

COVENANT

Vol. 11 No. 9
SEPTEMBER 2011

Courier



DEAR FRIENDS

I want to express my deep gratitude for your generous financial gift. It was a great help during our time of transition and greatly appreciated! I also want to thank you for the reception on my last Sunday with you (as your Pastor). It was very meaningful to all of us.

Although our arrival in Los Alamos was a little more adventurous than expected, all is well. We are fairly settled in and getting to know the people and the community. Lori is working as a 6th grade teacher at the middle school in Pojoaque (just down "the hill"). Katherine is enjoying 3rd grade, her new friends, her new swim team, and occasionally giving apples to the mule deer who share our

backyard with us. It took awhile, but we have finally caught our breath (figuratively and literally) and are able to hike and participate in the other outdoor activities around here.

We're very happy here, but certainly miss all of you and Bryan/College Station. I know that you have been and will continue to be in very good hands because of the leadership of your session, staff and supply preachers. I pray that God will continue to bless Covenant and provide for your ministry, mission and hopes. Thank you, again, for your generous gift and kind words.

Yours in Christ,
David Elton

RALLY DAY

sunday, September 11

Preceding the WORSHIP SERVICE

Find out more about our **Christian Education** Program:

Sunday School Classes for Adults, Youth & Children
Mid-Week Programs for all ages
Children's Choir, C2K, Youth
Bible Studies Book Club

Other ways to commune with your friends and quench your Spiritual thirst.

COMING SOON! "GIVE GOD TWO..." campaign

WELCOME New Members

Please join us in welcoming Leandro Neves and Andrea Kirschner with their boys Lucas, Davi and Daniel to our church membership.

Leandro and Andrea are joining as affiliate members while they are away from their home in Brazil.

FALL CELEBRATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Preparations are underway for Covenant's Fall Celebration. The celebration will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be games, crafts, food and fellowship. Bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy in this annual event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help run some of the booths, help with decorations, help with set up and take down and much more.

Please contact the CL&F committee for more way you can become involved.

SNL

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE Evening Worship

September 18
3rd Sunday of Each Month
5:30 pm

Followed by
light refreshments

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Guest Preachers

Seven ministers will fill the pulpit in the upcoming weeks while the search for a new pastor to succeed the Rev. David Elton gets underway.

SEPTEMBER 2011

September 4	Rev. Marcia Miscall
September 11	Rev. Dr. George Klett
September 18	Rev. Kristin Galle
September 25	Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

ONEderful *Wednesday*

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 7. The ONEderful Dinner and Presentation will begin at 5:15 pm in the fellowship hall. Come join us for these wonderfully prepared meals and stay for program. This month will include the following.

September 7 - George Klett: "Some thoughts on the Second Coming of Christ. It's probably not like what was depicted in the 'Left Behind' series. To learn more about Christ's second coming, join us for a session of information and discussion."

September 14 - Melissa Beaty: Presentation of our children's center. Director, Melissa Beaty will share the ins and outs of our workings and future plans of the Child Care Center.

September 21 - Kris Williams: Homemade Cards & More. Kris will be showing us how to make awesome cards and scrapbooking. Come learn some new techniques on how to spice up your mail with music and videos.

September 28 - William Talbert: William will be leading a presentation on Financial planning. Be sure to mark your calendar for William.

BUNCO NIGHT

September 30 6:30 pm



Covenant's youth are inviting you out for an evening of fun on Friday, September 30th. Join them at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary for an extended game of Bunco. There will be snacks, prizes and more. Tickets cost \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the sanctuary or by calling the church office. Reserve your spot before it's gone!

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS *Begins September 14*

A new Adult Class will begin on September 14 and meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 am. The study will center on Reformed Faith and the Presbyterian Church. Come, listen and discuss.

"from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen" (Rom. 11:36).

SESSION ACTIONS August 2011

- Received a report about a bequest from Jim Long, to be used for college-age ministry
- Approved a call to an interim minister, who will start mid-September
- Approved a Cups for Covenant program – details will be announced later
- Approved curriculum for younger elementary, older elementary, youth, Bible class, women's Horizon Bible study, Israel/Palestine study
- Approved funds to be sent for PYCC members and sponsors training and Conclaves
- Approved Child Learning Center opening a money market account for excess funds



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *hosts* Yoga & Yack

A relaxed atmosphere for yoga and fellowship.

Mondays from 8:30am -9:30 am

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

For details contact Susan @ 229-6914

OPERATING FUND

(Including Mortgage Payment)

Income through July 2011	\$ 243,097
Expenses through July 2011	\$ 312,828



SAVE the DATE
Sunday, October 23

Join us Sunday, October 23 beginning at 3:00 pm in Veteran's Park for the annual CROP Hunger Walk. Registration begins at 2:15 pm in the American Pavilion.

SEPTEMBER Lectionary

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or
Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,
37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25

Exodus 17:1-17; Psalm 78:1-4,
12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32



Travis Stebbins from Troop 1222 is working on his Eagle Scout project. He would like to invite friends and family of CPC to help with monetary donations for his Eagle Scout service project. Travis is building a nature grove and seating area for Scotty's House. He estimates costs at \$692. Please contact the church office for more information.

BCS Habitat for Humanity *October 1st Wall Raising*

Upcoming Build Project

Covenant Presbyterian working with B/CS Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a home building project with nine other churches to be called the **Inter-Faith Build**. It is a partnership that brings churches plus this year, Turkish and Jewish student organizations to join together to fund and build a home for a deserving family in our community.

Plan to come and participate in the opening dedication and wall raising event on Saturday, October 1st, 2011. You will have a chance to meet the receiving

Alvarado family and participate with other Inter-Faith supporting volunteers.

Our church has agreed to provide support on Saturday, November 5th, 2011, where we will likely be painting. You may also participate by providing lunch for our volunteers that day.

If you would like to participate, mark your calendar and contact Tom Woodbury via email at: thomas.woodbury@yahoo.com or call 832-964-4419 to sign-up or for more details.

Volunteer Patient Care Training Hospice Brazos Valley

October 3rd, 4th and 5th.

9:00am – 3:00pm,

Attendance for all three days is required

502 West 26th

Bryan, Texas 77803

Volunteers are needed to sit with patients, run errands, read books or newspaper, possible light house keeping, lawn care, delivery of flowers, bake a cake, pie or cookies for patients birthday, other needs are professionals for hair cuts, manicures, and gentle massages.

Please call Pat Mynar to register for training at [979-821-2266](tel:979-821-2266) or email: pmynarhospicebrazosvalley.org.

Christine McDonald

Community Liaison

Hospice Brazos Valley

502 W. 26th Street

Bryan, TX 77803

Phone: [979-821-2266](tel:979-821-2266) or [800-824-2326](tel:800-824-2326) Fax: [979-821-2763](tel:979-821-2763)

cmcdonald@hospicebrazosvalley.org

GROUP STUDY

Several people have expressed interest in a small group study on Israel and Palestine. If you are interested, you might look at James Michener's The Source as background material. We can try to start a group in mid-September.

If you are interested, please contact Judy Bochner at 690-7944 or jbbochner@suddenlink.net and let me know if you want to meet in the daytime or at night; and what days won't work and we'll go from there.

WOMEN *of* COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Confessing the Beatitude
By Margaret Aymer

Wednesday
September 14, 2011
9:30am

First Lesson

Greatly Honored Are the Poor!
Matthew 5:3; Luke 6:20, 24

Lesson Leader: Shirley Tingley
Hostess: Glenda Joseph
823-1686

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *PreK thru 4th Grade* September 7 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 starting on September 7, 2011.

Worship & Praise

From the Book of Psalms

Through Music, Drama, Art and Crafts
PreK Thru 4th Grade
Wednesdays
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



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

Sept. 27 Alice I Have Been
by Melanie Benjamin

Oct. 25 God's Will by Leslie
Weatherhead

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

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
9/6	7:15 pm	F1
9/6	8:15 pm	F1
9/13	9:15 pm	F1
9/20	9:15 pm	F2
9/27	8:15 pm	F2
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. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

Sunday School Volunteers are needed for pre-k thru 12th grade. Anyone who would like to teach or simply be a helper with the Children/Youth classes.

If anyone who has any ideas about a new Adult Class contact Maggi Focke.

DATE *Night*

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
September 16 \$20.00

Covenant Presbyterian Church Children's Center is now offering a DATE NIGHT service once a month for children ages 6-weeks through Elementary. The children are separated out by age and will have the opportunity for crafts, games, movies and outdoor play. Call 979-696-6484 for more information.

C2K 4th thru 6th Grade

The C2K (Cool Christian Kids) youth group. This helps the students once they reach the Junior High and High School levels. Watch for information in the bulletin and website on the upcoming date of this month's meeting.

The C2K (Cool Christian Kids) are Pre-Youth group for 4th thru 6th graders and their friends that meet once a month for fun and fellowship. C2K was started so that the pre-youth children would come together to get to know each other, and be introduced to the concept of the church

YOUTH 7th thru 12 Grade

This month school has already begun and schedules are starting to fill up fast. The youth will kick off their hectic schedules with a dip in the Ruesink's pool on **Sunday, September 11**. The youth are invited for a **Swim & Scripture** beginning at 4:00 pm. Towards the middle of this month the youth will meet up with FPC of Bryan and a few other churches to head off for a weekend of **MO Mission!** The youth will end this month with a **BUNCO Night** for the church on **Friday, September 30 at 6:30 pm**. Be sure to be there to throw those dice.

DATES to REMEMBER

Sept. 4 - NO YOUTH (Labor Day Weekend)

Sept. 11 - Swim & Scripture at the Ruesinks

Sept. 16 - 18 - MO Mission

Sept. 25 - Youth 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Sept. 30 - BUNCO Night

SUMMER CAMP

*C2K One Way Middle School
Ceta Canyon 2011*



C2K- Jessica Canterberry, Abby Medina, and LuBecca Long attended One Way Middle School at Ceta Canyon in the Panhandle of Texas. This year's theme was "I am, We Are, I AM." I am who God created me to be and not what the world wants me to be; We Are the church for we are people of God on a mission; I AM the messenger and ready to serve in the way God has led me to, without hiding behind something I'm not. It was a wonderful week to spend out at the Canyon, where our motto was "Gulp, Gulp! DRINK SOME WATER!" It was a phrase we heard continuously. As soon as we got in the car to leave, the girls asked if they could come back next summer.

Sr. High Youth – Chad Ruesink, Mac Candee, Regan Brown, Brian Candee, LuBecca Long, and our new friends at Trinity Mansfield, Cassie Ankle, and Samantha Hogg, spent a week at Mo-Ranch attending Youth Celebration; discovering how this year's theme, "Love Is?", applies to their daily life and walk with the Lord. We were taught how to be loved, how to show love, and how to share love.

The common theme all summer, that could not be taught enough, was to Drink Water! Each day, we looked forward to the refreshing afternoons in the Guadalupe and Vespers each night reflecting on what God was doing in our lives and how He was loving us. Again, the echo of asking to go back next summer was heard as soon as we left.



*Sr High Celebration
Mo-Ranch 2011*

Jr. High Youth - Mary Medina, Ryan Pennington, and LuBecca Long attended Jr. High Jubilee at Mo-Ranch. This year's theme was "Whatever Is..." Philippians 4:8. With a secondary theme of "I can do All things through Christ who strengthens me", Philippians 4:13. We were taught about the things that God can give when the unexpected is upon us; like Peace, Confidence, and Trust. This year's mission project was to make plarn used to create crocheted sleeping mats for the homeless, and also to be shipped to different countries, such as Haiti, to give them something to sleep on instead of the hard ground. You may be asking what is plarn? You take plastic shopping bags and cut them in to loops and then loop them together to make a chain. Then it is rolled up just like a ball of yarn and ready to use. We had an amazing week and as stated above no one could drink enough water. And again, they want to return next summer.



*Jr High Jubilee
Mo-Ranch 2011*

On a personal note, I could not have asked for a better summer at camp. To get to watch our C2K and Youth grow stronger in their walk and get to be in two places that I know God lives and blesses each and every day was very special and amazing. Thank you to all who made these summer trips possible with your prayers and support. Please don't hesitate to stop any of the kids and ask them about their experiences this summer. In Him, *LuBecca Long*

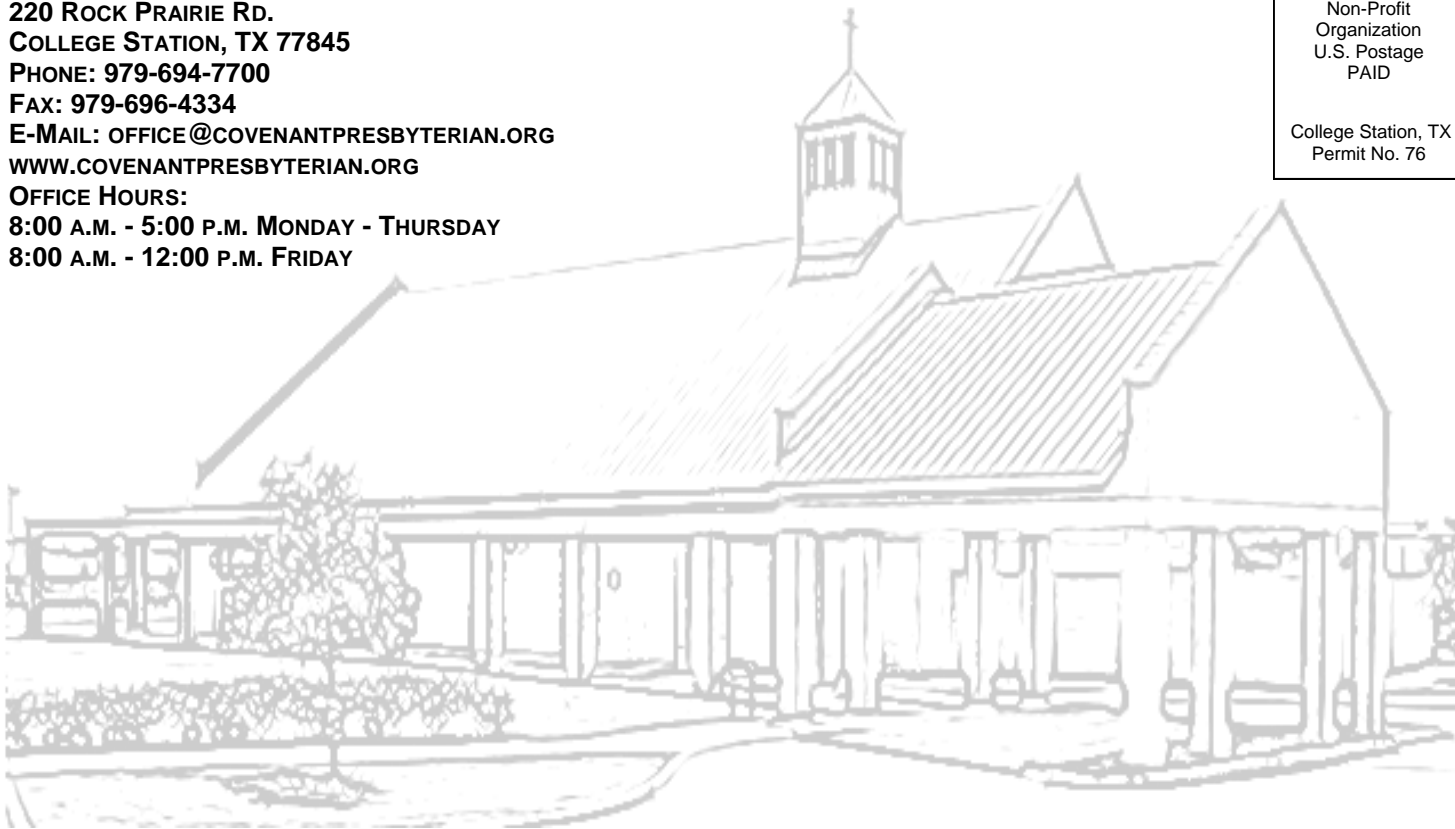
SEPTEMBER 2011

Covenant Presbyterian Church
 220 Rock Prairie Rd.
 College Station, TX 77845
 979-694-7700

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 10:30 Holy Rollers	3
4 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 HPC Worship	5 8:30 Yoga/&Yack 7:00 Troop 1222 Labor Day Office Closed	6 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study	7 4:00 Children's Choir 5:15 Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir 7:00 Budget Co	8 1:00 Crafters 6:00 Worship Co	9 10:30 Holy Rollers	10
11 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 HPC Worship 4:00 Youth 4:00 Evangelism	12 8:30 Yoga/&Yack 5:30 Child Care 6:00 C.E. 6:30 Property 7:00 Troop 1222	13 5:45 CL&F 6:00 T-102 COH 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study	14 5:15 Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir	15	16 10:30 Holy Rollers 5:00 Youth to Mo Mission CCC Date Night	17
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 HPC Worship 5:00 Membership 5:30 Sunday Night Live Worship	19 8:30 Yoga/&Yack 7:00 Troop 1222	20 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study 7:00 Session	21 5:15 Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir	22 1:00 Crafters	23 10:30 Holy Rollers	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 HPC Worship 4:00 Youth	26 8:30 Yoga/&Yack 7:00 Troop 1222	27 7:00 Troop 102 7:00 HPC Study	28 5:15 Dinner 5:45 Bells 6:15 Program 7:00 Choir	29	30 10:30 Holy Rollers 6:00 Bunco Night	

220 ROCK PRAIRIE RD.
 COLLEGE STATION, TX 77845
 PHONE: 979-694-7700
 FAX: 979-696-4334
 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

Non-Profit
 Organization
 U.S. Postage
 PAID
 College Station, TX
 Permit No. 76



September Birthdays

James Christiansen	9/1
Isabel Marshall	9/1
Jean Christiansen	9/2
Margaret Devine	9/2
Mac Kelly	9/4
Bunny Kensinger	9/9
Mac Candee	9/9
Bryan Allison	9/10
Ivan Magnuson	9/11
Russell Dempsey	9/11
Mary Jo Hoffman	9/12
Lyn Griffin	9/12
Jack McKenzie	9/12
Kyra Devine	9/12
Abby Medina	9/14
Olin Brown	9/15
Eylssa Grant	9/15
Francis Lyons	9/16
Jason Boyle	9/16
John Devine	9/17
Judy Matlock	9/19
Jim Irving	9/19
Theresa Carroll	9/20
David Walkup	9/20
Maurice Milliken	9/21
Haley Wendler	9/22
Helen Nicolas	9/23
Kristen Allison	9/24
Chelsea Robinson	9/24
Zach Angello	9/25

Tegan Allison	9/26
Dee Grant II	9/27
Blair Halliwell	9/29
Sue Durden	9/30
Dana Angello	9/30



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

GREETERS

10:30 am Service
 Tim & Ann Hardy
 Don & Carol Witenhafer

LABOR DAY Monday, September 5

Office will be Closed

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 1st 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 September 22, 2011