

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Celebration of Pentecost
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010 – 11:00 AM

Welcome

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

Prelude

Becky Ericson, Pianist

Call to Worship

*Hymn 1

Rise, Shine You People

*Prayer of Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Gospel

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Rob Ericson, Reader

Second Lesson

Romans 8:14-17

Life Together: Announcements and Prayer Requests

Offering

*The Doxology

Hymn 48

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 286

Let Every Christian Pray

Sermon

Bob Sales, Guest Preacher

COMISSIONED AND EMPOWERED

*Hymn 664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*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 week, we're happy that you're here! Families with children are welcome in our worship services and nursery care for infants and toddlers is also available downstairs. We hope your experience here today will be encouraging and helpful to you spiritually.

SERVING TODAY

Greeters: Carl & Rose Rodgers
Ushers: Aaron Knowles
Reader: Rob Ericson
Nursery/Assistant: Martha Reitman
Snack: The Newbergs
Sound Technician: None Scheduled

SERVING NEXT WEEK: May 30

Greeters: Youth Group
Ushers: Aaron Knowles
Reader: Jim Hamilton
Nursery/Assistant: Kathy Knowles
Snack: Tim Strunk
Sound Technician: None Scheduled

Birthdays and Anniversaries Celebrated this week:

Today Rich Newberg
Monday Elisabeth Reitman, Joe Munroe
Thursday Keegan Murray
Friday Brenda Redding, Josh Ericson
Sunday Daniel Tobin

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

Bring your Bibles – It's not all in the bulletin

Bring canned goods for outreach to those in need through the food pantries at ECHO and Rising Hope

Bring change for the change box to fund capital improvements

Bring a dollar or two to help our Youth Group support Yohannes Makalew, our Compassion international sponsored child in Indonesia

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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

Today 9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service
Bob Sales, Guest Preacher
“Commissioned and Empowered”

Tuesday 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday, May 30

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11:00 AM Worship Service

Remember that this building is regularly used by many other groups. If you are planning an activity, please check the complete calendar in the church office and contact Aaron Knowles, our Administrative Assistant, before scheduling an event. Aaron can be reached by calling the church office or 703-425-5633. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 9 AM Friday

Anyone who wishes to learn hula for the Benson's farewell luau should see Kathy after the service today so that we can coordinate practice sessions.

The Small Groups meeting at Rich and Ginny Newberg's house is beginning on June 4th a four week study on human trafficking which is a project sponsored by Covenant Women's Ministries. It will be based on the book, "Good News About Injustice" by Gary Haugen, CEO of International Justice Mission. We meet at 7:30 and begin with a potluck supper and then the study. If you are interested, please let Ginny or Betty know. Claire will be ordering the books this week.

In the Covenant Companion: "Why Are You a Covenanter?" – In recognition of the 125th Anniversary of our denomination, Covenanters from across the country answer the question. Subscriptions to our award-winning denominational magazine are \$19.95 a year. Call 773-784-3000.

We want to honor our graduates: If someone in your family is graduating from High School, College, or has received an advance Degree this year, or know of someone in the church family who should be honored, please make a note of it on your Home Page insert today, giving school name, degree earned and further plans.

The Church Profile is now on the website. You can take a look at www.covenantchurchva.org. Thanks to the search committee for their hard work and dedication.

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.

Our Summer Schedule begins on Sunday, June 6. *Sunday, May 30 – Memorial Day Weekend – is our last Sunday of Sunday School and School Year schedule with the Worship Service at 11 AM.* Beginning Sunday, June 6 and continuing through Labor Day, the Worship Service will begin at 10 AM. In July and August, the congregation will be served by Interim Pastor, Peter Morris.

Here are the plans for the Sundays of June:

June 6 Celebration of Holy Communion and the Baptism of Peter Hastings. (This also the Benson's and the Seguin's 40th Wedding Anniversary). Pastor Benson's Sermon: "On Being a Husband, Father and Family in Ministry"

June 13 Bob Ericson's Baptism. Sermon: "The Pastoral Record: It's Not Just a List of Names." Recognition of Graduates.

June 20 Celebration Father's Day. Sermon – "In Honor of My Father: Rev. Stanley A. Benson – The 1st Letter of Peter"

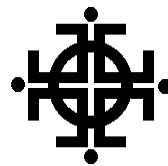
June 27 Pastor John and Sandy's Final Sunday. Farewell Ceremony. Sermon on 2 Corinthians 1:18-20 "Why We Say Amen."

The Benson's farewell party is scheduled for Saturday, June 26 at 4 PM here at the church.

Pastor John and Sandy will be in Connecticut this week making some of the final preparations at their new home for their retirement there at the end of June. They are planning to return to Springfield on Wednesday, May 26. If you need to reach them during this time, use their cell phones (703-505-0626 or 571-201-9299)

How to contact Pastor Benson: By phone (703-451-6624; 703-455-4150; 571-201-9299) by mail (6624 Reynard Drive, Springfield, VA 22152) or by email (johnsbenson@hotmail.com). Please get in touch immediately when you or someone in your family is in the hospital, facing surgery or in need of pastoral care.

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



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 our unity in Christ. Then four different people, joined together, reach out to the world in love. Find out more about the Covenant at www.covchurch.org

Guest Preacher This Sunday Bob Sales

Robert “Bob” Sales was born in Washington DC and grew up in North Africa and Europe. He attended religious schools the entire time yet never knew God on a personal level. He firmly believed he was on his way to Heaven. Then one night in his home, at the age of 29, God revealed Himself as the living Savior he really only knew as a historical figure. His life has never been the same since.

Over the years he has served as Missions Director at First Assembly of God in Alexandria and at Christ Chapel in Woodbridge organizing and going on trips around the world. His last mission trip was to Albania where he worked with Campus Crusade for Christ and preached the Good News in the mountain villages that were predominantly Muslim.

In 2009 he published his first book: *“How to Get to Heaven”* in obedience to God’s direction in a vision. He is in the process of writing his second book: *“Judgement Day – An Eyewitness Account”* with a scheduled release date late 2010.

Since 2008 he has been sending out an e-mail Daily Devotional based on Oswald Chambers’ “My Utmost for His Highest” bringing out its relevance in today’s challenging circumstances.

A graduate of George Washington University with a BBS in International Business, Robert has his own business mentoring small and emergent businesses in the Federal market place. He is a leading expert in government acquisition, management, and team building. He has taught seminars around the country and has been a guest speaker at numerous conferences.

Robert and his wife Kimberly have six daughters and fourteen grandchildren. They live in Virginia.