



COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Monday - Thursday - 8:00am - 5:00pm
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UPCOMING NEWSLETTER MAY 12 & 19

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

May 1

Grilled Chicken
 Rice



May 8

Baked Fish
 French Fries



Tuesday by 12 noon is the deadline to reserve your meal or cancel. You can:
 Email the office: Debra@covenantbaptist.net
 Call the office: 704-865-2538
 Text Debra: 704-813-6421

KIDS CONNECT

April 28	Robin Jacobs & Beth Aron
May 5	Lynn Barker & Dianne Duncan

USHERS

May	Alpha Class
May 19	Covenant Youth

DEACON OF THE MONTH

May	Keith Capps
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LOCK-UP

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OPPORTUNITIES

WEEK OF APRIL 28

Sunday, April 28

9:15 am Handbells
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 noon Youth Lunch

Tuesday, April 30

8:30 am CBS
 4:15 pm Men's Ensemble

Wednesday, May 1

5:15 pm Children's Activities (J.A.M.)
 5:45 pm Supper
 6:15 pm Youth Hang
 6:30 pm Adult & Children's Activities
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, May 3

6:00 pm Food Fun Fellowship @ CBC

WEEK OF MAY 5

Sunday, May 5

9:15 am Handbells
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service

Tuesday, May 7

4:15 pm Men's Ensemble

Wednesday, May 8

4:00 pm Staff Meeting
 5:15 pm Children's Activities (J.A.M.)
 5:45 pm Supper
 6:15 pm Youth Hang
 6:30 pm Adult & Children's Activities
 7:00 pm Adult Choir

Save the Date!

FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, MAY 3

6:00PM

COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH

RSVP AT CHURCH
OR BY THE FACEBOOK LINK
BY SUNDAY, APRIL 28



The Food Fun and Fellowship event is coming up on Friday, May 3! There will be a FREE BBQ dinner, along with games and entertainment for the entire family! Please RSVP either on the form at the church or through the link on Facebook. We hope that you will join us for this special time together as a family of faith!



Gifts Have Been Given

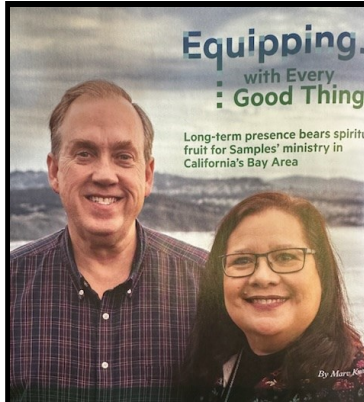
In Memory of Ruby Guffey (A.I.M.)

In Honor of Lynn Barker (A.I.M.)



After rescheduling three times, our first Field Day at Gardner Park went well on Thursday, April 18th. The kids really enjoyed their day and the "Big Kids" did too! Water, bracelets, and stickers were hand outs to all the children. Thanks to our helpers: Pastor Jeff, Sarah Denton, Debbie Strider, Cathy Brooks, Moris McSwain, Sid Lanier, Doris Ray, Brenda White, and Linda Hicks. Special thanks to Mike Grooms and Lynn Barker so very helpful with the "heavy lifting" in getting the party started!

Your Mission Action Council



CBF Global Missions Personnel At Covenant May 5

We are excited to announce that on Sunday, May 5th, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions personnel Lita and Rick Sample will be with us to share the message. Lita and Rick's

ministry is in the Bay Area of California - home to the world's largest concentration of Afghans outside of central Asia. In addition to Afghans, the Samples also work heavily with the Karen people from Myanmar (Burma). Most Afghans with whom they work are Muslims who fled Afghanistan for being supportive of the US. Most of the Karen people they work with are Christians who are fleeing religious persecution from Myanmar. Since 2002, the Samples have been ministering to these two groups of people as well as many others who are refugees, immigrants and international students in the Bay area.

Be sure to join us on May 5th to learn more about this ministry, to discover how God is moving in the lives of the people and to hear a moving message about serving others in Christ's name. There will be an opportunity on that Sunday to give an offering to help support the Samples' ministry if you feel led to do so.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

"Look to the LORD and His strength, seek His face always."

1 Chronicles 16:11 NIV

Jan Kuhn

Steve McCraw

Wade Stafford & Family (loss of Wade's brother Mack)

Prissy Ballenger

Ray Ammons

Robin Spargo

Suzanne Rudisill

Boyce Redding (Cliff's neighbor)

Joanne West (Becky's cousin)

Mark Baker (friend of Chris & Marla - cancer & heart failure)

Rachael Beam (Colleague of Marla Ivester)

Kendall Doerr

Debbie Holder

Ann Goodwin

Ken McCuen

Gary Buckner

Ed & Dot Ballenger

Roslyn & Lynwood Lavinder

An excerpt from the March 4th Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina Newsletter

Written by Brenda Gray

Executive Vice President, Development & Communications

Your generosity had a huge reach last year. Three hundred and eighteen made decisions to follow Christ. Eighty-nine babies and children were adopted into their forever home. Two hundred and fifty-five expectant mothers received counseling. And 122,643 days of care were provided for children in need of a place of refuge—a place to experience hope and healing. Thousands of meals were provided for children and families desperately hungry for food. One of our children described their hunger with these words: "I was hungry for food. I was hungry for a home. I was hungry for hope. I was hungry for someone to care about me. I was angry. I was empty!"

Behind every number is a child in crisis. Behind every number is an individual or a family in desperate need. **In the past two weeks, we received calls requesting care for three precious babies born addicted to drugs—beautiful, precious newborn babies.** They were placed in loving foster homes. You do not know these children, you do not know these families, and yet you give. "Whatever you did for the least of these you did unto me." Generosity, selfless acts responding to real needs, is our faith in action. Thank you for being a generous part of changing the lives of children and families. Thank you for joining us in sharing the GOOD NEWS! He is risen—He is risen indeed!

It's that time of year for us to demonstrate our generosity in helping NC Baptist Children's Homes meet their annual collection of items to help these children and families through NCBCH .

CHANGE MAKERS

Peanut Butter
Jelly (grape or
strawberry)

KOINONIA

Mac N Cheese
Can Vegetables

ALPHA

Spaghetti Sauce
Noodles
Can Vegetables

CHOIR MEMBERS
& OTHERS NOT
INVOLVED IN SUN-
DAY SCHOOL

Please bring any of
these items

And everyone please bring paper products:

Paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex

Your Mission Action Council