

LAUNCHING OUT IN WORSHIP
Veggie Tales Pirates Rally Weekend
Sunday, September 7, 2008 – 11:00 AM

Welcome Pastor John Benson

Families with children are welcome in worship. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers downstairs throughout the service.

On selected Sundays, Jr. JAM for children age 3 to 3rd grade is provided. Watch and listen for the announcement.

Prelude Sandra Benson, Organist

Lord, Revive Us – early American hymn
Arranged by Gilbert M. Martin

*Call to Worship Psalm 149:1-3

Leader: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing his praises in the gathering of his people.

People: *Let Israel be glad in its Maker!*
Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Leader: Praise his name with dancing.
Make music with tambourines and harps.

*Hymn #321

Praise the Lord with Joyful Song

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson Exodus 12:1-14 Julie Fann, Reader

Second Lesson Romans 13:8-14

A Word to the Children

Introducing our Sunday School Teachers and Classes

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

*The Doxology #48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #618

Bless the Ones Who Nurture Children

Sermon Matthew 18:15-20

Why Are There So Many Rs in Arrrgh?

*Hymn #603

Christ, Be My Leader

*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 36th 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.

Our Life Together This Week

Today	9:30 AM	Sunday School Rally Day “All Hands on Deck!”
	11:00 AM	Launching Out in Worship
Thursday	6:00 PM	Youth Group Gardening
Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School Classes
Sept. 14	11:00 AM	Worship Service Commitment to GROW Message: “Standing Before the Lord”

When you come to Church on Sunday, remember to . . .

- Bring *canned goods* for outreach to those in need in our area
- Bring *change* for the change box to fund capital improvements

Remember that 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.) The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday.

Parents! Families with children are always welcome at Community Covenant Church, even on Sundays when we celebrate Communion. We provide nursery care throughout the service for infants and toddlers. We also have Jr. JAMBoree for children age 3 to 3rd grade during the 2nd half of the service on selected Sundays. Our family ministries include Sunday School as well with nursery care and classes for all age groups at 9:30 AM every Sunday morning.

The Veggie Tales Are Coming! Veggie Tales LIVE at the Hylton Memorial Chapel on November 8 at 3 and 7 PM. Tickets are on sale now at 1-800-861-0850 or on-line at www.eventtickets.net.

Ahoy There, Maties! The Veggie Tales Are Also Coming HERE! **The Veggie Tales PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING** will be released on DVD on Saturday, October 11. Celebrate this special day by watching the movie together with all your friends from VBS and the entire Church Family on the “Big Screen” here in our sanctuary at 7 PM. Popcorn will be provided. Please also join us that day for our 3rd Annual Fish Fry at 5:00 PM.

The Apple Tree on the Wall or Why Does My Homepage Say Hi? The **H** is there to give you a place to list the volunteer hours (or partial hours) you have donated to children’s ministries – our goal is 1,000 hours, and they show up as *leaves* on the Apple Tree on the Sanctuary wall. The **I** is for listing the number of invitations you have extended to a child or a family to participate in one of our children’s ministries. Our goal is 100 invitations, and they show up as the smiling *flowers* underneath the tree. Each *apple* on the tree represents \$50 in contributions for our children’s ministries and outreach to families. Our goal is \$5,000, and you can use the special envelopes on the credenza to make a contribution.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY – We will have a vacancy on the Church Council this fall in the area of our fellowship ministries. If you are interested in joining the team that helps people make connections and build relationships in our congregation through fellowship activities, then tell Pastor Benson or make a note of it on your Home Page today.

The Change For Change Box has been emptied and tallied. There were 2,116 pennies, 394 nickels, 671 dimes, 247 quarters, 1 dollar coin, 4 Canadian pennies, 1 Canadian nickel, and 1 Canadian dime. The total in dollars is \$170.71 which will be put toward a new riding mower. Thank you for your generosity – keep the change coming!

Volunteers Needed! Community Covenant Church relies on its volunteers to run smoothly. If you would like to be one of our vital volunteers, please sign up at the table outside the sanctuary. Thank you to all of our current volunteers for your selfless and much needed service!

Youngish Adults: Please join us by the fountain at the center of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden on Saturday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m. Bring a dish or food item to share and a beverage for your own brood. Amy will bring paper plates and napkins. If it is raining steadily at 10 a.m. that morning, please assume that the outing has been postponed to our rain date of September 27 (or call us at 301-984-5645). There will be optional side excursions to the Hirshhorn Museum's sculpture garden and to the exhibit on "Jim Henson's Fantastic World" inside the Smithsonian's Ripley Center. All portions of the event are free, kid friendly, and Metro-accessible.

Men's Retreat – "And the Lord sought a man after his own heart..." Are you that man? Plan now to attend the Men's Retreat at Pilgrim Pines October 10-12. Featured Speaker is Bill Page, a gifted communicator, whose appeal is anchored in a depth of life experience, including 20 years of police and detective work in New York. An information card is posted on the bulletin board. Please tell Pastor Benson if you're thinking of going. Some interest has already been expressed, and we'd like to form a group to attend together if possible.

The Youth Group meets each Thursday evening at 6:30 to work in the garden. All proceeds from the sale of the produce go toward the support for our sponsored child, Yohannes. The Youth Group has pledged \$40 per month toward his support, but members of the congregation are welcome to participate. Thank you for your donations!

What Happened to the Cookbook? It's still in a holding pattern but, meanwhile, that means you can still donate recipes. Hand your recipes to Kathy, leave them in her mailbox or on her desk, or just email them to the church email address!

Lessons to Read for September 14 - the 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31	Israel's Escape through the Red Sea
Psalms 114	The sea ran away, the river turned back
Romans 14:1-12	No quarreling over opinions
Matthew 18:21-35	The king who wished to settle accounts

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.

Cross Training notebooks are available on the credenza. Use this program to guide your daily Bible reading and memorization, prayer and witnessing.

The Books and Culture Discussion Group: The book discussion featuring "My Family and Other Animals" by Gerald Durrell is rescheduled for Sunday, September 21 at 7:00. Please call Becky if you have any questions.

In the Covenant Companion – "Finding Blessings in the Midst of Trials" – how siblings Nick and Melana Bresnyan face their cancer with faith and as witnesses to God's love. 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.

Directory Time! Please take a look at the large print directory on the table outside the sanctuary to make sure your information is correct. If you have corrections for any of the "Friends" listed, please make them.

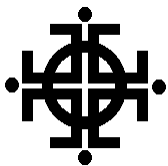
Covenant World Mission Prayer Line: 1-800-FON-PRAY

“When we are linked by the power of prayer, we hold each other’s hand, as it were, while we walk along a slippery path.” **St. Gregory**

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.

Get Connected with Covenant Newswire – this free service delivers the latest news from Covenant Churches around the world to your home or office in a single daily email. It’s a great way to keep informed about what’s happening among the mission friends. To sign up, visit the Covenant Web Page (www.covchurch.org) and click on the Newswire button.

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 a conscious dependence on the 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, who assures us of his indwelling presence, who enables our obedience and conforms us to his image.