

The Words of Invitation (from *Bread for the Journey* by Ruth C. Duck)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Looking at the months behind us, let us confess our inadequacies in living up to our high calling as sons and daughters of God.

People: **O God, we know that we are a wayward people. Our footsteps falter as we seek to follow your ways; our gaze is turned away from awareness of your glory to preoccupation with our own needs and concerns; and even our love for one another grows cold. We trust only in your grace to create new life within us and draw us together in love and common commitment. May your Spirit be born in us anew, and may you accept our worship which we offer to you today.**

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve, and whom you will worship. Will you worship and serve Yahweh in sincerity and faithfulness, or will you follow after other gods?

People: **Far be it from us that we should forsake Yahweh to serve other gods, for it is Yahweh our God who has done great things in our sight.**

Leader: Do you commit yourselves this day to take up the cost and joy of following the One who is called Christ?

People: **We do. We renew our covenant with one another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God.**

Leader: Will you remember the sacrifice of Christ?

People: **We will. We will remember that his body was broken for us and his blood was shed for us that we might have forgiveness of sins and the gift of new life.**

All: **Thanks be to the One who is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Amen.**

(Please hold the elements that we might all partake together as the Body of Christ.)

Silent Prayers of Confession and Preparation

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving - The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Blue Hymnal #356 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (v. 1 & 3)

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

**Those who are able may stand.

Threefold Amen

Postlude in C, Opus 28, No. 8

Christian Cappelen

THE COVENANTER NEWS & EVENTS

1) **GUESTS:** Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! Welcome to our Covenant family. Plan to come & worship with us as often as you can. For more information about Covenant, visit us at www.covpc.org.

2) **CONNECTION CARDS:** Please fill out your Connection Card & drop it in the Offering Plate. Guests, please pick up your gift on the table in the Narthex.

3) **OUR NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGES NEWBORN THROUGH 3 YRS OLD:** Please see an Usher for assistance. Kid's activity bags are available in Narthex.

4) **HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Narthex. Just ask one of our ushers.

5) **TODAY'S LAY READERS** Dianna Settle - 9:00am; Nancy Reimer - 11:00am

6) **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:** **Children's Activities (Ages 4-5th Grade) - JAM (Jesus & Me) meets Sundays at 10 AM. KEWL (Kids Enjoying Worship & Life) meets Sundays during 11 AM service. KiDsRoCk meets Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Early drop off at 3:30 PM.**

7) **YOUTH FALL ACTIVITIES: NO YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY, 10/4. Fall Youth Overnight, Saturday October 3 in Moultrie, Back by Sunday at Noon. Watch for more info from Eric each week in church newsletters, and more often in texts and on FB. Contact Eric anytime at 229-881-6437.**

8) **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER:** October 7th @ 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please make your reservation to join us for supper and Bible Study. The menu is Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert.

9) **CHOIR REHEARSAL - Wed, Oct 7th - 6:45pm. Handbells - Sunday (10/4), 4 pm**

10) **FLOWERS GIVEN IN WORSHIP** - Sue Henson in honor of Laura Pye and in memory of Don Pye.

11) UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **October 13** - Trip to Perry to the Fair
- **October 13** - **Whiz Kids Tutor Orientation** has been rescheduled to October 13th @ 2:30 - 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at Covenant.
- **October 14** - Jennifer Varnadoe (Always Patsy Cline) will be entertaining us at WNS. Invite friends. It's a great show.
- **October 28** - Fall Fest, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Food & Fun, \$5/20 Tickets. Bring a friend.

12) **GOD'S RECIPE** meets on *4th Monday of each month*. Please join us at 6:00 pm. on **Monday, October 26th** in the Craft Room.

13) **OPEL BREAKFAST BUNCH** - Meets **3rd Friday** of every month at Quickie Restaurant on North Slappey at 8:30am. Next gathering is **Friday, October 16th**.

14) **EVANGELISM REMINDER:** *Bring a friend to church on any Sunday of the year, and watch what God does in your life.*

15) OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

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| 1 Beverly Hysler, Martha Alford | 10 John Dreschel, Lindsey Barfield, | Sheila Smith |
| 2 Ijego Nwankwo | Penny Stevenson, Talley | 23 Dreka Clegg, Taffy Hayes, |
| 3 Denise McDaniel | Bass, Terry Bell | 24 Chi Chi Ezekweche, Dani New- |
| 4 Carolyn Barbree | 12 Karen Phillips | man, Sue Henson |
| 6 Jessica Pedrero, Raines John- | 13 Cathy Darby | 25 Caleb Lambert, John Levie |
| ston, Taylor Chandler | 17 Carol Kirkland | 26 Annette Cromartie, Jane |
| 7 Tucker Greenfield | 18 Becky Flanigan, Cathy Garrison, | McDonald, Lois Arnott |
| 8 John Gyorf, Kaylee Davis, Sheila | 19 Chip Underdown | 29 Otis Moore |
| Ratiff | 22 Keisa Perry, Michelle Davis, | 31 Shaun Hill |

16) PW ACTIVITIES:

- CIRCLE OF FAITH** - Monday, October 12th - 7:00pm - Home of Kathy Sellars
- CIRCLE OF HOPE** - Tuesday, October 13th, Craft Room - 10:00am

17) **DIACONATE MEETING - October 11th** - immediately after the 11:00am service.

18) **NEW SERMON SERIES:** The Series is based on the popular television series entitled **"A.D. - Stories from the Book of Acts"**

Date	Sermon Title	Scripture
October 4	"Unstoppable God"	Acts 5:29-39
October 11	"You Are a Ripple"	Acts 1:8
October 18	"Need a Redirection?"	Acts 9:1-16
October 25	"Your Life Matters"	Acts 9:19-26
November 1	"Braveheart Barnabas"	Acts 9:26-31 (Kirkin' - 11 am Only)
November 8	"God Has a Go for You"	Acts 8:26-40; 10:1-22
November 15	"That You Might Have Peace"	Acts 10:22-36

19) **NEED HELP VIEWING YOUR NEWSLETTER ON YOUR COMPUTER?** Call the church office if you need help viewing the newsletter that is sent via email. One of our members needed help last week, and it only took **"one click"** to make it easy to read. Call and let us know.

20) **STOP HUNGER NOW** - Today, **October 4th, 3:00 pm** at **First Pres**. All ages are welcome to come and help pack food bags for hungry families.

21) SAYING "LOVE YA" MAKES THE WORLD GO 'ROUND

Dear Friends,

This week, I went to visit someone who was about to have surgery. I prayed with the family, and just as I said "Amen", the nurse called the person's name. As I turned to leave, one of the family members called out, "Love Ya", as I walked out the door. As I drove back to the church, I thought about how special those two simple words are in our world today. They make the world go 'round and remind people that life is so much more pleasant when love becomes the foundation of our relationships. Jesus said to the disciples and to us: "Love one another as I have loved you." The love of Christ working through us guides us to see the best in others, serve those in need, go the second mile and turn the other cheek in forgiveness and grace. Think about the people whom God has placed in your lives and don't be afraid to say "Love Ya." It will bring a smile to the face of God, lift your own spirits and do more than you can imagine to proclaim the Good News of Jesus.



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22) **DORCAS Sewing Group** - meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 6th at 9:00am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

23) **OUR 11 A.M. PRELUDE by Richard Miller** - Our Prelude at our 11 a.m. service today is entitled *Elevation*. Elevation is a word that is found in all liturgical churches. It is the most solemn part of the Mass. (Mass simply means the Communion Service). It occurs when the priest or minister says "This is my body..." at which time he elevates or lifts the bread up over his head so that all may see. When he says "This is my blood..." he lifts the chalice or cup up for all to see. Theodore Dubois was a French organist and composer who lived during the Romantic period of music history (1820-1900).

NOTES AND INSIGHTS

Staff Corner with Richard Miller

We are now in one of the most beautiful seasons of the year—autumn or fall as some people call it. The days are mostly clear, the mornings are cooler, and the air is fresh and crisp with less humidity. And all across America, football comes into prominence and certainly in the southeastern part of the United States it becomes king of the sports world and in the lives of many individuals.



I enjoy all sports, but my favorite is football. And my two favorite teams (both of whose colors are red and black) are the Lee County Trojans and the Georgia Bulldogs. Unfortunately, I won't get to see the Dawgs in person this year, but for four or five years I have attended all Lee County home games and a few away games. I even was among a large Homecoming crowd that sat through the entire game with Mitchell-Baker County last Friday night in a light mist and drizzle. It was a fun game as the Trojans won bigtime 56-0. I especially enjoy taking my youngest granddaughter, Jensen, to LCHS games. I lovingly and affectionately refer to her as "my little football companion" as she always seems to enjoy going with me.

But there is another king that is much greater and more important than any game or anything else we might do in life and that is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords whom we worship each Sunday at Covenant. The Bible says "And He shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15-KJV) and "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (Revelation 19:16-KJV) and that is the hope for all of us, that we may live a life which will be pleasing to Him, so that someday we might inherit eternal life in heaven with the King of Kings.

I remember when my mother passed away at the age of 90 in Clearwater, Florida, we had her funeral at the Moss-Feaster funeral chapel and then we went to the cemetery for the committal service, which normally is very brief. I will also always remember the very last words of the final prayer at the cemetery which Dr. Bill Anderson, the officiating minister said which were as follows: "And we pray Lord that you will help us to live our lives in such a manner so that in that day, we may see both you and her on the other side. In Jesus name we pray, Amen." I hope that all of us will think about this so we can be better prepared to spend eternity with our Lord—the King of Kings.

Hope that all of you have a wonderful week and may God bless. Richard

PRAYER LIST MEMBERS

Allen Beamon
Joy Carver
Susan Dupuy
Nancy Frahlman
Gyorfi family
Cyndi Jaeckel
Supreeya Lopez
Becky Martin
Jessica McCall
Gene McCoy
Mike McDonald
Nancy Mitchell
Martha Rawls
Jeanette Robinson
Larry Sellers
Kevin Smith
Thomas Sullivan
Will Sullivan
Gloria Weathers
Paul Luthman
RETIREMENT CENTERS
Senior Living Village: Bea Phelps
Decatur: Pink
Whelchel
Lee County: Car-

olyn Barbree
Norma Walters
Morningside: Carol Kirkland, Sonny Campbell
Pruitt: Rosemarie Barfield, *Valencia:* Mike Milam
Pine Shadows: Jack Brand
MISSIONARIES
Scot Armistead family - **Pakistan**
Elizabeth Coddington - **Armenia**
Chuck Harper - **Honduras**
Sandi & Brian Royer *Guatemala*
FRIENDS/RELATIVES
Annette Bowling
Condolences to the family of Pat Bradley
Leonard Buce
Joann Bryan
Della Bunton
Mildred Carder

(Mother-in-law of Sue Hamlin's daughter)
Family of Clay Chandler
John Davis (Ruth Davis' son)
Debbie Drury
Lillian Fuller (Jimmy's Mother)
Ross Gatlin
William Gilbert (ICU - Tai Pei)
Joy, Carrol, Will Harpole
Russ Henry (Cecil's Grandson)
Lathan Hysler (grandson of Larry & Beverly Hysler)
Al Jamison
Mason Kiep
Sarah Lee
Courtney Mason
Kendall Mann (Becky Martin's niece)
Hendrix Masters
Charles McCardle

Connie McCave (stepdaughter of Judy Miller)
Kari Middleton
Sara Mock
I.P. Murphy
Vicki Musgrove (Daughter-in-law of Betty Musgrove)
Ellison Olinger
Andy Pennington
Dennis Pyles
Bill Reiner
Gabe Richardson
Joan Riles
Dee Sather
Edna Schoolcraft (Mother-n-law of Cecil's granddaughter)
Mary Snyder (friend of Otis and Monica Moore)
Troy Scott
Keith & Lori Smith (Ryan's parents)
Jacob Stanley
Gage Taylor (15 yr old heart transplant

patient)
Claudia Thomas (sister of Eileen Tascioglu)
Colby Tucker (11 yr old with cancer)
Bill Vanlinden - (Lorie Farkas' husband - non-malignant brain tumor)
Johnny Vorincus
Cindy Wisham
Mildred Yates
Jean Hysler
Stephanie Richardson
Betty Rowell
Gene Seegmueller
Mark Taylor
Ann Weathers
Angela Fuller
John Anderson (friend of Proctor Johnston)
Family of Mike Summerall



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 4, 2015 **11:00 a.m.**

Welcome, Announcements, Peace of Christ, Prayer Requests, Quiet Meditation

Prelude Elevation Theodore Dubois

Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Today is World Communion Sunday. Let us worship God.

*Blue Hymnal #485 To God Be the Glory

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

A Time to be Generous with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem The Table of the Lord Joy Davis Potts

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

A Message for the Young at Heart (Children 4-5th grade exit for KEWL)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson 2 Chronicles 20:1-4, 13-17, 23, 29

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Blue Hymnal #322 Spirit of the Living God

New Testament Lesson Acts 5:29-39

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sharing God's Word Dr. William D. Coker

"Unstoppable God"

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Blue Hymnal #513 Let Us Break Bread Together

STAFF

Dr. William D Coker, Sr Pastor
Chet Dreschel, Music Director
Richard Miller, Organist/Pianist
Eric Newman, Youth Director
Cindy Garcia, Preschool Dir.
Cindy Pickren, Children's Dir.
Gail Korpel, Admin Assistant
Nancy Reimer, Dir of Ministries
Linda Walters, Financial Sec
Michael Moss, Treasurer
Ragan Elder, Nursery
Dani Newman, Nursery
Dwayne Johnson, Sexton

Gregory Cline, Sunday Sexton

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Joann Pope, Superintendent

Nancy Reimer, Asst Supt

TRUSTEES

Class of 2016: Nelson Rushton

Class of 2017: Lallie Benkoski

Class of 2018: Larry Walters

ELDER EMERITAE

Sally M. Hairston

Cecil Wrenn

Palma James

Barbara Nichols

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Lee James

W. Pinckney Whelchel

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cheryl Coker, Moderator

Debbie Syfrett, V. Moderator

Rita Cline, Secretary

Deb Wilson, Treasurer

PW CIRCLE MODERATORS

Circle of Hope: Myrtle Tarpley,

Beth Floumoy

Circle of Faith: Joy Carver, Sheila

Ratliff

SESSION

William Coker, Moderator
Jay Smith, Clerk of Session
Class of 2016: Buzz Calek, Donna Keel, Terry Lee, Ruby Pickron, Chris Smith
Class of 2017: Jimmy Fuller, Steve Goss, Gene McCoy, Dan Pope, Larry Sellers
Class of 2018: Jay Smith, Larry Hysler, Michael Moss, Lawson Vann, Ed Reaves

DIACONATE

Judy Miller, Moderator
Ben Strickland, Vice Moderator
Class of 2016: Gail Allen, Carl Croft, Jake Hager, John Loomis, Margaret Merchant
Class of 2017: Rita Cline, Tom Korpel, Judy Miller, Ben Strickland, Linda Walters
Class of 2018 - Otis Moore, Chip Underdown, Victor Sullivan, Andrew Merchant

ELDER/DEACON OCT ASSIGNMENTS	FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT/ Week of 9-21-15	
Ushers		Current YTD
9:00 am - Judy Miller	Revenue	250,166.14
11:00 am - Chip Underdown	Expenses	292,371.22
Visitation: Gail Allen; Judy Miller	Surplus	
ATTENDANCE - SEP 27, 2015	(Deficit)	(42,205.08)
9 AM Service: 20	Capital Campaign	
Sunday School: 57	Monthly Note	4,166.00
11 AM Service: 82	August Received	2,200.00
	August Needed	1,966.00.

VISITATION and CONTACTS
This week, Dr. Coker had the following contacts:
Home Visits - Tom and Robbie Knighton, Betty Musgrove, Tae Won and Joo Kim and Ann and Chloe, Bill and Charlotte Baker, Martha and Dennis Rawls, Blaine and Dawn Strickland, Burkett and Joy Carver.
Hospitals, Assisted Living, etc. - Kevin Smith.
Other Contacts - John and Vicki Musgrove, Paul Luthman, Eric Newman, Stacey Denney, Thomas Sullivan, Tori Whiting, Vicki Riles.

COVENANT CALENDAR	Tuesday, Oct 6	9:00 am - Preschool
Sunday, Oct 4	9:00 am - Preschool	9:30 am - Bible Study
9:00 am - Early Service	2:30 pm - B & G Club	2:30 pm - B & G Club
10 am - Sunday School	4:00 pm - Visitation Teams	Friday, Oct 9
11:00 am - Worship	Wednesday, Oct 7	9:00 am - Preschool
6:30pm - Youth Group	9:00 am - Preschool	10:00 am - Bulletin Team
Monday, Oct 5	10:30 am - Al-anon	2:30 pm - B & G Club
Preschool	3:30 pm - KiDsRoCk	SAVE THE DATE:
2:30 pm - B & G Club	5:30 pm - Wed Nt Supper	December 7 - OPEL
4:15 pm - Staff Meeting	6:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	Trip to Festival of Lights
5:00 pm - Evangelism Visits	Thursday, Oct 8	In Columbus

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