

devotional RESOURCES

❖ **PERSONAL DEVOTIONS** A time to be alone with God...A time for prayer, reflection, and preparation for what lies ahead...No matter who you are or where you find yourself in your spiritual journey, it is important to devote our hearts to God that we may reach others! Check out these daily devotional booklets available available at the devotional table (by the office door/window).

- 1) **The Covenant Home Altar**--Written by Covenanters, it is based on Scripture and seeks to relate biblical truth to everyday experiences.
- 2) **Our Daily Bread**--A handy little personal and family devotional booklet!
- 3) **The Word For You Today**--Strength and guidance for daily living.

thank YOU

❖ **THANK YOU** to the First Covenant Family from all of your church staff for the generous gifts we received at Christmas. We appreciate the many cards, holiday treats, and words of encouragement and grace received from everyone. We were blessed by you...and hope you had a blessed Christmas season! Pastor Todd Ertsgaard, Brian Majerus, Leah Gunderson, & Jackie Wallace.

financial UPDATE

Electronic Giving: www.rfcov.org and click on the **Electronic Tithing** link under Resources.

Weekly Operational Need:	\$8,645.00
Sunday 1/1 Offering:	\$5,336.00
Average of last 4 Sundays:	\$7,683.81
Facility Expansion Fund 1/1	\$388.00
Facility Expansion Total:	\$43,500.50
Attendance on 1/1 was:	150

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this WEEK

TODAY 1/8

8:15 & 10:45 Worship Services
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 12:15 p.m. Potluck Lunch & Stewardship Rally

TUESDAY 1/10

12:00 & 5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers
 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

WEDNESDAY 1/11

9 – 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 12:00 p.m. Work & Faith Bible Study
 5:15 p.m. Supper
 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. CHIC Meeting (gr.9-12 & parents)
 6:30 p.m. Awana, Confirmation, Sr. High, Prayer Group

FRIDAY 1/13

11:00 a.m. Rip & Roll (Mission's Project Work Day)

SATURDAY 1/14

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at FirstCov

SUNDAY 1/15

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 1:30 p.m. Orientation 1 Class

thank YOU

GREETERS: (8:15) Dick & Renee Kruger
 (10:45) Vern & Sarah Larson

PRAISE TEAM: Leah & Wade Gunderson,
 Wendy Stocker, Brenda Gabriel, Matt Eklund,
 Mikey Langlois, Curtis Hanson

VIDEO PROJECTOR: (8:15) Ben Gabriel
 (10:45) Maya Peterson

SOUND: Rob Stevens

NURSERY: (8:15) Erik & Emily Bekkum
 (10:45) Clint & Joy St. John & Josh Peterson

JR. CHURCH: (10:45) Art & Val Wellnitz

USHERS: (8:15) Terry Traynor & Dick Kruger
 (10:45) Dan Wallace & Keith Frank

PRAYER PARTNERS: (8:15) Bob Hoaglund
 (10:45) Melissa Ertsgaard

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Stephanie Gordon &
 Sandy Hakos, Kathy Curtis

PRODUCE PICK UP: Art Wellnitz

First Covenant Church

"On the Journey: Sharing Christ, Growing Together"

January 8, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Opening Song *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Welcome & Announcements

Worship Songs *You'll Come
 Jesus Paid It All*

Congregational Prayer

Offering
 Offertory *Be the Center*

Children's Moment (10:45) Cheryl Klanderma
 . (All children are welcome up front to hear a story just for them and then ages 4-9 are dismissed for Junior Church in room 308).

Message *Who Owns the Vineyard?* Dr. Bob Entner

Closing Song *Take My Life*

Benediction
 (Prayer Partners for your prayer needs are up front after the services.)

*Who
 Owns
 the
 Vineyard?*

Welcome to our morning worship celebration!

good to KNOW

- ❖ **FOR CHILDREN/FAMILIES** (Ask an usher if you need assistance.)
 - * **Infant/toddler nursery** (ages 6 mo.–4 yrs.)
 - * **Mothers' room** is open during both services for your use. (Down CE hallway)
 - * **Children's Activity Bulletins** (ages 4-7) and **Jr. Sermon Notes** (ages 8-12) are available on the wall by the nursery
- ❖ **TO OUR GUESTS/VISITORS** *Please do not feel obligated to give to our offering*, which is the privilege and responsibility of our church family. As an expression of appreciation, *please take a FirstCov green reusable tote* (at the Guest Center) that also has info to get to know us better.
- ❖ **WELCOME PADS** The black welcome pads are an important tool to help us care for our church family, contact visitors, and sign up for Wed. night suppers (during the school year). Please write your contact information (address and phone number) and pass it down the row. Cards for prayer requests, comments, and to request additional information are inside.
- ❖ **RECEIPTS FOR CASH GIFTS** You can get a receipt for tax purposes at the end of the year for your cash donations to the ministry of First Covenant Church by using the gray envelopes at the Guest Center. Ask an usher for assistance.
- ❖ **PRINTOUTS WITH WORDS** to the music at Guest Center or from an usher.
- ❖ **PLEASE REMEMBER** to turn off your cell phones during our worship service!

Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off

Potluck today after second service.

We welcome Dr. Bob Entner, stewardship consultant,
as he begins this process with us!

Who
Owns
the
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church LIFE

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY (Jan. 15th)** Pastor Todd begins a new series in Matthew called *Follow Me*, focusing on Matt. 2:1-11. & how to follow Jesus through disappointments in life.
- ❖ **FIRSTCOV ON FACEBOOK** Want to connect online with the people and mission of FirstCov? Get info, encouragement, etc. Look up "First Covenant Church" and click "Like".
- ❖ **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT** This month: Missions Commission with a focus on Intersity, a ministry we support. Check it out just to the right of the hallway door.
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY SUPPER** 5:15-6:00 p.m. This week: Sloppy Jo's. Cost \$2.50 and \$1.50 for children (max. family=\$10.00) Sign up on the welcome pad or call the office by Tuesday
- ❖ **ORIENTATION 1 CLASS** Next Sunday, Jan. 15th at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Todd if you'd like to attend!

spiritual GROWTH

- ❖ **LEARN HOW TO GROW YOUR FAMILY IN FAITH...WITH NO EXTRA MEETING!** Join us as we learn about helping our families grow in Christ through the blog and reading a book (\$10 or what you can pay). See the table. **First BLOG POST goes out tomorrow (Jan. 9th).**
- ❖ **WORK & FAITH BIBLE STUDY** meets to help people continue their Christian living in the workplace. Whether you are the boss, owner, worker, in management or anywhere in between! Wednesdays at FirstCov noon to 1:00 p.m. Bring a lunch if you want. No materials to purchase and no weekly commitments. Contact: Dean Benoy 715-222-5304 or dean@nccmco.com

youth MINISTRY

- ❖ **CHIC MEETING** Planning on going to CHIC 2012? **CHIC students and at least one parent are required to attend** a meeting on January 11th from 5:30 to 6pm. Bring your completed registration form!
- ❖ **BOWLING** Middle School is hitting the alleys at St. Croix Lanes on January 21. More info to come!

children's MINISTRY

- ❖ **GOOD NEWS CLUB Mondays // 3:30-5 pm**, Westside School, Rm. 157. ?5, contact Trudy Jarosek.
- ❖ **AWANA** This Wed., Jan. 11th: Sports Team night: wear hats, jersey, etc.

women MINISTRIES

- ❖ **JAMES: MERCY TRIUMPHS** Join this Beth Moore Bible study exploring the book of James. Commit to come to all of it! Wednesdays: Jan. 11th - Mar. 7th //9-11am (9 weeks)
- ❖ **WINTER WARM-UP!** Quilting, Scrapbooking, Crafting Retreat here on January 19, 20, 21. Begins Thursday at 6pm & ends Saturday when the lights go out! **Come and go as you need.** Bring your scrapbooking, quilting, knitting, etc. and a snack to share. Going out for meals, but feel free to bring your own if you prefer. **Don't quilt or craft?** You are welcome to come have a cup of coffee/tea and just visit!

adult SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ❖ **WINTER TERM KICKS OFF Sun., Jan. 8th!**
 - ✓ **Joshua**—(Rm 306) *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!* Join us in an overview of the book of Joshua to explore why he served the Lord with such zeal as God fulfilled His promise to the Israelites of a land flowing with milk and honey.
 - ✓ **5 Love Languages**—(Rm 301) Everyone has a primary way they express and interpret love...and people are drawn to those with different love languages. Build a stronger relationship that can honor God.
 - ✓ **HOWAP**—(Sanctuary) Using the website thewiredword.com, we will study and discuss the past week's current events from a biblical perspective.

support the MANCHES.

- ❖ **HOPE FOR HANNAH** Any donations go to support the Manche family. (See her table.)
 - Bracelets (green) for \$1 donation.
 - Ribbons to remind you (& others) to pray!

Prayer Requests to Remember This Week!

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FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Roger Anderson, Brett Fugate, Zach Zellmer, Mike Findlay, Aaron Reiss, Melissa Leitl, Ryan Neel, and for Steve Kubera, Air Force reservist, and Tyler Splittgerber, Army reservist.

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CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side – rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified. No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but down-ward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.
3. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing who died and reigns on high; he died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, One with the Father known. One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne. To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died. Be Thou O Lord, thru endless days, adored and magnified.

YOU'LL COME

1. I have decided, I have resolved. To wait upon You Lord.
My rock and redeemer, shield a d reward, I'll wait upon You Lord.
As surely as the sun will rise, You'll come to us
Certain as the dawn appears.

CHORUS: You'll come, let your glory fall as you respond to us.
Spirit reign, flood into our thirsty hearts again. You'll come You'll come

2. We are not shaken, we are not moved. We wait upon You Lord.
Our mighty deliverer, our triumph and truth. We wait upon You Lord.

As surely as the sun will rise, You'll come to us. Certain as Your Word endures.

Chorus:

Bridge: Chains be broken. Lives be healed. Eyes be opened. Christ is revealed.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

1. I hear the Savior say "Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray Find in Me thine all in all"

Chorus: Jesus paid it all all to Him I owe, Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow

2. Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone. **Chorus**

3. And when before the throne I stand in Him complete, I'll lay my trophies
down, All down at Jesus' feet. **Chorus**
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

O praise the One who paid my debt, and raised this life up from the dead 4x

BE THE CENTER

Jesus, be the center. Be my source, be my light, Jesus.
Jesus, be the center. Be my hope, be my song, Jesus

Jesus, be the center. Be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Chorus: Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision
Be my Path, be my guide. Jesus
Chorus

TAKE MY LIFE

1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move – At the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.
2. Take my voice and let me sing always only, for my king. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use e'vry power as You choose.
3. Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for Thee..
4. Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Repeat 3. - 2x

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.