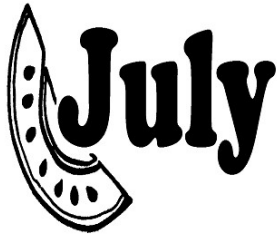


2009



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant Courier

4th of July Celebration

We will be gathering at the Church for the July 4th Celebration on Sat., July 4th. Grills will be lit between 6:15 & 6:30. Hamburgers, hot dogs, paper plates, cups, napkins, plastic eating utensils, lemonade, sweet tea will be provided. Sign up in the Narthex to bring buns, potato salad, cole slaw, chili and other side dishes and desserts! Come and enjoy the fellowship! If you have any questions, call Butch Carr at 202-1650.



Worship in the Park—July 19, 2009

Come worship God in the beautiful outdoors. Worship in the Park will be held on Sunday, July 19th, 11:00 a.m. at Rotary Park, 1001 N. Broadway Street, in the Harris Pavilion. There will be no Sunday school that morning. Since we will be worshipping under the pavilion, the service will take place rain or shine.

Lunch, catered by Helen Davis, will follow the service at a cost of \$9.00 for adults, \$30.00 for a family of 4 or more; children under 10 eat free. The menu is barbecue sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans and dessert. An alternate peanut butter or grilled cheese sandwich meal can be ordered for children under 10. Please return the reservation form (on back page or in bulletins) and payment to Tina in the church office or put it in the offering plate during worship by Sunday, July 12th.

After lunch, plan on staying for more fun and fellowship. We have the park reserved until 2 p.m., so bring any games or sports equipment you would like. Hope we see you there!

Covenant Summer Nights

Wednesday Nights in July

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Join your Covenant Family for dinner, celebration, fellowship and fun!

July 8: Pot Luck and Mixed Up Mixers

July 15: Beach Night

July 22: Campfire Stories and Songs

July 29: Elvis Night

Mark your calendars NOW because the party won't be the same without you!

Covenant Fall Retreat

September 11-13, 2009



What does the word “retreat” mean to you? A chance to withdraw from the business of every day life? An opportunity for prayer and meditation? A place to relax in quiet?

This year’s Covenant Fall Retreat will provide all of those things and more when we gather at Holston Camp Sept. 11-13. This year’s retreat will be focusing on the theme of service and how we can give back to God in non-monetary ways.

More information and sign-ups will be available in August. We hope to see you there!

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ITEMS POUNDS DOLLARS

This is the Mission and Outreach challenge to YOU. Please consider one of these “10’s” for each of the next three months 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.



As we are approaching the end of the Sunday School year, thanks go out to all of those who have given their time and energy to lead and assist in our classes. It's a sometimes challenging, always rewarding ministry within Covenant. Thanks, teachers!!!

Please keep in mind that children and youth Sunday School classes will be taking a break from July 5 through August 2. However, we will have activities planned for the youth & children (meet in the youth room!) so parents won't have to miss their classes.

And... it's not that long until Fall Sunday School classes will begin. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 9. There will be no classes that morning (Adult, Youth, or Children) as we enjoy our Annual Sunday School Kickoff & Promotion Day. Regular classes will resume on August 16.

Session / Stewardship Committee

FINANCIAL UPDATE

At the June 14th Session meeting an accounting error was discovered in the income area. Just over \$18,000 was made in pre-paid pledges for 2009. In January it was decided that this should be pro-rated each month (\$1,500). The new software program deducted the monthly transfer each month from the initial \$18,000, but it was not included in the monthly giving report. As a result, the \$15,000 deficit is approximately \$8,000.

Individual pledge reports will be mailed in mid-July which will detail the giving record through June for those who pledged for 2009. Please check your report and try to catch up if you are behind. Session members realize some members are hard-pressed at this time to maintain their original pledge, but there may be others who held back on their pledge due to the recession and are now finding their financial position is better than originally anticipated. We urge those members to reevaluate their pledges and increase their giving if possible.

Expenses usually drop during the summer and fall months so if we maintain an average giving of about \$20,000 per month we should be able to wipe out the deficit.

\$\$ REMINDER \$\$

Individuals making purchases for the church should use the church credit cards or obtain a Tax Exempt form from Tina. Too many individuals are using their own credit cards to make purchases and then getting reimbursed. However, sales tax is incurred on these individual purchases resulting in an unnecessary 10% expense for the church.

The Session has decided that after July 1st, individuals will NOT be reimbursed for the sales tax portion for church purchases made by individuals. Please use the church's credit cards and store accounts. If you are unsure of how to follow this procedure, please call Tina in the church office (282-5324) or e-mail your questions to her at cpcjctn@mounet.com.

URGENT SUPPLIES NEEDED

Good Samaritan Ministries needs your help with back to school supplies. Our Back to School Picnic & Backpack distribution will be on July 31, 2009. We are in desperate need for school supplies to put in our backpacks and children's clothing for the low-income children in our area. Listed below are the items that are needed.

- Colored Markers •Composition Books (not college-ruled and with no wire) •Dictionaries
- Rulers •Colored Pencils •Ink Pens (black, blue & red) •Calculators •Scissors •Erasers
- Pencil Boxes •Graph Paper •Notebook Dividers •Backpacks •Glue Sticks •Pencil Sharpeners
- Wide Ruled Paper •Girls clothing (Junior & Women's sizes for teenage girls)

In our Back to School Program we have about 800 children that will be receiving these backpacks and clothing. As you can see, we reach a large number of children, many who would not have the needed supplies and clothing without this program. Any donations made are greatly appreciated.

In Service to Others,
Sarah C. Wells

June Session Highlights...Evelyn Kemp

- ◆ The church is actually \$8,000 in deficit as opposed to the previously reported \$15,000. Nevertheless, we are in deficit and need to conserve. (see article page 2)
- ◆ Beginning July 1, 2009, individuals will not be reimbursed for sales tax on purchases made for the church. To avoid that situation, people are encouraged to use tax exempt forms or access accounts with stores where our tax exempt status has been established when making purchases for the church. (see article page 2)
- ◆ Jim Kirkpatrick of Holston Presbytery Youth and Young Adult Ministry thanks the youth of the church for their recent work at the Campus House.
- ◆ The pastor reported on May Presbytery meeting.
- ◆ In view of increased awareness of security issues, the church doors are now locked during the day. A door buzzer and intercom has been installed. (see article below)
- ◆ The church retreat is scheduled for September 11, 12, and 13. Anyone wanting to participate in planning should contact Lauri Zembower or Andrea Sutter.
- ◆ Goals for individual contributions to Good Samaritan for the next three months are 10-10-10: ten items, ten pounds of food, or ten dollars per month.

SECURITY IN THE CHURCH

What's that buzzing sound??? Why, it's our new front door buzzer/intercom security system! For safety reasons, the front doors of the church will be locked during the week. (The doors can still be opened by those who have a key—please remember to lock up again) but the staff can now use the intercom and invite visitors in more securely.

Address Updates:

Shirley Barrett
2505 E. Lakeview Drive, #17
Johnson City, TN 37601
(same phone #)

Barbara King
112 Melody Lane, #B-3
Bristol, TN 37620
794-6622

Member Received
in the Church Triumphant
Myma Sue Dever Slawson
June 18, 2009

Memorial Gifts

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Given in Memory of:  
Walter Adler  
(Chris Adler Hillhouse's father)  
By  
Jim & Sue Crandall

Given in Memory of:  
Myma Slawson  
By  
Dave & Sharon Benner  
Carol Faniola

#### Treasurer's Report May

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|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Income to General Fund</b>                     |                      |
| <b>May</b>                                        |                      |
| <b>Actual</b>                                     | <b>\$21,317.19</b>   |
| <b>vs. Budgeted</b>                               | <b>\$21,038.15</b>   |
| <b>Expenses from General Fund</b>                 |                      |
| <b>May</b>                                        |                      |
| <b>Actual</b>                                     | <b>\$18,954.22</b>   |
| <b>vs. Budgeted</b>                               | <b>\$21,038.15</b>   |
| <b>Year to Date Income</b>                        |                      |
| <b>General Fund</b>                               |                      |
| <b>Actual</b>                                     | <b>\$99,354.22</b>   |
| <b>vs. Budgeted</b>                               | <b>\$105,190.75</b>  |
| <b>Year to Date Expenses from</b>                 |                      |
| <b>General Fund</b>                               |                      |
| <b>Actual</b>                                     | <b>\$107,213.92</b>  |
| <b>vs. Budgeted</b>                               | <b>\$105,190.75</b>  |
| The 5-cents a Meal Offering for May was \$168.00. |                      |
| Remaining Mortgage:                               |                      |
|                                                   | <b>\$111,961.11.</b> |

#### To My Covenant Family

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, food and prayers during my recovery from a broken leg.

Shirley Hines

#### Thank You

Dear Covenant: Thank you for your continued support and recent generosity. Over the past couple years, you have provided many experiences and given us many memories. We feel more prepared for the future. We appreciate all that you have done for us. Thank you for letting us serve in your midst!

**Grace & Peace,**  
Matthew & Stephanie Sweeney.

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On Tuesday, June 30th, Senior Travelers will take a nice trip to Asheville to tour the venerable Grove Park Inn, shop at the Farmer's Market and have lunch at the favorite Moose Cafe.

Meet at the church at 9:29 am. Home by 4:00 pm. We'll need a little gas and lunch money and whatever we wish to spend at the market. How about a van full of Covenant Seniors?



**Men's Day at the Lake**  
**Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Sign up in the Narthex.  
Cost: \$5/ea.  
Bring a side dish to share.

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RESERVATION FORM FOR WORSHIP IN THE PARK

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Number  
of meals

Totals

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Meals at \$9.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Meals at \$30.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Meals for children under 10

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate meals for children under 10

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am enclosing payment with reservation form (circle one): YES NO (Cash\_\_ Check\_\_)

**Please make your reservations by July 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Make checks payable to Covenant, but please note on your check "For Worship in the Park".**