

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Sunday, June 22, 2008 – 10 AM

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 – 4th grade is also offered
throughout the service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Prelude Sandy Benson, Organist
Becky Ericson, Pianist

Prelude on “Beatitudo” – arr. Young

*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 135

Leader: I know that the Lord is great,
that our Lord is greater than all gods.

People: *The Lord does whatever pleases him,
in the heavens and on the earth,
in the seas and all their depths.*

Leader: He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth;
he sends lightning with the rain
and brings the wind from his storehouses.

People: *Praise the Lord, for he is good;
sing to his name, for he is gracious.*

*Hymn #82
O Tender, Gracious Father

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord’s Prayer

First Lesson Genesis 21:8-21 Carl Rodgers, Reader

Second Lesson Romans 6:1-11

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology Hymn #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #418

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

+ See Tim Botts’ calligraphy of this hymn on the credenza +

Sermon Matthew 10:24-39

OBEYING THE BIBLES’ #1 COMMAND

*Hymn #669

May God’s Love Be Fixed Above You

*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.

JOIN US IN PRAYER: On Wednesday, July 9th we will join together in prayer for VBS and for Revitalization. Please come and add your prayers. For more information, please speak to Pastor Benson.

Ladies – it is time to start thinking about the Women Ministries' Fall retreat and to register. As in the past, it will be in Quarryville, PA on September 26-28. Our speaker is Rose Cornelious. She is an ordained minister and has worked with people of all ages in over 25 nations and in over 200 churches throughout the US. Last year we had to turn people away, so register early. Brochures are on the back credenza.

Update on the Race Across America: Team2600 arrived in Annapolis, MD at 8:50 on Friday morning after racing across the country. They rode a total of 3014.4 miles in 8 days! Congratulations to Team2600.

The Books and Culture Discussion Group The book discussion for August is My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell. We will meet at church at 6 PM on August 23rd and may either order pizza or adjourn to a great restaurant. Stay tuned for details.

In the Covenant Companion – “Getting Through It Together” – Gret Trotter tells the story of Covenant Army Chaplain Darrick Gutting’s ministry at Walter Reed Medical Center here in Washington, DC. You can subscribe to our award-winning denominational magazine by calling 773-907-3310 or online at www.covchurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95.

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RECYCLE! The bins are in the kitchen under the table. Please place your recyclables in the appropriate bin.

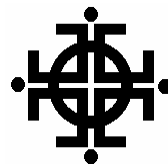
Lessons to Read for June 29 – the 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14	Abraham is asked to sacrifice his son
Psalms 13	What to say when God hides his face
Romans 6:12-23	What are you a slave to?
Matthew 10:40-42	A word about welcoming someone

YOUTH GROUP

Don't forget to place your donations for our sponsored child, Yohannes, in the donations box at the back of the sanctuary. The Youth Group has pledged \$40 per month toward his support. Members of the congregation are welcome to participate.

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. 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

A Covenant Affirmation - We affirm the Church as a fellowship of believers. Membership in the Covenant Church is by confession of personal faith in Jesus Christ and is open to all believers. Uniformity in creedal details is not expected. We observe baptism and Holy Communion as sacraments commanded by Jesus. We practice both infant and Holy Communion as sacraments commanded by Jesus. We practice both infant and believer baptism and regard the church as a grace-filled fellowship, not an institution.

WATCH CLAIRE'S TREE COME TO LIFE!

Based on our theme verse for the year, Claire Bentley has painted an apple tree on the sanctuary wall. You can make it come to life by participating in our Over and Above Stewardship Campaign for outreach to children and families.

- For every 3 hours of combined volunteer time spent in strengthening our ministry to children since the beginning of the year, Claire will add one leaf to the tree. If you have donated any time (such as renovating and improving our facilities, helping out with our special outreach events like Easter and VBS, praying or doing anything to enhance or expand our regular ministries to children and families), then report your hours, or partial hours, by the H on your Home Page any Sunday. Our congregational goal is to contribute at least 1000 hours (333 1/3 leaves) this year.
- For every personal invitation you have extended to a child or a family in the community to participate in one of our regular children's ministries or special events, Claire will add one smiling flower face to the landscape beneath the tree. We want invitations to go out whether or not children attend. If you have done this, put the number of invitations you have extended by the I on your Home Page any Sunday. Our goal is at least 100 personal contacts and invitations (100 flowers) this year.
- For every \$50 in combined contributions for enabling and improving our outreach and ministry to children and their families, Claire will add one apple to the tree. Funds to provide resources beyond our budget for outreach and special ministries to children, and to purchase new audio-visual equipment for Sunday School and Jr. JAMBoree. Use the special envelopes (with the kids' faces) on the credenza to make a contribution in the offering any Sunday. (Please designate checks for the children's ministry and include your name if you wish your contribution to be tax deductible.) Our goal is at least \$5000 (100 apples) this year.

Beloved, like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my God. I delight to sit in his shade and his fruit is sweet to my taste – Song of Solomon 2:3. Let's trust God to give the growth as we each do our part!

CALLING ALL HEROES: BIBLE ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Ahoy, Mateys! CCC is about to set sail with The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales VBS! Be a part of our Vacation Bible School July 28 - August 1 from 9 AM to noon. This year, the high seas adventure will be for preschoolers ages 3 - 5, and we hope to reach 24 children with this program! That is 24 children who will grow in their relationship with God. As we plan and prepare for VBS:

Please pray that God would give us wisdom in planning
Pray for the right staff members to join our team
Pray that God would begin working in the hearts of
the children who will come

Please prayerfully consider YOUR role in VBS this summer! Volunteer by contacting Kristin Karlson by email, (kristin.karlson@hotmail.com), phone (703-455-3210), or in person (use the Home Page). Help spread the word!

Join us in prayer on Wednesday, July 9th from 7 to 8 PM here in the sanctuary. For more information, please speak to Pastor Benson.

Ahoy, Mateys! All of you aboard the HMS Steadfast (That's everyone here at CCC!) We are about to set sail this summer with a very fun, activity-based preschool VBS. Our 4 captains have submitted a list of props they need for their activity sites. If you have any of these listed items, and you would be willing to loan them to us for VBS, simply write your name on it, and give it to the site captain. Thank you!

Captain Martha Reitman:

Mr./Mrs. Potato Head	Hero capes
Child-size rolling pins	Fishing games
Fish-themed puzzles	Small paint rollers
Small life jackets	Inflatable row boat
Small oars	Fishing nets
Plastic or stuffed fish	Paper towel tubes
Small plastic shovels/scoops	Water toys
Clean, empty, plastic water bottles with lids	

Captain Claire Bentley:

Artificial bush	Small white Christmas lights
Disposable wipes	Fishing nets
Inflatable boat	Blue sheet or blanket
Balance Beam	Play parachute
Empty film canisters	Empty spools of thread
Rectangular foam or cardboard blocks	
8 floor tiles to use as stepping stones	
Plush robe for King Nebuchadnezzar (adult size)	
Tent (large enough for 10 people to sit in)	

Captain Ruth Kendrick:

Chef's hat	
Small plastic or cloth lobster (to fit in an oven mitt)	

Captain Kristin Karlson:

Paper towel tubes	Koosh balls	2 spray bottles
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Other items needed for decorations, costumes or props

Treasure chests of all sizes	adult size ruffled shirts
Suede vests	Spy glasses
Bandanas	Large ship bell
Rope for rigging	Super Soaker
2 mops	2 buckets
Toy banjo	empty colored glass bottle
Large toothbrush	