

2009



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Covenant Courier

## Sunday School Starts Again!

Please join us on Sunday morning, August 9, for our Annual Breakfast to celebrate Sunday School Kickoff and Promotion Sunday. Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. and followed by a brief introduction to the teachers and their programs. Regular classes will resume on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Our Youth Ministry Leader

The search is underway for Covenant's next Youth Ministry Leader. Human Resources, Christian Ed., Session, & an interview team are working hard to find the next person that God is calling to serve in ministry to our young people. Please pray for them in our search and for this person to hear God's call.

As we have worked through this process, it has become clearer that God's call to youth ministry at Covenant extends well beyond the Youth Ministry Leader. To ensure that we continue and strengthen our already healthy programs, a Youth Support Team is being put in place. These individuals will work somewhat as our Youth Ministry Leader's staff, particularly helping in planning and preparation for youth events. If you believe you may be called to support our youth ministry in this way, please contact Fred Dulin.

## Help Needed for WNL! 2009-2010



As members of the church, we promised to help raise the children of the congregation in the Christian faith. Our Wednesday evening program, WNL!, is where a large part of the teaching about our faith and how to live as Christians takes place. Therefore, making WNL! happen every week is an important part of fulfilling our promise to the children of our church. If you have never participated in WNL! before, please seriously consider doing so this year.

### MEAL TEAM LEADER

The program needs a new Meal Team Leader this year. The Meal Team Leader recruits the weekly cook team members and table parents, decides on the menu and then makes a schedule of who cooks what and when. Sometimes the cooking teams do the shopping for the food and sometimes the Meal Team Leader does, which means there may not be a weekly obligation of your time. Gwen Hunter has done the job for the past few years and has offered to train and support the new Meal Team Leader.

The meal is a very important part of the Wednesday program. It provides the time for the adults to talk with and get to know the children. It also is a lot of fun for the children so is an incentive for the kids to keep coming to the program every week.

### TEACHING LEADER

We also need a Teaching Leader. You don't have to teach a class or have ever been a teacher. All you have to do is decide how many classes will be needed and what ages will be grouped in the classes based on the number of children enrolled in WNL! Then you recruit teachers to teach the classes. So again, there is no weekly obligation. It is mainly organizing and overseeing.

Fulfill your promise to the children of the congregation and help with WNL! Contact Melissa Hopkins 610-0531 or Gwen Hunter 928-8579 to let us know how you would like to help.

Thank you, Melissa Hopkins

## SpudFest—Sunday, August 16, 2009



Please join us after worship on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> as we help Lynnea Hunter raise support for her mission to Northern Ireland with the PC(USA)'s Young Adult Volunteer Program. Lynnea will give a short presentation on the program. We hope to see you there!

## Invitation to the Congregation

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Mr. and Mrs. George O. Carroll, Jr.  
request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Colleen Elizabeth Carroll

to

Chad Allen King

son of

Ms. Barbara King and Mr. George King

Saturday, the twenty-sixth of September, two thousand and nine  
five o'clock in the afternoon

Covenant Presbyterian Church

603 Sunset Drive

Johnson City, Tennessee

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Reception to follow at the Best Western Hotel—Please use the Response Cards in the Narthex

## Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program

Dear Covenant Family,

I can't believe two months have gone by since my last letter! Time flies when you're having fun, and that's certainly true at the Gorge. By the time you read this there will be only one more week of camp. Hard to believe!

My job on the leadership team at camp is going well. A typical day for me starts at about 7:30 or 8:00 in the morning (except for Tuesdays and Thursdays, which start at 7:00 a.m. with a lifeguard lap swim in the lake) and runs nonstop until about midnight or 1:00 a.m. Yes, it's hard and more than exhausting, but it helps to remember it's neither by my own strength, nor is it for my own benefit (although I am benefiting, greatly)! My new favorite verse is 2 Corinthians 12:7-10, where Paul describes a thorn in his flesh. Even though he pleads with God to take it away, the Lord in turn says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." When I am weak, God makes me strong. Well, I may not have a "thorn in my flesh," but I certainly have weaknesses, so I love that God himself says, "That's alright. I am sufficient." There's never a dull moment at camp, and I am surrounded by some of the best people on the planet. The staff is fantastic, which really makes my job easier, and I am really enjoying getting to know them, not only while we do activities together but also in Bible studies and down time. It's going very well.

Also, the prep work for my YAV year in Ireland is coming along nicely. I now have an address for the place I will be living (an apartment with two other volunteers) as well as instructions for my visa application. The visa application process for the UK is very strict. This particular process is new, so please pray that everything goes well. The most exciting thing is that as of late June, I met my first monetary goal of \$2,500! It wasn't officially due until July 15, so it's a huge weight off to know that this goal is met. My next goal is \$5,000 by February 15, 2010. To that end, go ahead and mark your calendars for SpudFest! The Mission & Outreach Committee will be hosting a SpudFest fundraiser for me on August 16. It will be immediately following the service, and I would love for you to come. I know that date is also the same as the Youth Rally in Greeneville, so I know many of the youth and parents will be traveling to that. Please come to SpudFest before you go—you'll need to eat lunch, anyway! I will give a short presentation on the YAV program, my place in the program, what I know about what I will be doing, and how fundraising is going. I hope to see you there.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support! I hope this finds you well and enjoying your summer! God Bless!

Lynnea Hunter

## July Session Highlights...Fred Dulin for Evelyn Kemp

- ◆ Year-to-date, we are 4% below budget on giving, but on budget on expenses.
- ◆ The Stewardship Committee is giving more attention to the non-financial aspects of stewardship. As one step, Time & Talent sheets will be distributed soon.
- ◆ There will be no ConneX service in July due to many other Covenant activities this month.
- ◆ Modifications are being made in the bulletin to make the flow of the service clearer.
- ◆ Camp fees are higher this year for the Church Fall Retreat (\$87 per person, ages 10 and older).
- ◆ The Youth Ministry Leader position will be posted in several places, including the Holston Presbytery website, Youth Specialties, Emmanuel, PC(USA), Presbyterian College & at local colleges.
- ◆ Youth Mission Trip – Sharon reported that the Savannah trip went very well. The YouthWorks organization was outstanding – their focus was integrating mission into the youths lives, not just as an isolated experience. Our kids were amazing!
- ◆ Good Samaritan – the first month of the 10/10/10 campaign was very successful with 270 lbs of food collected, in addition to monetary gifts.
- ◆ Paperwork is being submitted for 2 grants to support Covenant’s mission work in the local community.
- ◆ Office doors, including Sharon’s office, should be closed during worship. Christian Education will develop a procedure for ensuring that the exterior doors from the Fellowship Hall are locked following the start of worship.

### Address Update:

**Barbara King**  
 112 Melody Lane, #B-3  
 Bristol, TN 37620  
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### Memorial Gifts

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Given in Memory of:  
 Myma Slawson  
 By

Norma Dever  
 Gary & Anne Smith  
 Providence United Methodist  
 Church Preschool  
 The Wyatt Family  
 (Doris Wyatt, Abra Smith  
 Kent Wyatt & Garrett Wyatt)

### Treasurer’s Report

#### June

<b>Income to General Fund</b>	
<b>June</b>	
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$16,691.98</b>
<b>vs. Budgeted</b>	<b>\$21,038.15</b>
<b>Expenses from General Fund</b>	
<b>June</b>	
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$19,068.31</b>
<b>vs. Budgeted</b>	<b>\$21,038.15</b>
<b>Year to Date Income</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$116,046.20</b>
<b>vs. Budgeted</b>	<b>\$126,228.96</b>
<b>Year to Date Expenses from</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$126,282.23</b>
<b>vs. Budgeted</b>	<b>\$126,228.96</b>
<b>The 5-cents a Meal Offering</b>	
<b>for June was \$254.05.</b>	
<b>Remaining Mortgage:</b>	
<b>\$109,770.71</b>	

### Good Samaritan Ministries

**10 ITEMS      10 POUNDS      10 DOLLARS**

This is the Mission & Outreach challenge to YOU. Please consider one of these “10’s” as your donation to Good Samaritan. As we see in our news almost daily, the need in our area is great to help feed our neighbors. We are a mission-minded congregation and Good Samaritan is one of our focus missions.

Remember, IF you meet the challenge we’ll be preparing “The 10 10 10 Brunch” for you in September.

Thank You, Mission and Outreach Committee



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## Youth Schedule

The search is on for a new youth minister, but in the meantime, here's what's on tap:

### Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

J Sunday School Kick Off, 9<sup>th</sup> Graders will be given Bibles in worship (that means you, Allura, Jimmy, Blake and Sean!)

### Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

J SpudFest – this time to help Lynnea raise her support for her mission trip to Northern Ireland. Come eat, hear about what she will be doing, and support her. Then, we will load up the van for the....

J Youth Rally! Beth and Jim Amstutz were on the planning committee for this and promise a great time. We'll be home by dinnertime.



### Wednesdays in August

Destination Unknown!

Meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. each week for supper and a road trip. Where are we going? You won't know until we get there. But it will be lots of fun and a time to grow in your faith.

And, welcome our 'newcomers,' Mark, Linden and Joseph!

**1st Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton presents**  
**Saturday, August 22, 2009**  
**West African Djembe Artist**  
**Bolokada Conde**  
**with the**  
**Tonali Drum Group**  
**Drumming Class—4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.**  
**Evening Program—7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**  
**Admission:**  
**\$30 for class & evening program**  
**\$10 for evening program only**  
**Visit [www.fpcelizabethton.org](http://www.fpcelizabethton.org) for registration**  
**and information or call 423-543-7737.**



## Covenant Fall Retreat September 11-13, 2009

It's coming soon! This year's Covenant Fall Retreat will be focusing on the theme of service and how we can give back to God in non-monetary ways. Fellowship, study, outdoor fun and a campfire with S'mores will all be on the schedule. Please plan on joining us at Holston Camp September 11-13. More info & sign-ups will be available in upcoming bulletin & e-mails. We hope to see you there!