



Inclusive, Open-Minded and Home for Your Soul.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 Music & Meditation,
Sanctuary

9:30 Study/Group Time,
various locations

10:30 Fellowship time, in the
Fellowship Hall

11:00 Progressive Worship,
Sanctuary

Nursery 9:00-12:00, Rm101

Important Dates ...

Sept. 5: Work Day

Sept. 6: Communion Sunday;
11:00 am Worship Service;
Everyone Welcome

**Sept. 7: Labor Day, Church
Office Closed**

**Sept. 8: Sierra Club, 7:00
pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Sept. 14: Session Mtg.,
6:00pm, Faselso Room**

**Sept. 11-13: National Folk
Festival**

**Sept. 19: "Wrecks & Fati-
ma" CD Release Concert,
8:00 -10:00 pm**

Sept. 23: Autumn Equinox

**Sept. 28: CHNA Mtg., 7:00
pm, Fellowship Hall**



The Covenant Compendium

...What about the precious gift of this church? Covenant—like every church, every institution—is still and always evolving. We don't know yet what this next season of Covenant's life will look like. For the moment, it must look to you as chaotic as the original beginning—a shapeless blob. Please don't be discouraged. God loves this church. And God is still speaking newness.

Are you the adults who are prepared to help raise it to its best potential for the near future? Like any living thing, a church can die. But human stewards, in partnership with God, can revive and renew it. Some of Covenant's human stewards, the Elders, are working hard to ensure that the essentials of church life continue. They need your help, too.

At the end of the story, God rested, because everything was set in motion to continue; under the right care. God rested because everything was beautiful and good, and that, too, could continue...under the right care. And God rested, yet promises to be always watchful, always loving, always guiding. You too may rest, in soul-deep peace, trusting that you, and Covenant, and the rest of the world, are ultimately safe in God's hands. In God's providence and by God's creating Word, endings create new beginnings. Consider the many new beginnings for God's people Israel—one after another in the Hebrew testament of witness to God's work in God's people, so much larger and longer than the Christian testament. Consider the new creation in Jesus of Nazareth and the creation of the church of Christ after his death. Consider that New Orleans, wasted and almost destroyed by Hurricane Katrina 10 years ago yesterday, is recovering; but it took time! Consider too that in the wake of so many tragic deaths lately, many of us still dare to believe that, even after death, there's another beginning. Consider, and have hope for Covenant, for God is still speaking hope and newness.

However, Covenant's new beginning can be truly new only if you will leave behind old fears, old animosities, old expectations and preconceptions. If you cannot, it will be *deja vu* all over again.

Instead, will you bring with you the openness of a newborn to the wonder and excitement and goodness of the world you're entering—the expectation that, in Julian of Norwich's words, "And all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well"? If you do, prepare to "Praise with elation, praise every morning/God's re-creation of the new day."

God is still speaking blessing. May this ending be a blessed new day in Covenant's life.

Dale Walker, August 30, 2015

Musicians at 9:00

**September 6:
Sandy Blocker**

**September 13:
Betsy Bevan**



**September 20:
Fred Lail/Mary
Mondan**

**September 27:
Walt Lott**

***Ushers at 11:00***

September 6:
Nancy Schaefer, Lem Cox

Communion:
Saralyn Griffith, Celia Starling

September 13:
Frank Starling, Celia Starling

September 20:
Saralyn Griffith, Barry Barber

September 27:
Celia Starling, Nancy Schaefer

Church Office Hours

Kate Baird
Mon.– Fri 9:00 am– 3:30 pm

Every Week ...

Monday: Yoga, 6:00 pm, Parlor
Tuesday: Pilates, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall **
Wednesday: WNFS, 6pm, Fellowship Hall;
 Choir rehearsal, 7pm, Sanctuary
Thursday: Yoga, 5:30-6:30pm, Fellowship Hall**
Friday: Coffee Group, 8:45am, Panera,
 Jefferson Village 1604 Highwoods Blvd.

**\$10/session

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper

You're invited to join our church family every Wednesday at 6:00 pm for our potluck dinner. Share something scrumptious and enjoy all the contributions. Afterward, there may be music or a program or a special event, or we just chat and catch up with each other. It's always delicious fun!
Wednesday, September 2: Special Program Following Supper: "Saying Yes to Education", a presentation by Catherine Sevier about our public schools, followed by discussion. Other events TBA.

Request for Donations to Assist with Rest Room Renovations

We still need help to cover the costs of the renovations of the first floor restrooms. The much-needed updates exceeded the planned budget by about \$3,500, and the Resource Committee welcomes any contributions to offset these expenses. To make a donation, please make a note in the memo line of your check for "restroom renovation". Many thanks! Mail checks to the office or drop them in the Offering basket any Sunday.

Sunday Study Groups

The Contemporary Issues Discussion Group On Sunday, September 6, coordinator Jim McKenzie will present a **Brief History of Covenant Church 2003 - 2015**. In the coming weeks, discussions by various volunteers from the group will include issues such as: How We Make Our Voter Preferences, Our Reluctance to Make Advanced Directives, Growing Consumerism, and Actions versus Discussions. Don't miss these exciting and lively conversations. The group meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Table Talk, meeting in Marty's Room (Room 106), is led by Jane Cauthen and is a forum for open discussion and sharing on diverse topics. The conversation's always lively!

Sojourners, Faselo Room (Room 205): Zora Medor continues a series on dream guidance until September 13th. On September 20th, Morgan Glover will begin leading an eight-week study of Bill Plotkin's "Nature and The Human Soul". You can learn more about the book here:

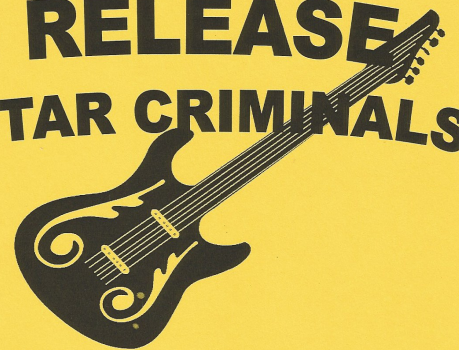
<http://www.natureandthehumansoul.com/newbook/>

September Events!

**The
National
FOLK
FESTIVAL**
greensboro, north carolina
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2015

The 75th National Folk Festival takes place September 11-13 in downtown Greensboro! Live musical performances, local artwork, food, activities, much more. The free event celebrates America's rich diverse culture with music, dance, foods, and crafts. For details, schedules, and maps: www.nationalfolkfestival.com

CD RELEASE GUITAR CRIMINALS



Wrecks and Fatima an original gypsy jazz guitar duo will release their first CD on Saturday September 19th

from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

*At Presbyterian Church Of Covenant
501 S Mendenhall ST
Greensboro NC*

*Tickets will be sold at the door
\$ 10.00
info: griffinrex7@gmail.com
or (336)312-1730*

*you are Welcome to
join us!*





Celebrate the arts
and the healing power of creativity!

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