

**The Service of Worship**  
**Sunday, February 10, 2008 – 11:00 AM**  
**Women Ministries Sunday**

Welcome Pastor John Benson

As we welcome families with children to worship,  
be aware that nursery care is available for infants and toddlers  
downstairs throughout the service

Jr. JAMboree for children ages 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade is also offered throughout  
the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist  
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Call to Worship John 1:31-34

\*Hymn #286

*Let Every Christian Pray*

\*Unison Prayer of Invocation Hymnal #918

The Gospel Matthew 4:1-11 Beth Badassa, Reader

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Bible Study on Children	Rob Ericson
Building Bridges	Stacy Langley
Women Ministries	Claire Bentley
Marriage Education	Doug Thorpe

Offertory

\*The Doxology Hymn #48

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Covenant Heritage Hymn #287 *Heavenly Spirit, Gentle Spirit*

+ We affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit +

Sermon Romans 8:14

Exploring Covenant Affirmations  
**WE SAY YES TO THE SPIRIT**

\*Hymn #276

*Spirit of the Living God*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Welcome!** Whether this is your first time with us, a return visit, or something you do every Sunday, we're happy that you're here. Please fill out the Home Page insert in this bulletin, including your address and prayer requests, and make it part of the offering today. The offering is an opportunity to share financially in the ministries and mission of our congregation. If you're a visitor or a newcomer, please feel no obligation about this.

## COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH

Celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry

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*Our mission as a congregation is calling people from this community and around the world into communion with Christ. Our communion with him and with each other grows as we enter into the promises and challenges that a covenant with Christ includes.*

### THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:10 PM	Interest meeting in the kitchen for all those who are interested in being in a Lenten Small Group
Tuesday	9:45 AM	Women's Bible Study – Church Kitchen Using Beth Moore Study on Daniel
Wednesday		See bulletin notice about Marriage Education
<b>Sunday Feb. 17</b>	9:30 AM	Sunday School for all ages Adult Class on Covenant Affirmations: “The Reality of Freedom in Christ”
	11:00 AM	Worship Service – Women Ministry Sunday

**Remember**, this building is regularly used by other groups. If you are planning an activity, remember to check the complete calendar in the church office. Please speak to Kathy Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling any event. (Call 703-455-4150 or 703-425-5633) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

## Lessons to Read for Next Sunday –

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-17

John 3:1-17

God says, “Go!” Abraham goes

Where does help come from?

It all depends on faith

Jesus and Nicodemus



**We still need childcare providers** for the Marriage Education Classes we’re offering beginning in February. Volunteer to be part of the team – even if you would only be able to help us cover some of the 10 Wednesday nights we are responsible for. Sign up in the hallway to lend a hand or to coordinate this aspect of our outreach effort.

**If you would like to be a small group during Lent**, come to the kitchen for a brief organizational meeting after the service this morning. Rob Ericson has volunteered to lead a group focusing on the Biblical teachings regarding children. Other possibilities have been suggested: 1. A discussion of the book, Reflecting the Glory by N.T. Wright 2. Spiritual Classics by Richard Foster and Emilie Griffin 3. Group’s Bible Sense study of 1 John – “Living in the Light of Jesus.” If any of these are of interest and you want to develop your relationship to God and to others during this special season, come to the meeting even if you have not signed up to be in a group.

**The Marriage Education Program** scheduled for Wednesday nights has been postponed until our enrollment increases. *We are sorry that the extension number listed on the flyer and other information that has gone out was inaccurate.* Some of you may have tried to register and been frustrated. The number to call for registering for the 10 Week Fit Relationships Program is 703-636-1200, Ext. 257 (NOT 253). PLEASE LET ANYONE YOU HAVE TALKED TO ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY KNOW. And consider registering yourself. We still need someone to coordinate childcare as well. Thanks to those who have volunteered already for this and for helping with the snack/supper. Talk to Doug Thorpe if you have questions.



**Bible Study!** Starting Sunday, February 17 at 5:00, Rob Ericson will teach a Bible Study up in the church kitchen. This happens at the same time as Youth Group, so all you parents out there might find it convenient to join in. Please speak to Rob for details.

**Help us fix up the downstairs!** Sign up today at the table in the hallway to take responsibility for completing one or more of the various projects that have been suggested to clean up, repair and rejuvenate the nursery, classrooms and main room downstairs. We want the lower level to be a warm and welcoming place for the families, infants, and children who come to worship and learn with us. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.



**In the Covenant Companion** – “Mother Teresa and the Light – and Darkness – of God.” Cathy Norman Peterson explores Mother Teresa’s thirst for Jesus, her work and struggles. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine online at [www.covchurch.org/communications](http://www.covchurch.org/communications) or by calling 773-907-3310. Subscriptions are \$19.95 a year.

**The book discussion** group will meet in March to discuss “Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man” by James Joyce. If you wish to join in the meal with Covenant Crafters, please arrive by 6 PM. If you are only interested in the discussion, be here at 7:00.

**Did you miss last week’s sermon?** Hear it and read the bulletin each week on the church website. It is updated weekly. Please visit us at [www.covenantchurchva.org](http://www.covenantchurchva.org).

**Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY**

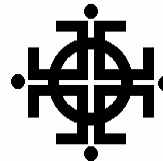
Once again it is time to provide **casseroles for the homeless** at Rising Hope Mission Church. Please have your casseroles here by Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up is available on the table outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please speak to Mary.

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet next Sunday (February 17) at 5:00. Friends are always welcome to join in. Snacks are welcome, too!



**How to Contact Pastor Benson** – You may contact him at his office at church 703-455-4150. The church’s e-mail address is [communitycovenant@verizon.net](mailto:communitycovenant@verizon.net). Prayer requests and other matters can also be brought to his attention by using the Home Page insert in the bulletin. Don’t hesitate to get in touch when you, or someone in your family, is hospitalized, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.



*The character of the Evangelical Covenant Church is expressed by our logo: at the center is the cross. Next is a circle – the symbol of being united in Christ. Then four different people, joined to one another, reach out to the world in love. The Covenant Web Page: [www.covchurch.org](http://www.covchurch.org)*

A Covenant Affirmation - We affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit. The Covenant Church affirms the Trinitarian understanding of one God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The New Testament tells us that the Holy Spirit works both within individuals and among them. We believe it is the Holy Spirit who instills in our hearts a desire to turn to Christ, and who assures us that Christ dwells within us. It is the Holy Spirit who enables our obedience to Christ and conforms us to his image, and it is the Spirit in us that enables us to continue Christ’s mission in the world. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to us as individuals and binds us together as Christ’s body.