

## Continued Announcements...

**Alternate Choir Rehearsal Night:** We are currently offering an alternate choir rehearsal night for those who wish to join the choir but cannot make our regular Thursday rehearsals. This will take place on Wednesday nights from 6:45-7:45 PM in the OT Café. Please contact Pastor Tim for more information.

**Sunday Prayer:** You are encouraged to begin your Sunday morning worship in the new prayer room during the times of 7:45 - 8:25 AM as we pray together for our pastor and church. Please remember **your** prayer room is open during the church's regularly staffed office hours Monday-Friday for individual prayer as well.

**First Friday Prayer:** Please come together Friday, August 6th from 7 to 8:15 PM, for a time of corporate praise and intercessory prayer **in our new prayer room**. Enter using the door in the alley way, just past the front porch of the New Testament building below the hospitality room door; come up the steps and turn to your left. All are welcome.

**E-Women Conference Registration:** Ladies, it's time to once again register for the annual E-Women Conference to be held Oct. 1, 2 at the Roanoke Civic Center. The cost is \$61 plus cost of lodging (depending how many are in the room). You may call the church office or contact Patsy Dickinson (434-962-3874) for more information. Forms are available on the Ladies Ministries table in the back hallway of the NT Sanctuary.

**Prayer Retreat:** The registration deadline date for Covenant Church's overnight prayer retreat has been extended to Saturday, July 31st. The cost is \$45 for double or \$80 for single occupancy and registration is required as space is limited. The cost includes breakfast on Saturday. The retreat will be held at Blessings Lodge, Keezletown, VA beginning Friday evening, August 27, with arrival after 5 p.m. and will end Saturday, the 28th at 2 p.m. The retreat is open to everyone on a first come basis. Please register with Pastor Bettie Christian, 973-5536. Payment is due by July 31st.

**Lancaster Bus Trip / Show:** We will see "The Story of Joseph" at the Millennium Theater on Oct. 22-23. The cost is \$175 per person and includes bus fare, show ticket, lodging (2 per room), dinner Friday and breakfast Saturday. Deadline is July 31st. Call Regina at 434-979-9602 or email [Covenant.Ladies.Ministries@gmail.com](mailto:Covenant.Ladies.Ministries@gmail.com). Men and women welcome.

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 TEACHES USING A PROPHETIC  
 CHART ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
 FROM 6:30-7:45.**

# From the Pastor's Heart

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## THE BARE FACTS...

**TITHING:** Tithing is the equality of every person bringing the tenth of increase that belongs to God.

**MISSIONHEART:** Read Isaiah 58:5-10 and ask yourself if you want to be a part of the blessing plan of heaven.

**CHURCH:** Imagine a people gathering for worship, prayerful, holy, with tithes and offerings to God, and a willing spirit. Imagine miracles. Do it and miracles become reality.

**PRAYER:** Lord, We are a people who believe you that if we seek you with all our hearts you will hear from heaven and answer.

## WHO WE ARE...

**CORE VALUES:** We are a Covenant community, bonded together by the Holy Spirit, united in Christ to serve His Church and each other, and to preach, teach, and make disciples.

**MISSION:** To glorify God through worship and lifestyle, to lead the unsaved to Christ, to share His love with our community and the world, and to strengthen the body of believers through discipleship.

**VISION:** To create a spiritual culture of growth by reaching the lost, adding to our congregation, maturing believers, strengthening outreach and missions, developing leaders, expanding trans-culturalism, and promoting volunteer based ministry.

**MOTTO:** "Many Nations, One Faith; Serving God." for you.

## WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

Our Missionaries  
 Our Troops  
 Mr. Baresko  
 Johnetta Bouch  
 Maple Durham  
 Carson Fewell  
 Terry Fitz  
 Tom Folsom  
 Kathy Goebel

Courtney Holmes  
 Louise Heislup  
 Monetta Helton  
 Joyce Hurt  
 Morris King  
 Anna Lobianco  
 Charles Martin  
 Lillian Schomp

Richard Schomp  
 Jeri Scott  
 Susan Elaine Hall Singh  
 Tammy Southall  
 Kathy Steele  
 Jeremiah Tolley  
 Terry Wilthew  
 Mike Wortman

**Condolences To:** Kathy Goebel—Death of friend Doug Fitz

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS...

### Intercessory Prayer...

Sunday Mornings 7:45 –8:15AM in the Prayer Room.

**Sunday Services:** 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM  
**Bible Study Classes:** 9:45 AM

**Wednesday Night Adult Service, Youth Ministry and Kids Club:**  
 6:30 PM-7:45 P.M.

**Alternate Choir Practice:**  
 6:45- 7:45 P.M.

*If you know of somebody who would like to receive the weekly Pastor's Heart by postal mail or email, please send his/her name, complete mailing address and/or email to Covenant Church, 1025 Rio Road East, Charlottesville VA 22901.*

**For more information visit [www.covenantchurch.net](http://www.covenantchurch.net) or call 434-973-5536.**

# Why?

**W**hy will God bless the ministry of Covenant Church? Why in the midst of national/international crises can we trust for a season of revival and growth?

Do we expect blessings because of our being the Elder Brother of the Prodigal Son? Do we think our righteousness makes us better?

No. We are not wrapping ourselves in self-righteousness. We are resolving to be obedient to Our Lord because of His grace in our lives. We are following Jesus because we have been saved by His marvelous grace. We desire with humility to find our younger brother who has erred and welcome him back to the family.

1. We have not followed fads and fashions.
2. We have remained true to teach and preach the Word of God.
3. We have cared for the poor and less fortunate (Isaiah 58:10).
4. We have been faithful in fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19,20).
5. We have been faithful in tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:10).
6. We have been hands extended to the larger community.
7. We have sought to be servants.
8. We have exalted Christ.
9. We have not ceased to preach the gospel of the cross.

King Hezekiah came to the throne age 25. King Ahaz had polluted the House of the Lord. Hezekiah repaired the doors, had trash carried out, had holy vessels sanctified, and prepared for worship. The king tithed and gave offerings. The people tithed and gave offerings. They removed from among themselves altars and incense to idols. "And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered (II Chronicles 31:21)."

In the last two Sundays we have baptized in water nine persons. At the present time about 30 persons are in orientation for membership. I remember no time in my life that so many people have come to ask to become members. It is an indication of spiritual hunger and a desire to be part of the Body of Christ. While the world is seeking independency and does not want to be held accountable, there is a hunger among God's people to draw

closer together to the Body (Hebrews 10:25).

I am delighted to share that Deacons in New Testament character are stepping forward to lead different cultures. We are seeing break-through with excellent leaders who are becoming responsible to evangelize and minister among their own people. This is very encouraging.

We have extended invitations to a number of persons to consider becoming deacons. We trust for excellent response and new ordinations.

Yesterday, the Elders met for almost three hours. We committed to a month of fasting and praying (Matthew 17:21). Join with us as we seek God with our whole heart. Let us learn from Hezekiah as he repaired the doors to the house of the Lord, cleaned out the trash, sanctified holy vessels, offered burnt offerings for repentance, and brought tithes and freewill offerings to God.

Will you join with us in a season of turning our hearts to God? Fast and pray with us. God honors those who honor him. We do not serve our Lord asking for material blessings as the first order. Our hearts are yearning to see souls saved (Proverbs 11:30b), families healed, churches brought together in unity, disciples formed, and revival aflame.

This is God's will. We hunger for God's will. Obedience in a loving relationship with God and others yields divine favor.

Much love  
Pastor Bare  
Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also



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He is married to Laila Bare, Ed.D. (VT). They have three children, Danny, Dana, and Joshua, and 7 grandchildren.

## Reflections...

### Praise The Lord

Wonderful weekend. We had 43 youth and leaders from Winchester Church of God visiting with us in outreach to poor, homeless, and distressed. More than 800 persons were served. We baptized four persons in water. A school teacher testified before baptism of how her renewed life in Christ had enabled her to make a tough decision, and within 24 hours God answered with blessing upon blessing.

### Sunday Night Live

The ladies who came out laughed until they cried and had a great time in the Lord. There were skits, poems, and games. We bade farewell to a couple of ladies who are moving away and they testified how SNL had ministered to them until we were all in tears. Fun - Friends - Fellowship: Plan not to miss our August 15 at 4-6 p.m. in the OT Cafe.

### Letter to Pastor Bare

What a blessing Covenant Church and your ministry has been to me over the past twenty plus years. I thank you for your godly leadership. I believe God is opening doors and preparing the way for us to be a powerful witness for Him in this community that we serve. God bless you and yours as you continue to shepherd the flock of Covenant Church. Carolyn Thompson

## Covenant Church Announcements...

SHARING GOD'S LOVE CARING FOR YOU

**Summer SBS Series "The Prodigal God":** Join with us this Sunday at 9:45 AM for this wonderful Summer Bible Series! So many have said already that this study has impacted their lives. There are age appropriate classes or a general class in the sanctuary. We have great class facilitators. See you this Sunday!

**Men's Breakfast:** Our next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for THIS Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM in the OT Café. Mark your calendars men and plan to be with us for good food and fellowship! The Men's Mentoring group will also be meeting following the breakfast.

**"Mirrors of Clay" Leadership Rally:** This is a special Leadership Rally open to all ministry MAT members and those interested in leadership at Covenant. It will take place NEXT Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00-11:15 AM in the OT Sanctuary. Childcare and refreshments provided.

**NEW Church Prayer Line:** We now have a designated Prayer Line for you to call 24 hours a day. That number is 434-953-9066. When you call you will hear an encouraging word from Pastor Bare and you will have the opportunity to leave your prayer request which will be retrieved and prayed for that same day.

**Wednesdays 6:30-7:45 PM:** Special activities and Bible study for everyone. Pastor Bare is teaching from the prophecy chart in NT sanctuary.

**Talent Search:** We are looking for those who want to use their talents for the Lord, especially in the area of special singing. Please contact Pastor Tim Sersen if you would like to either sing a solo or be a part of a special singing group (i.e. Southern Gospel) that could possibly sing on a regular basis.