

Holy Covenant UMC Newsletter

Seek with God's heart **Grow** in God's word **Serve** all God's people

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Children's Ministry

Get Moving

There is growing concern about childhood obesity in our country. Would you like to participate in a program that could be life-changing for families? Get Moving will provide health and nutrition information necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle. This is for kids and parents to participate in together. We hope to begin this program in our community in the spring. Over the next few months, we are looking for

individuals interested in planning activities, mentoring kids and their parents, promoting this

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From Pastor Andy



September 11th and September 12th

In the last two editions of the newsletter, I have used this space to encourage you to try something new on Sunday morning, September 12th, and "Be the Church!" All of the pertinent details for how to participate are on-line at www.hcumc.org. It's still not too late

to choose project and make a difference in our local community on that morning. It's also still not too late to contact a neighbor or a friend and invite them to serve with you. What a non-threatening, uplifting way to introduce someone to the Holy Covenant community!

I believe that September 12th will be a landmark Sunday for our church and for many in our local community who will see us in action. Still, the day before is the 9 year anniversary of events of greater national and global significance. Every time we tune into the news or plan a trip or attend a community function in our diverse city, we can discern the ripple effects of the crashing planes.

While I was serving as a pastor in McKinney, September 11th once fell on a Sunday, and we remembered that day with a special liturgy in worship. I thought I would share it with you today.

Blessings to you, Pastor Andy

Leader: When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, bystanders, window-washers, and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together,

People: We remember great courage.

effort within our community, and coordinating short health/nutrition seminars presented by local professionals. If you are interested, please contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org or Kathy Garcia kgavinagarcia@yahoo.com for more information.

Fall Sunday School



Classes for Toddlers through 5th Grade at 9:45 am!
Sunday School will BEE fun with Buzz!

Learn to know Jesus, feel his love, and have a friendship with him!

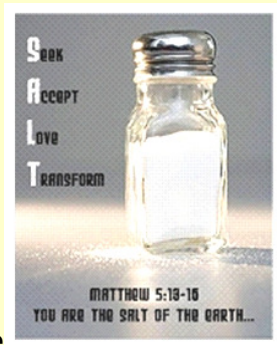
Acolyte Training

Training for all new and returning acolytes will be held on September 19.

This opportunity is open to any 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th Grader!

Contact Jana Jones if you would like to participate.

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Update

As we strive to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, we are building relationships with teachers, students, and families through tutoring and mentoring at Furneaux and Davis elementary schools. Pray about where God might be calling you to serve this school year - you have the chance

Leader: When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

People: We remember selfless service.

Leader: When we recall the police officers who stood to protect the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, we can say together,

People: We remember great sacrifice for the safety of others.

Leader: When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men, old and young, single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, we can say together,

People: We remember the loss of human life.

Leader: When we recall the citizens who rushed to the scene and did all they could to help, we can say together,

People: We remember and give thanks for compassion shown to those in distress.

Leader: When we recall the people across the nation who stood in lines to donate blood and who gathered together to pray, we can say together,

People: We remember that we stand united.

Leader: When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously to endow funds to support the survivors and their families recover from their devastating losses, we can say together,

People: We remember great generosity.

Leader: May these powerful and sometimes painful memories inspire us to live boldly and remind us of your courageous and self-giving love, which we see most clearly in Jesus Christ.

Don't Go to Church



to make a difference in the life of a child and show the good news of Jesus by being generous with your time. Contact Jana Jones jjones@hcumc.org or Tom Miller thomas.miller@teampcs.com if you would like to be involved. **A volunteer orientation will be held on October 10.**



CONFIRMATION 2011

Do you know a student entering 6th Grade this fall?

We want them to join our Confirmation class!

Contact Jana Jones if you would like to participate.

An orientation will be held on Friday, September 24.

Youth Ministry

Youth Fellowship:

Sept 12 - No Youth Fellowship (Be the Church worship)

Sept 19 - Program

Sept 26 - WOW (Worship led by youth)

Oct 3 - Volleyball with FUMC Denton at Holy Covenant

Congratulations to the **Youth Council 2010-11**,

chosen for the 2010-2011 school year! Our first

meeting is Sunday, Sept 19, 12:15-1:30.

President - Ashley Dowell

Sr Vice President - Jon Lasley

Jr Vice President - Rachel Millaway

Worship Chair - Keli Grubbs

Mission Chair - Toni Pepper

Outreach Chair - Jeremy Dowell

Conference Rep - Stephen Davis

Grade Representatives:

7th grade - Steven Robinson

8th grade - Taylor Loudermilk

9th grade - David Oostenbrug

10th grade - Michael Caballero

Be the Church

**Sunday,
September 12
Projects:**



Feed the Firefighters

- Prepare and deliver food to 3 local fire stations. Supply one of 10 items to the church on

Sunday morning and the preparers will deliver it to the stations and interact with the firemen.

-Locations: Fire Station #2 - 1720 Jackson

Fire Station #4 - 2155 Rosemeade

Fire Station #6 - 1115 Rosemeade

-Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

-Recommended for all ages

Lap Robes for Hospice Patients

-Make blankets for Seasons Hospice. No sewing required.

-Location: Holy Covenant

-Time: 9am to noon

-Recommended for adults

Letters to Our Military

- Write thank you/appreciation letters, cards or prayer message to military personnel. Will include church family members who have family or friends serving as well as other men and women either active duty or retired using contacts provided us from www.AMillionThanks.org.

-Location: Meet at Holy Covenant and proceed to Starbucks at Frankford & Old Denton

-Time: 9 am to noon

-Recommended for all ages

Playground Painting at Davis Elementary

-We will refresh worn paint and give the games a new layer of fun.

-Location: Meet at Holy Covenant and proceed to Davis Elementary School

-Time: 8:30 am to noon

-Recommended for youth and adults

Senior Adult Services Home Renovations

-House repair: scrape and paint eaves and windows; remove old and install new sheetrock on garage ceiling

-Location: Start from Holy Covenant and go to Farmers Branch

-Time: 8:30 am to 3pm

-Recommended for youth (16 & older) and adults

Serve the Servers

- Provide snacks, water, etc. to hand out to people as they leave to do their service projects.

-Location: Holy Covenant

-Time: 8am

11th grade - Dalton Johnson
12th grade - Jordan Larson

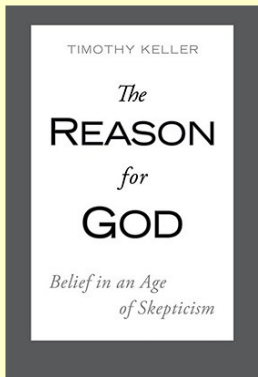
At large members:

Maddie Fink
Brittany Harrington
Cris Hinkley
Leah Johnson
Becca Jones
Meagan Selby
Lauren Shatzsall
Ashley Zambrano

Adult Ministry

Holy Covenant Breakfast Club

Holy Covenant's Breakfast Club meets on Monday mornings from 7:00 - 8:00 AM in room 113 of the Covenant Center. This group enjoys fellowship and discussion of books that we read on the Bible and on Christian living. We'd love to have you stop by and share with us!



Beginning on Monday, September 20th, we will be discussing Timothy Keller's book *The Reason for God*. Written for skeptics and the believers who love them, the book draws on the author's encounters as founding pastor of New York's booming Redeemer Presbyterian Church. One of Keller's most provocative arguments is that all doubts, however skeptical and cynical they may seem, are really a set of alternate beliefs. The man referred to by Newsweek as "C.S. Lewis for the 20th century", Timothy Keller addresses in this book the frequent doubts that skeptics and non-believers bring to religion, and he explains how the belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound and rational one. To

-Recommended for all ages

Service Station Attendants

-Provide window washing service and handing out free water and special invitations to Holy Covenant.
-Location: Meet at Holy Covenant and proceed to service station
-Time: 10 am to noon
-Recommended for youth and adults

Sort Books for Senior Adult Services

-Sort and box up books for the Senior Adult Services Book Sale
-Location: Meet at Holy Covenant and proceed to SAS in Farmers Branch
-Time: 8:30 am
-Recommended for youth and adults

Trash Removal on Area Trails

-Clean the pond near the church and the areas surrounding. We'll walk about 2 miles.
-Location: Start at Holy Covenant
-Time: Meet at 8:30 am
-Recommended for all ages (not recommended for younger than elementary age children)

Tree Planting at Furneaux Elementary

-Dig holes, plant, and secure trees
-Location: Meet at Holy Covenant to proceed to Furneaux Elementary School
-Time: Meet at 10 am
-Recommended for youth and adults

Welcome Soldiers at DFW

-We will meet at the church and car pool to DFW, meet and welcome soldiers back to the U.S., thanking and encouraging them.
-Location: Meet at Holy Covenant
-Time: 9:30 am to approximately 1 pm
-Recommended for all ages

Worship Service at Atria Assisted Living

- Provide worship service and music for residents and guests of Atria Assisted Living.
-Location: Meet at Holy Covenant and proceed to Atria Assisted Living
-Time: Meet at 8:30 am, return at 11 am.
-Recommended for all ages

For more information, go to

<http://www.hcumc.org/Community-Outreach/Projects/>.

believers he offers a solid platform on which to stand against the backlash toward religion spawned by the Age of Skepticism. And to skeptics, atheists, and agnostics he provides a challenging argument for pursuing the reason for God. The books are \$11. For more information, contact Gary Feltner at 972-394-9798 or just join us on any Monday morning!

Adult Computer Classes

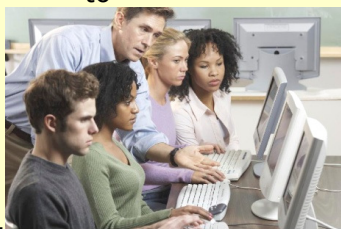
Interested in learning more about Microsoft Word, Excel,

or PowerPoint?

Another round of adult classes will be offered soon in our computer lab based on interest.

Contact Jana Jones

jjones@hcmc.org if you would like to



participate.

Sunday Worship Schedule

**Sunday, September 12 ONLY:
No morning worship service or
Sunday School**

5:30 pm Worship service

Regular schedule:

**8:30 and 11:00 am - Worship
Services**

9:45 am-Sunday School for all
ages

Staff

Rev. Andy Lewis, Senior Pastor
Rev. Debbie Chapman,
Associate Pastor, Music Ministries
Rev. Wendy Curran, Associate
Pastor, Spiritual Formation
Jana Jones, Children's Minister
Georgia Harrison, Youth Minister
Sheryl Toney, ECDP Director
Carol Jones, Bookkeeper

"Be the Church" Blood Drive

Sunday, September 12

8 am to 1 pm

Holy Covenant Parking Lot

Sign up to give blood either before or after your "Be the Church" project.

Give Blood. Often.
Be a Part of something great.

**CARTER
BLOODCARE**



Rethink Church Sermon Series

Special Worship Service

5:30 pm Sunday, September 12



Adult Education

Open House is STILL Open!

Adults are warmly invited to visit a Sunday school class EVERY Sunday. Below are the studies that each class is participating in this month. Any class would love to have you join the conversation. Check out a class this Sunday!

College Class-Rick & Vicki Davis lead this class for college students. Now studying The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss. Room 109, Georgia Harrison's office

Covenant Class-In-depth Bible study class; all ages & stages of life. Now studying the Gospel of John. Room 215

Daughters of Shalom- Women's class focusing on fellowship and women's issues. Currently studying the book Trust Your Vibes by Sonia Choquette. Room 211

New Beginnings Class- A mix of singles & couples-parents, grandparents, empty nesters. This class is discussing Philip Yancey's Prayer, Does It Make Any Difference? Room 213

Seekers Class-Members are singles & couples mostly with kids in high school, college and some are grandparents. Class members lead discussions. Larry Kees leads discussion this week on James Moore's God Was Here and I Was Out to Lunch. Room 210

Selah Class-New class now discussing The Bible: Irrelevant or Invaluable? They begin a new James Moore book study on 9/19 called If God Has a Refrigerator, Your Picture Is On It. Room 202

Elise Webb, Administrative Assistant

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

The Baucom family; the Faulkner family; Nancy Mackay and family; Julie

Fuller; Michael Depew; Cris Hinkley and Dot Molencupp-Hinkley; Susan Rardin; Jenny Martin; Sandra Kiplinger; Sue Moser; Joni Taylor; The Duddleston family; Helen Montfort; Dick Ellis; John Heathington; Bev Randall; Melinda Wester; Claudia Buntyn; Brenda & Rick Richardson; Marcus Oakley; Mark & Amy Ruggles; Joni Taylor's brother Mike; Nancy Rudolf's aunt; Dan Patman's niece, Lizz; Susan Rardin's brother John Burbidge; Azlynn and John Hooper; Elaine Edgington's brother, Joe Riggs; Kevin Stahl's father, Harvey; Larie Engles' mother; Chris Mundell's mother, Rosemary; David & Coby Mazucco; Susan and Jay Graham; Lora Miranda's family; Nicki & Don Luce & family; Heather Hinton's uncle Billy Fulton; Amy & Eric Bresie; Sandy Serifin; Carol Jones' parents, Verne & Dorlis Glass; Sandie & Mark Loudermilk; Doug Jones' brother Jeff; Ray Rivera; the family of Kenny Adams; the father of Sarah Engledow-Brown; Dale Bryan & family; Noel Tardy; Carol Blalock; Jeannie Deringer; Maria Creighton-Cabezas; Shane Slovinsky; Arthur Alaniz and family; Bill Hill; Jay & Kathy Cash; Rosie Alexander; Kate Bushmann; Jess Beltran; Jan Rollins; Annabella Chan; Rick Clement; Lisa Tenore; Vic Anderson; Jon Broom; Barbara Boothe; the Frisbie family; Ron Watkins, Susan's father; Sara Shepperd; David Fettke; the Hickman family; Amanda Edmondson & family; the Dooley family; Jackie Franklin and family; Gary Poff, friend of the Dahir

family; Anna Hixon, friend of Kim Eaves; Ann Michelle King; Jon Broom; Huffman family; the Pifer family; the Bailey family; the

Spiritual Journeymen-Class of all guys who study together and organize several mission projects here at church. They are currently studying God Has a Dream by Bishop Desmond Tutu. Room 212

Sunday Morning Live- Class mostly couples with young children. They discuss books and participate in Bible studies. They are about to begin Lord, Save Us From Your Followers by Dan Merchant. Room 208

Young Adults Class - NEW class just forming of adults 20-40! Now in beginning of a 6-week study called The Hole in the Gospel; a look at the Gospel and how we live out our faith. Room 113

Metrocrest Social Services Golf Classic



Dust off the old clubs, get 3 buddies, and meet us at Indian Creek Golf Club on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010**, at 1:00 pm for the Annual Metrocrest Social Services Golf Classic. The Spiritual Journeymen

help organize this event to help raise funds for Metrocrest Social Services. We are beginning this year's sign-up early in order to achieve our goal of 144 players, 18 Hole Sponsors (\$250), and as many Corporate level sponsors (\$500, \$1000, \$2500 and \$5000) as we can. Please contact a spiritual journeyman for a golf brochure and sponsor info, or pick up a brochure at the church. If you don't golf, give the brochure to someone you know who does, so they can help "swing a club for a cause and help prevent homelessness in our community".

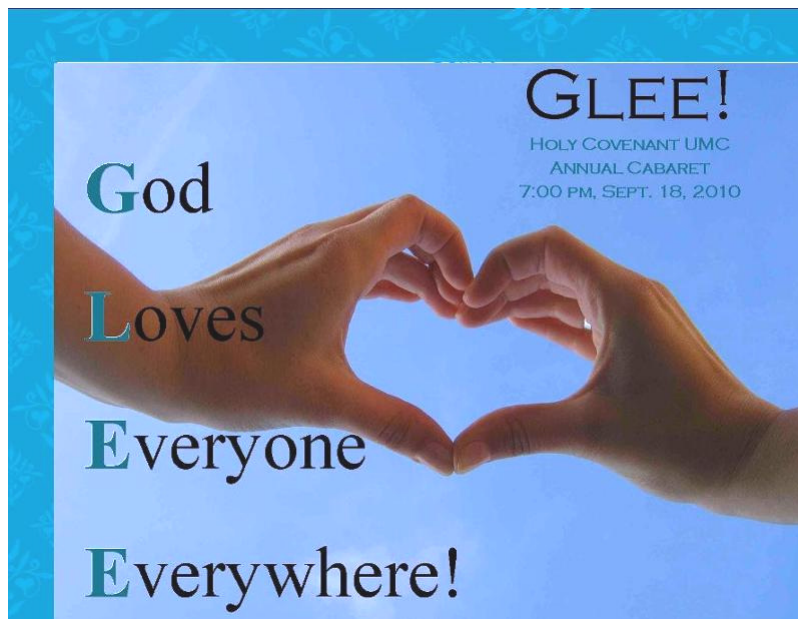
Witcher family; Adel Valarie & family; and Amanda Edmondson & family.

Our loved ones in the military

Trevor Baucom, Precious Blackman, Jeff Christie, Clem Clemens, Sean Connelly, Tim Connelly, CJ Davidson, Collin Fender, Zach Glass, David Hunt, Oscar Jasso, Marco Mastrogiovanni, Kevin Merritt, Brand Oakley, Jake Oliver, Ashton Rudolf, Ashley Wert, C.J. Westmoreland, Brad Wethington, & Jeremy Whiteside.

Holy Covenant Cabaret

Reserve a table up front for just \$20!



Looking for Ushers

Friendly People Needed on Sunday Morning

Friendly? Like greeting folks on Sunday morning? Our usher team is looking for two volunteers to usher approximately once every 4-5 weeks at the 11:00 am service for the remainder of the calendar year. Please consider serving your church in this role. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact Paul Duddleston at 214-542-2212 or paul-duddleston@foranspice.com. Thanks!

ESL Needs You!

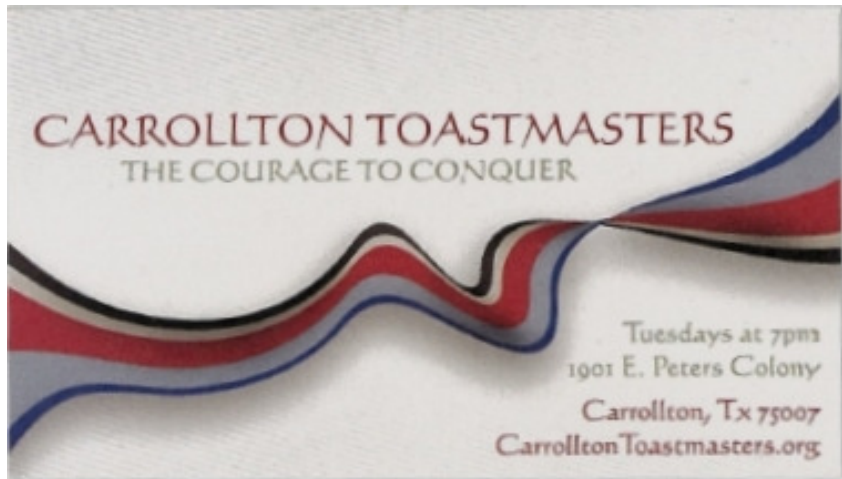
Would you like to make a difference in people's lives?

Are you looking for meaning in your own life?

We are in need of people to teach ESL at Holy Covenant. The openings are on Wednesday nights from 6 to 8pm. You do not need to know how to speak another language or be an English major. All that is needed are a couple of hours a week and a desire to help other people improve their lives.

Please contact Cherl Harrell at choskins1@hotmail.com if interested.





Custom Embroidery

Corporate Apparel, Shirts, Caps, etc.

Screen Printing

T-shirts, Team, etc.

Advertising Promotional Items

Pens, Mugs, Magnets, Koozies, etc.

Mike & Rose Lovell

1630 Valwood Parkway at Luna Rd., Carrollton, TX

e-mail: metrocrest@embroidme.com web: www.embroidme-metrocrest.com

Katie Neff, MS, LPC-Intern with *Pastoral Counseling and Education Center* is currently offering counseling at Holy Covenant Thursday afternoons and evenings. Call (214) 526-4525 to make an appointment.

www.pcec-counseling.org



Piano Lessons at Holy Covenant!

Jonathan Kaan is teaching piano lessons at Holy Covenant. You can contact Jonathan at jkaan@dccc.edu or at 972-505-1833 for more information.

Jonathan graduated with honors from Baylor University with a Masters Degree in Piano Pedagogy and Performance.

Our Vision ~

Connecting with our neighbors,
caring for our earth,
finding transformation through the love of Christ.