

A SERVICE OF PRAISE & WORSHIP
September 28, 2008- 11 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

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymn #101

Come, Thou Almighty King

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

First Lesson Exodus 17:1-7 Beth Badassa Reader

Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offertory

Children age 3 through 3rd grade are dismissed to go down downstairs
for Jr. JAMBoree (on the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays of the month)

*The Doxology

#48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #306

Becky Ericson, Pianist

And Can it Be That I Should Gain

Sermon

THE MIND OF CHRIST IN THE CHURCH

*Hymn #366

May The Mind of Christ, My Savior

*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 homepage 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
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Sunday	9:30 Am	Sunday School Classes
Oct. 5	11:00 AM	Worship Service Dr. Doug Thorpe preaching

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

- Bring *canned goods* for outreach to those in need in our area
Through ECHO and Rising Hope
- Bring *change* for the change box
to fund capital improvements

Remember that this building is regularly used by other groups. If you are panning an activity, remember to check the complete calendar in the church office. Please speak to Aaron 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, including the 1st Sunday of the month when we celebrate Communion. We provide nursery care infants and toddlers throughout the service every Sunday morning. We also have Jr. JAMboree for children ages 3 through 3rd grade during the 2nd half of the service on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month. On the 5th Sundays in the year we plan an intergenerational worship experience. Children's worship bulletins with age appropriate activities based on the scriptures for the day, coloring books and crayons are available on the table by the door. Our family ministries also include Sunday School at 9:30 with nursery care and classes for preschool, children, young people, and adults.

Keegan Lenn Murray, infant son of Richard and Erin Murray, will be baptized during the morning worship service on Sunday, October 12, at 11 AM. Pastor Benson will be preaching on the question, "What Is Your Legacy?" – an important subject for everyone to consider. Please pray for the Murray family as we prepare for this day.

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.

Major Fellowship & Outreach Event on Sat. Oct. 11 – Calling all community, church and VBS heroes to our VEGGIE TALES FALL FESTIVAL! It starts a 4 PM with *Appetizers in the Amphitheater* and *Piratey Games on the Lawn*. It continues with our 3rd Annual Fish Fry in the picnic area (a sign-up sheet for what to bring is on the table in the hallway). Then at 6 PM the Veggie Tales Movie, *The Pirates That Don't do Anything* will be shown in the sanctuary. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy good food, real fun and great fellowship with your church friends (of all ages) and invited guests.

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 Balcony Session planned for Sat. Oct. 25 has been rescheduled for Sat. Nov. 8 from 9 to 11:30 AM. Every adult and young person is invited to participate in this revitalization meeting with the “Veritas 13) and the Church Council as we work on becoming a healthy, missional congregation. In the Adult Sunday School Class on Oct. 5 and 12, Rob Ericson and Nelson Hastings will introduce the “Behavioral Covenant” which is part of our planning.

Ruth and Peter Dutton are returning to Southeast Asia this fall with a new approach to their mission in Laos. Read all about their summer travels and their plans in the newsletter posted on the bulletin board by the lower entrance. **On Reformation Sunday**, October 26, we will hear from the Duttons in our morning worship service at 11AM and pray for them and their family on the final weekend before Peter and Ruth leave for Thailand.

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.

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!

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.

Lessons to Read for September 28 - the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the rock
Psalms 105:37-45	God brought quails!
Philippians 2:1-13	Have this mindset
Matthew 21:23-32	A story of two sons

The Books and Culture Discussion Group: Will meet on Sunday, November 16 at 7 PM in the church kitchen. You are invited to read Simon’s Night by Jon Hassler and join in this informal and friendly conversation for both men and women, church members and non-members. Suggestions of books to read and discuss are always welcome.

In the Covenant Companion – “The Word of God as Capital” – Dr. John Weborg’s sermon on the centrality of the word of God from the Covenant Annual Meeting in June. You can subscribe to our award-winning demotional magazine by calling 773-907-3310 or online at www.covchurch.org/communications. Subscriptions are \$19.95.

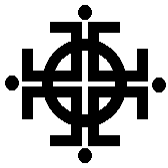
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What Happened to the Cookbook? It’s still in a holding pattern but, meanwhile, that means you can still donate recipes. Hand your recipes to Kathy, leave them in her mailbox or on her desk, or just email them to the church email address!

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

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.

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 characterized by mutual participation and sharing of the new life in Christ. Membership in the Covenant is Profession of personal faith.