



New Covenant

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THE REACH OF THE GOSPEL



Dr. John H. Skilton, professor of New Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, used to remind believers, “You have the unique opportunity of reaching men and women in your community with the Gospel in a way that minister may never have, precisely because you have access to many whom he otherwise might never meet.” This is a vital concept that we must grasp if we are to carry out the evangelistic mission of the church. God has called His people to be faithful witnesses to Christ to all those whom He has placed around them. Accordingly, the members of the church must be encouraged and equipped to be intentional in their interactions with those with whom they rub shoulders on a day-to-day basis. Here are a few thoughts about how to be intentional in our outreach:

1. Know the People Around You. Ask those in your neighborhood and workplace questions about themselves. Chances are good that you will have quite a number of friends or interests in common with those with whom you live on a day in and day out basis. At present, everyone you cross paths with in your community falls into one of your three categories: “landscape people,” “machine people” and “people people.” “Landscape people” are those who blend into your everyday life—a cashier at the grocery store, a security guard, a mailman, etc. “Machine people” are those who service your life in some way—a hair-stylist, accountant, doctor, etc. “People people” are those you already care deeply about—family members, friends, fellow church members. The goal is to learn to care more personally for the “landscape” and “machine” people God has placed around us in order to have opportunities to tell them about Christ and invite them to hear the Gospel preached in worship.

2. Care About the People Around You. Pray for ways to care about those whom the Lord has placed in your life. Be proactive in seeking to think about their needs. Remember things like their birthday and family situations. Listen to them intently to hear what burdens they might be carrying. Pray for those who you see on a regular basis. This is one of the most significant steps

that you can take in faithfully reaching out to others. You will find that by caring about those around you, opportunities for Gospel conversation will almost always arise naturally.

3. Invite the People Around You. In the Scriptures, the Kingdom of God often advances most naturally by the faithful witness of those who were converted, in turn, inviting family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to come and meet the Savior. Whether it was the first disciples who came to know Jesus (John 1:35-51) or the dinner party that Levi (*i.e.* Matthew the tax collector) threw for his colleagues and friends to come and meet the Savior (Luke 5:27-32) or the Samaritan woman who “told the men of the city” about the One who had given her living water (John 4:28-29), we see that this is one of the most foundational ways that the Kingdom of God advances. Church members should be eager to invite those with whom they live to come and hear about the Savior in the gathered assembly of the people of God. We must be fervent in inviting those in our lives to worship, bible studies and other means of grace meetings where the Gospel is taught and proclaimed.

There are, of course, reasons why we don’t often take advantage of the opportunities we come across on a daily and weekly basis. Sometimes, we have lost our zeal for reaching out to those around us because we have become too consumed with our own agendas and activities. Other times it is because we have not been consistent in going to the Savior and drinking the living waters for ourselves. After all, we will never give away what we do not have. At other times, we are trepidatious because we have been the recipients of the opposition that comes with being a faithful witness—so we back away from zealously pursuing others. A lack of intentionality may also be due, in part, to the fact that our local church has reached what we believe to be a critical mass of members. We become shortsighted, forgetting that the Kingdom is never full. Whatever the reasons may be, we need the spiritual recalibration of Scripture and the Gospel to remind us that we are to be co-laborers with the Lord and His ministers in calling others to come and hear the wonderful works of God (Isaiah 2:3).

-Rev. Nick Batzig

March 2017

Sessional Actions

The Session of New Covenant Presbyterian Church met on March 9th, 2017:

1. The following topics were discussed: Giving/Financial Reports/Building Fund, Secretary/Administrator position, Transportation, Music Coordinator, and Committees (Treasure, Music, Building)
2. The following actions were taken: Extend an offer to Katherine Copeland for the Church Administrator position (which she accepted); Building Committee: A request from the Session was made to 10 individuals plus Pastor Batzig (as Chair) and 3 individuals (ex-officio members) to serve on the Building Committee.

APRIL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- Adult Sunday School | April, 9, 23, 30 | 9:30 AM | The adult Sunday school class will continue meeting in the worship room.
- Children's Sunday School | April 9, 23, 30 | 9:30 AM | At the same time students meet for catechetical training, preschool and younger elementary students will meet up stairs for their Sunday School lesson. Parents are encouraged to pick up their children from their classrooms immediately following Sunday school. For more information please email the Meghan Prussia at meghanprussia@gmail.com.
- Children's Catechetical Training | April 9, 23, 30 | 9:30 AM | The Catechetical Training class for the older elementary students and the youth group will continue meeting in the cafeteria. For more information please email Meghan Prussia at meghanprussia@gmail.com.
- Men's Breakfast and Book Study | April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:00 AM | The men will continue meeting at the Omelet Café in Richmond Hill to begin "Let's Study 1 Peter" by William Harrell. For more information or to join this study please contact Bobby Wise at bobbywise84@yahoo.com.
- Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study | April 4, 11 | 10:00 AM | The women of New Covenant who have young children will continue to work through Gloria Furman's "Treasuring Christ When Your Hands Are Full" at the home of Kim Crist. Please contact Kim at kmessero42681@yahoo.com or 540-250-3084 if you'd like to be apart! Kim has extra copies of the book. We can also order more as needed. Feel free to bring a lunch if it will fit with your children's nap schedule.
- New Covenant University Fellowship | April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 7:15 PM | NCUF will be continuing their study in "The Emmaus Sessions" at the church plant resident's house in the Southside | For more information please email Maggie Carr at southsideplant@gmail.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Men's Leadership Initiative | April 2, 23 | 5:00 PM | The men of New Covenant will meet for the continuation of "The Upper Room", a men's leadership initiative that aims at the growth and development of emerging leaders(both officers and middle leadership) who have the potential to influence others after having been called, equipped and coached.
- Women's Bible Study | April 2, 23 | 5:00 pm | The women of New Covenant will have the opportunity to meet together at the City Center to continue to work through Jen Wilkins' 9 week study on 1 Peter: "A Living Hope in Christ." Childcare will be provided.
- Youth Fellowship | April 2, 23 | 5:00 pm | The children and youth of New Covenant will meet for a time of learning about the great hymns of our faith, singing praise, playing, and eating snacks. Youth will have an opportunity to serve the younger children in our church and all involved will have the chance to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the great hymns of our faith.
- Women's Wednesday | April 5 | 6:15 pm | At the home of Beth Wise | The women of New Covenant will meet for their monthly Bible study and fellowship time. Dinner theme is Italian. For more information please contact Jane Jones at jpostjones54@gmail.com.
- Dinner Clubs | April 9 | Time determined by each group | Dinner theme is "Cookout". On the 2nd Sunday evening of the month families will share a meal and fellowship. Dinner clubs which met in February and March are encouraged to meet together again on Sunday the 12th to share a meal and fellowship. This month's dinner theme is TBA.
- Youth Group Bible Study | April 12, 19 | 6:30 PM | The youth group will continue a study of God's grace using Great Commission Publication's youth curriculum | For more information about the study or upcoming events please email David Prussia at jdprussia@gmail.com.
- Fellowship Groups | April 12, 13, 19, 20 | 6:30 PM | New Covenant Fellowship groups will continue meeting at various locations on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday and Thursday evening of each month. For more information please email us at newcovpres@gmail.com.
- Magnolia Manor | April 26 | 6:30 pm | We will meet with the residents of Magnolia Manor for a potluck dinner and Bible Study on the last Wednesday of the month. Dinner theme is TBA. For more information please see Robyn Kretschmar.
- Praise, Preaching and Prayer Meeting | April 30 | 5:00 pm | At the City Center in the back of J. F. Gregory Park.



APRIL SERVICE SCHEDULE



Date	Sunday School Nursery	Nursery	Nursery Welcome/Floater	Visitor Welcome	Morning Greeters
4/2/17	Laura Guenzel and Aubrey Ward	Crawlers: Nathan and Donna Grout, Griff Hogan Walkers: Katie Price and Susan Logan	Nathan Grout	Ethan and Josie Lesondak	Mike and Linda Bergman
4/09/17	Jane Jones and Donna Walters	Crawlers: Bryan and Diana Neal, Anna Batzig Walkers: Amy Howell and Schaeffer McCary	Bryan Neal	Chris and Aubrey Ward	Andy and Vicki Hitt
4/16/17 EASTER	No Sunday School	Crawlers: Madi Nygaard & Avery Koon Walkers: Jade Boehmer & Donna Walters Backup: Debbie Usher & Mary Pat Byrd	Anna Batzig	Danielle Peacock and Michelle Shepherd	Jack and Lee Ann Koon
4/23/17	Lee Ann Koon and Anna Batzig	Crawlers: Janes Jones, Maggie Carr, & Laura Guenzel Walkers: Ashley Cook & Carrie Brookshire	Jane Jones	Bryan and Diana Neal	Tom and Liz Warren
4/30/17	Amy Howell and Aubrey Ward	Crawlers: Mary Pat Byrd and Cara Mosier Walkers: Cindy Warnock & Vicki Hitt	Brad Byrd	Garrett and Lindsey Houghton	Terry and Susan Logan

2017 FINANCIAL UPDATE MONTHLY GIVING

January.....\$31,289
 February.....\$27,658
 March.....\$36,209

2017 YTD Giving \$53,807
 Average MTD Giving \$26,904
YTD Building Fund Giving \$1,250



Pastor Batzig baptized Jack Christopher Ward on February 26, 2017.

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CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS

SCHEDULE

DR. JOSEPH PIPA
DR TERRY JOHNSON
REV NICK KENNICOTT
REV. PETE WHITNEY
REV. NICK BATZIG

SATURDAY
9 AM - 4 PM

LOCATION

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE RICHMOND HILL CITY CENTER | J.F. GREGORY PARK
RICHMOND HILL, GA

FREE ADMISSION

TO REGISTER, PLEASE RSVP AT NEWCOVPRES@GMAIL.COM OR CALL US AT 912.312.5051