intended primarily as an opportunity for intense self-examination and repentance, even fasting (Luke 5:34-35). We reach the high point of Lent on Good Friday, when we remember, our sins crucified Christ. In the words of Johann Heermann’s great hymn, “Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. ‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee: I crucified the” (*Trinity Hymnal* #179). Lenten hymns can be found in the *Trinity Hymnal* #171-196.

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