

# COVENANT

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# Courier



## A WORD *from* REVEREND GALLE

*“Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:19*

As I begin ministry with Covenant Presbyterian Church, I am listening to the stories of faith and life around us. I listen for the wisdom and wit, the searching and turmoil of our past and present so that we can discern together how these events will influence the future of the church and this particular congregation. One common theme that I have heard much of so far is that there has been much change in people’s lives recently.

Perhaps I recognize and relate to times of change because there has been much change in my life this past year as well. I’ve had one daughter get married, one daughter traveling over the summer to South Korea and currently in her senior year in college, and my youngest just started her freshman year in college. Not to mention my move and new ministry with each of you! There has been much change and newness in my life.

Change is recognized as an important part of living. God’s love for us is unchanging. But, God announces that change happens. We should not be surprised that change happens but instead recognize that God challenges us with new things and even promises to walk with us in

life changes. So, while our human inclination may be to settle in and get comfortable, we should be ready for the changes that inevitably are just around the corner. Life never stays the same for too long. Our God is a living God who is constantly challenging us to grow and change into a better humanity. The prophet Isaiah proclaims God’s word saying, *“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”*

As I listen to the stories of the community, it is apparent that God has been **actively** at work here, creating all sorts of new things in this congregation! Change can be disconcerting and even intimidating, but we should remember that the God who loves us has promised to never leave us and to lead the way, even through dark valleys, if we will just follow. Our God has already envisioned and planned a bright future for us. And as the poet Robert Browning so aptly wrote, *“The best is yet to be!”* God is about to do a new thing here. Let us set out together in faith on the journey that is ahead!

Blessing,  
*Rev. Kristin Galle*

## Aggie Habitat

### *Pumpkin Patch*

Open from  
October 3 thru 30

**Weekdays Noon til Dark**  
**Weekends 9:00 am til Dark**

For the 8th year in a row  
Covenant Presbyterian gladly  
provides a spot  
for Aggie Habitat  
to set up their  
Pumpkin Patch.



# Fall Celebration

October 22

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

FREE

FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP

BOUNCE HOUSE

Fun for ALL Ages

for the kiddos!

Face Painting · Ring Toss

Prize Fishing · Bean Bag Toss

Cupcake Walk

Boat Racing & more...



# SNL

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE  
Evening Worship

October 16  
5:30 pm

Followed by  
A light meal.

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LOGO SHIRTS  
on SALE NOW



The Evangelism & Membership Committees are offering the opportunity to order a Covenant logo shirt. The shirts will come in one of two colors - Presbyterian Blue or White.

The prices are as follows: Polo \$23.50. Sizes. S- XL

T-Shirt \$16.00. Sizes S- XL

Long Sleeve Denim. \$32.00. Sizes S-XL  
(extra charge for sizes 2x - 3x)

If you would like to order a shirt, please contact Gloria Woodbury  
Phone: [979-696-5041](tel:979-696-5041) or E-Mail: [gbwoody@yahoo.com](mailto:gbwoody@yahoo.com)

# ONEderful Wednesday

Mark your calendars for Wednesday evenings. The ONEderful Wednesday Dinners and Presentations will begin at 5:15 pm in the fellowship hall. Come join us for these wonderfully prepared meals and stay for the program. This month will include the following.

## October 5

Will be presented by Rev. Dr. George Klett, our Minister of Congregational Care. The lesson will explore Biblical promises concerning the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

## October 12, 19 & 23

Will be presented by Fred and Angie Medina. The presentation will be broken into a three part series. *Come join us for a an enlightening discussion of the documentary film "For the Bible Tells Me So"* directed by Daniel G. Karslake. The film explores how families and communities differ on views of homosexuality and its perceived conflict with religion, as well as various interpretations of what the Bible says about sexuality.



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## NEWS from COVENANT'S PNC

*Submitted by Kris Williams*

The first meeting of the Covenant PNC was held on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. All seven members were present, and the following officers were elected: Richard Griffin, chair; Kris Williams, co-chair; and Leah Martindale, Secretary. The meeting was led by Rev. David Jones, a member of the Committee on Ministry and our liaison to Presbytery. David charged the committee with patience and outlined the required steps of the process of calling a minister. At present, the

committee has already began work on the first step, which is development of a Church Information Form (CIF). This document helps match Covenant's search criteria with ministers actively seeking a call. The committee intends to develop the CIF by modifying the criteria used for the interim pastoral search, while also drawing from our vision statement and potential future surveys of the congregation.

## SESSION ACTIONS September 2011

- † Approved combining the Membership and Evangelism committees. They will be called Outreach-Membership beginning January, 2012.
- † Approved Sunday school curriculum for College class, Rebel class, Young Adult class and Reformed Theology class.
- † Approved youth Bunko fundraiser, Sep. 30.
- † Approved rental of Bounce House by youth for Fall Festival.
- † Approved check for Mo-Mission for youth. Monies have been collected from youth.
- † Discussed budget process for 2012
- † Received a report from the PNC regarding their first meeting

# OCTOBER Lectionary

## 16th Sunday after Pentecost

*October 2, 2001*

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

## 17th Sunday after Pentecost

*October 9, 2011*

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

## 18th Sunday after Pentecost

*October 16, 2011*

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

## 19th Sunday after Pentecost

*October 23, 2011*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:36-46

## 20th Sunday after Pentecost

*October 30, 2011*

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

## Volunteer Patient Care Training Hospice Brazos Valley

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

9:00am – 3:00pm,

Attendance for all three  
days is required

502 West 26<sup>th</sup>

Bryan, Texas 77803

Please call Pat Mynar to  
register for training

at 979-821-2266 .

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# 2010 Bryan-College Station CROP Hunger Walk

## Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

Walk with your neighbors to take a stand  
against hunger in our world.



Sunday, October 23

2:15 p.m. Registration begins at the American Pavilion  
Veterans Park and Athletic Complex  
3101 Harvey Road, College Station

3:00 p.m. Begin 3-mile walk on the American Mile

GOAL: \$20,000 in sponsor donations, 300 walkers

BENEFITS: Hunger relief programs - worldwide through  
Church World Service and other agencies  
designated by sponsors, and locally where  
25% of funds raised go to the Brazos Church  
Pantry and Brazos Valley Food Bank.

For additional information or sponsor forms, please contact  
your congregation or organization's CROP Hunger Walk Re-  
cruiter or visit [www.cropwalk.org](http://www.cropwalk.org) for online walker registration  
and sponsor donations.

or: Lewis Ford, CROP Hunger Walk Treasurer, 846-2759  
home, 458-7908 office, [ford@physics.tamu.edu](mailto:ford@physics.tamu.edu).

**In-kind sponsor: City of College Station**

# MISSION REPORT

Covenant Presbyterian Church has made budgeted and special donations payments to the following missions during the first three quarters of 2011:



## *Budgeted Benevolences*

Brazos Church Pantry	\$450.00
Missionary Support (Wycliffe Bible Translators)	\$250.00
General Mission of the Presbytery	\$1,050.00
Per Capita (GenAssembly & Presbytery)	\$1,511.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,237.00
Twin City Mission	\$300.00
United Campus Ministry	\$3,000.00
Emergency Assistance Fund	\$636.00
Seminary Student Fund (Austin Seminary)	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,434.00</b>

## *Special Donations*

Brazos Church Pantry	\$51.00
Family Promise (Grant Partial Disbursement)	\$389.00
Habitat for Humanity (Apostle's Build)	\$145.00
Health for All, Inc.	\$50.00
Joy Offering	\$694.00
Missionary Support (Wycliffe Bible Translators)	\$250.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$760.00
Pentecost Offering (60% of total)	\$259.00
Presbyterian Disaster Relief (Japan Earthquake)	\$175.00
Souperbowl of Caring (Brazos Church Pantry)	\$420.00
Voices For Children (40% of Pentecost Offering)	\$140.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,333.00</b>

## OPERATING FUND

*(Including Mortgage Payment)*

Income through August 2011	\$ 266,412
Expenses through August 2011	\$ 351,857



*Contribution Reports for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be sent out during early October.*

# COVENANT'S BOOK CLUB



Come join Covenant's Book Club which meets at 2:30 pm on the last Tuesday of every month in the church library.

### Book Club Reading

Oct. 25 God's Will by Leslie Weatherhead

Nov. 29 Sworn to Silence or Pray for Silence by Linda Castillo

Dec. 27 Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George

## FROZEN CHOSEN

The Fall season for our co-ed softball team the Frozen Chosen has begun. All games will be held at Veteran's Park.

### FALL SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Field
10/4	7:15 pm	F4
10/11	7:15 pm	F2
10/18	7:15 pm	F5

## SAFE CHURCH

*Shield Your Ministry*

Covenant is gearing up for all the children and youth programs this fall and we need your help. It is time to update and retrain through our Children and Youth Protection Policy. This year we are updating through SAFE CHURCH a program from Guide ONE and Group Publishing. If you are working with the youth and children please take a moment to view their website at

[www.safechurch.com](http://www.safechurch.com). We will have an in-house training and refresher course coming up soon. However, you may get a jump start on your training by logging into the website using the access code 89d3xtxz. For more information contact the church office.

## SEAFARERS' KITS

Covenant Presbyterian Church will begin collections for the Seafarers' Kits on Sunday, October 23.



### NEEDED ITEMS

*(include but are not limited to)*

Deodorant · Shampoo · Combs  
Toothbrushes · Travel Size Sewing Kits  
Shoelaces · Safety Pins · Socks  
Lotion · Playing Cards · Razors  
Shave Cream · Hard Candy

## COINS for COVENANT

We want to introduce a new fun and friendly concept between age groups to see who can collect the most coins.

Pick up a colorful 'Coins for Covenant' container on the table along the side wall of our sanctuary. Take your container home to be used to collect your spare change, then bring it back when it is filled and put the coins into the large container marked for your age group. Let's see which group can fill their container first! The program will run for three months starting in October. Ten percent of all funds will go toward our church youth program.



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## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

### *For the Homebound*

The Congregational Care Committee needs your help. It is time to fill baskets to be delivered to our homebound members. We need snacks, hot chocolate mix, notepads, toiletries, etc. We will assemble baskets November 16 and deliver them before Thanksgiving.

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## YOUTH *7th thru 12 Grade*

The youth had a wonderful start to the new school year. In Mid September Covenant's youth joined 85 other youth at MO Ranch for a weekend of Mission work. The youth painted fences and landscaped then enjoyed the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

October will be a very busy month for our youth. They will be participating in the Presbytery's Annual Youth Rally, Fall Celebration, Seafarers' Collections, Crop Hunger Walk and the Great Pumpkin Chase.

### YOUTH SCHEDULE

10/2 Annual Youth Rally  
10/9 Movie  
10/16 Sunday Night Live  
10/22 Fall Celebration  
10/23 CROP Hunger Walk  
10/30 The Great Pumpkin Chase

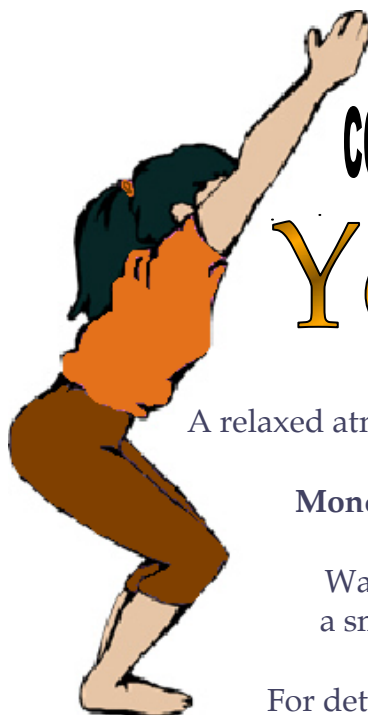
# "Praying Pretzels"

Submitted by Kris Williams

Did you know that pretzels were first made by monks who gave them as rewards to children who had learned their prayers? The word pretzel actually means reward, and the special twisted shape looks like the folded arms of a child praying.



The children in the younger elementary Sunday School classes learned this and more during an 8-week study on The Lord's Prayer. The program ran from July 3rd through August 21st, during which the preschool and K-3 classes combined for a study of The Lord's Prayer. The emphasis was learning about how God would like us to pray, as taught by Jesus in Matthew 6: 9-13. Each week's lesson focused on understanding and memorizing a different part of the prayer. The curriculum concluded with the children making and enjoying their own praying pretzels. Each child also made a prayer book to share with their family and encourage thoughtful prayer at home.



## COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# hosts Yoga & Yack

A relaxed atmosphere for yoga and fellowship.

**Mondays from 8:30 am -9:30 am**

Water bottles, yoga mat and a smile are all that is needed.

For details contact Susan @ 229-6914

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Pre K thru 4th Grade**

**Wednesdays at 4:00 pm**

All children ages pre-K thru 4th grade are invited to join the Children's Choir program this Fall. This year choir practice will begin at 4:00 pm every Wednesday.



### Worship & Praise

**From the Book of Psalms**

Music, Drama, Art and Crafts

Pre K Thru 4th Grade

Wednesdays

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

## SAVE the DATE

# November 6

for the  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP  
KICK-OFF

## Chili Cook-Off


Come join the congregation on Sunday, November 6 at 12:15 pm.

The Budget & Stewardship Committee will host the Annual Chili Cook-Off and present the congregation with the 2012 Campaign.

# OCTOBER 2011

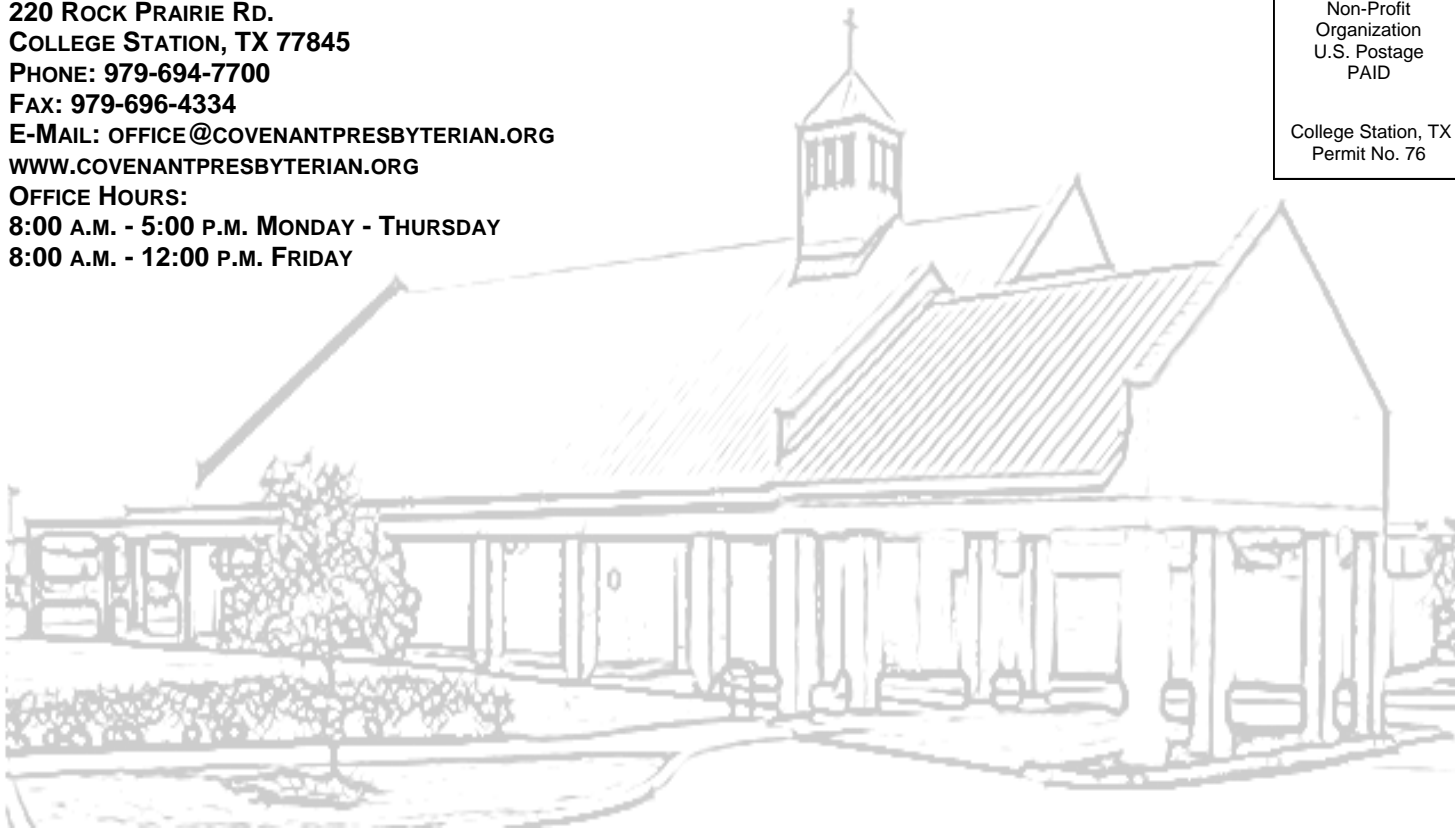
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Collections for Seafarers' Kits  
*Begins Sunday, October 23* 

220 ROCK PRAIRIE RD.  
 COLLEGE STATION, TX 77845  
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 E-MAIL: OFFICE@COVENANTPRESBYTERIAN.ORG  
 WWW.COVENANTPRESBYTERIAN.ORG  
 OFFICE HOURS:  
 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. MONDAY - THURSDAY  
 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. FRIDAY

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## October Birthdays

Andrew Marshall	10/2
Cody Robinson	10/2
Faye Allen	10/3
Tami Fink	10/5
Jim Coker	10/6
Jonathan Roberston	10/6
Gloria Crenshaw	10/7
Charles Boyd	10/8
Steven Steele	10/9
Denise Ruseink	10/9
Jim Carroll	10/11
Doug Brightwell	10/14
Beki Brady	10/15
Sarah Higgins	10/17
Will Worley	10/18
Aaron Howerton	10/18
Claire Riepe	10/19
Mary Ann Nagyvary	10/21
Rick Steele	10/21
Mike Ruesink	10/23
Jean Donaho	10/26
Tyner Devine	10/26
Troy Kensinger	10/26
Spencer Choka	10/29
Shannon Youngblood	10/30
Ron Roberston	10/31

*This month SNL has been rescheduled to be held on Sunday, October 16.*



Become a member of the group and you will get continuous updates to our events through your news feed.

## GREETERS

**10:30 am Service**  
 Bill & Joann Sands  
 Gloria Crenshaw

## Sunday Schedule

**9:15 am - Sunday School**  
**10:10 am - Choir Rehearsal**  
**10:30 am - Worship Service**

**2:00 pm - Hansarang PC**  
**4:00 pm - Youth**

**5:30 pm - Contemporary Evening Worship (3rd Sunday)**

We have an adult-staffed nursery every Sunday morning. Children's church (**for 2 yrs through Kindergarten**), is also adult-staffed. Our presumption is that children 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up can learn to be part of the worshipping congregation. There are worship bags for younger ones to help them be quietly entertained and feel a part of the service.

**COURIER DEADLINE**  
**October 22, 2011**