

# COVENANT CONNECTION

Jeff Stanfill, Pastor

March 2011



## Winter Missions Emphasis

### Before the Next Step

Our winter missions emphasis begins Sunday, March 6th and 13th, with the theme "Before the Next Step."

Charles Gravely will open our emphasis, March 6th in the morning service. Charles and his wife Amanda will be working on the university campus in Belgium.

March 13th, David and Sherlene Reddout will be with us for the morning service and the evening missions dinner. The Reddouts have served as pastors, missionaries, and presently help local churches broaden their missions vision

Two big events for our winter missions emphasis are:

- 1. Faith promises.** Each person and family is asked to prayerfully decide what they can give each month for our missionaries. This amount is over and above regular tithes and offerings. It is also an amount that you will trust God to provide for you to give for missions.
- 2. Our *missions dinner*** will be March 13 at 5:00 in our Fellowship Hall. The menu is international. Bring your favorite international dish. (If you need an idea for one, recipes will be available in the foyer.)

### Welcome Billy and Mandy Muller!

Covenant welcomes as worship leader Billy Muller!

Billy and Mandy have joined with us to lead us in worship and the awareness of the Lord's presence. Billy has much experience in leading congregations in worshipping God in Spirit and in Truth. We were blessed by his leadership even recently as a guest worship leader.

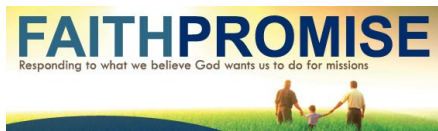
We thank God for answering our prayers in providing for our need.

We also are thankful for Bill Horton who has faithfully served us and the Lord in the role of worship leader throughout this transition time.

God's fame is spreading to every tribe, language, people, and nation. Covenant has a rich heritage of joining with what God is doing by partnering with missionaries and people groups. We are home-base for eight missionaries (Pampells, O'Dowds, Myers, and Longs).

To build on our heritage we must prepare and adjust to new realities in our world and even nation. We are transitioning all of our missions support to a faith promise system of giving. This is the "next step" to position us to broaden and strengthen the home-base for our current missionaries and -- very importantly -- to position us for a new generation that God will call and raise up from among us.

March 13 you will have an opportunity to start a faith journey with God in the form of a faith promise. Some of you are already on this journey. If so, you can encourage others!



First, a faith promise is not a pledge (that's something between two or more people); it is not a bill someone will collect from you; and, it is not an amount deducted from one's tithes and offerings to the church.

A faith promise is **strictly between you and God**. If you decide you cannot give as you promised then you tell God alone. Only He and you will know.

A faith promise is **waiting before the Lord for His instructions as to what He wants you to give** in reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A faith promise must be **made by faith that God will supply for other things which arise** as you give what you promised Him.

I've recently noticed that Apostle Paul urged the Corinthians to give in a way much like faith promises. The Corinthians made a promise to give a determined amount (2 Corinthians 9:5,7). He instructed them to set aside a sum each week to be given toward that amount.

We talk little of money and budgets at Covenant. But aligning ourselves with what God is doing worldwide and locally is crucial. I look forward to walking this faith promise journey with you! There will be testimonies to tell as God supplies through us!

Pastor Jeff

Dear Covenant Family

It's a busy time of year all around us. Birds are singing, plants are coming back -- preparing for spring. The children of God must be preparing, too. We must be prepared to enter the fields for the harvest He has. Jesus said, "The harvest is truly plenteous, but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:37)



Our community of Central is ripe for harvest -- of souls. We must prepare ourselves to enter that field. Covenant Community Church will have a weekend of harvest -- the first weekend in April. Much like our True Treasure weekend, this outreach will be Friday night -- Saturday afternoon at Covenant. However, this time will be for the entire family -- children, youth, parents, grandparents, singles, older, younger, etc.

The theme is evangelism -- being a "fisher of men". Some of us need to truly learn how to "fish" for men. Some of us may need some encouragement to knock the cobwebs off the "tackle box" and "rod" and get back in the boat.

Wherever you are in your walk -- this time is for you. Wherever your neighbors and relatives are -- this weekend is for them. We need your help promoting this weekend. Will you consider volunteering to help?

There will be times of games, crafts, teaching of God's Word, and even a time to practice what has been learned.

Please call the church office to sign up. If you have any questions, please call or email Bro. Chris & Mrs. Katie --

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Bro. Chris -- 225-953-3534  
Mrs. Katie -- 225-953-3533

### Thank You

To all who participated in the Covenant Belle Sunday. It was a special afternoon and I want to thank each and every one who had a hand in making me feel so special. Thank you to the Gross' who opened their beautiful home to us. May God richly bless you.

Anna DeRosa

## Charting Your Course for Survival

Soon after becoming a Christian one learns that Satan would stop at nothing to defeat your efforts to grow and serve your new Master. But Christ wants you to know that just as surely as He has saved you, He can give you victory over everything Satan throws at you.

Jim Gross will be teaching a six week course, beginning March 6th at 9:15 a.m., called

### Survival Kit, 5 Keys to Spiritual Growth.

The group will meet in Room 203. There is a nominal \$3 request to help defray materials cost. If you are not presently attending Sunday School, please plan to make this a part of your Sunday worship as you will be blessed.

# Missionary Focus /// THE PRIEST'S

## Kirk and Amy Priest • Germany

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Between Christmas and New Years the annual student retreat was held in Frankfurt in conjunction with the national youth department of the church. Over 400 students and youth were in attendance from over 30 different churches and groups across Germany. One afternoon over 300 young people went to downtown Frankfurt for a time of open-air evangelism, where the students shared testimonies, performed skits, boldly preached and witnessed to the shoppers in the pedestrian zone. Over the course of the five day retreat, dozens of students made new commitments and were filled with the Spirit. God is doing great things in Germany!



**Praise Reports:** We are grateful for the **explosive growth** happening in our student groups in Karlsruhe and Erfurt.

Both Mercy and Jack received good marks on their report cards and Alex loves his German day-care. They are all making new friends and settling in after the move.

**Prayer Request:** Amy and four other women are launching a new Women's Ministry. They are planning for 50-75 women in attendance. **Pray for many** non-Christian women to come and hear about the father heart of God and for this new ministry to bear much fruit.

## March Calendar

- 6 Missions Emphasis  
10:30 a.m. Charles Gravely
- 10 Women's Fellowship  
6:30 p.m. Central Perk
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Missions Emphasis  
10:30 a.m. David Reddout  
5:00 p.m. Missions Banquet
- 16 Elder's Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

### Birthdays:

- 5 Jennifer Ducote
- 7 Logan Breaux
- 8 Chase Hull
- 10 Rebekah Roppolo
- 11 Phoebe Seguin,  
Sheri Bergeron
- 17 Michael Butitta
- 18 Jonathan Hooper
- 24 Justin Mackey
- 25 Greg Bonaventure
- 26 Laura Breaux
- 27 Katelyn Buitta
- 31 Phyllis Yarborough

### Anniversary:

- 9 Greg and Dianna  
Bonaventure

## Call to Stewardship

### BUDGET

January  
\$16,708

### Actual Income

Tithes: 17,907  
Missions: 6832  
Other: 348

**Total: \$25,087**

### Actual Expense

General Fund: 16,113  
Missions: 4390  
Other: 1698

**Total: \$22,201**

**Ladies Fellowship  
Thursday, March 10  
6:30 p.m. at Central  
Perk on Sullivan Road.**



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**Jeff Stanfill**  
Pastor

**Jordy Breaux**  
Youth Pastor

**Chris Michelli**  
Children's Pastor

**Billy Muller**  
Worship Leader

**Gayle Sullivan**  
Ministry Assistant

**Sunday Worship Schedule**

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Bible Study                   | 9:15 a.m.  |
| Morning Worship               | 10:30 a.m. |
| Evening Worship               | 5:00 p.m.  |
| Impact Student Ministry       | 5:00 p.m.  |
| HighPoint Children's Ministry | 5:00 p.m.  |

**Ministries and Schedules**

As a multi-generational congregation, we offer a variety of ministries to develop you, your family and friends as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Adults**

Bible Studies Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.  
Men's and Women's Ministries

**Youth**

Age-graded Sunday School Classes  
Impact Student Ministry

**Children**

A nursery for all Sunday School Services (birth-3 years)  
Honeybees (3-5 years)  
HighPoint Children's Ministry

**Covenant Community Church**

is people who seek to experience the fullness of God's presence and to glorify Him and their Savior, Jesus Christ. Our mission is to worship God, evangelize the lost, disciple believers, minister to others and to fellowship through genuine personal relationships while pursuing personal and corporate holiness, all within the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.