

Lake Deaton

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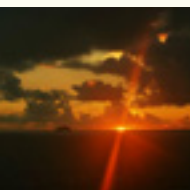
“Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you into my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always.”



Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday, the Chancel Guild will have live potted plants on the Altars in the Summerhill Worship Center and Christian Life Center. You can help by donating a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Sign up at the Easter Flowers kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex this weekend. Each Plant is \$10 and you may pay by cash or check when you sign up.

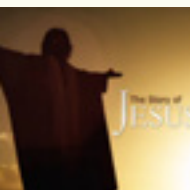


Men's Ministry Spiritual Retreat

“Fourth Quarter Christianity: Skills for Living” — March 14-15

At our next Men's Retreat, Pastor Gary Cantrell will guide us along the path with topics such as: *Defining My Mission, Deciding What's Important, Building My Strengths, Committing My Life, and Finishing the Race.*

Our retreat cost of \$69 per person includes: single room at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, all retreat materials, five meals (including our “signature ice cream social”), the movie *War Room*, and communion/renewal of faith. For more information or to sign up, please call Al Letch at 753-5952.

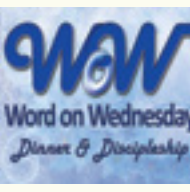


“The Story of Jesus” Bus Trip

Friday, March 25 — Cattlemens' Arena, Wauchula, FL

A live production of the birth, life, passion, and resurrection of Jesus. Bus transportation, dinner, and VIP seating for the production are included. The bus leaves the Summerhill Campus parking lot at 2 p.m.

This inclusive package is only \$75. Seating is limited. Please sign up between Worship Services at the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex. For more information, please call Mitch or Marie Budzon at 259-9230.



Dinner and Fellowship (please note earlier time)

Wednesday, March 2 at 4:30 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

We will hold a Church Conference at 5:30 p.m. immediately following our WOW dinner to discuss the future building on our Lake Deaton property, and to vote on organizing a building team.

- **Menu:** Steak & Black Bean Chili, Tossed Garden Salad, Honey Pecan-coated Chicken Breast, Wild Rice Blend, Glazed Broccoli Spears, Dinner Rolls, and Carrot Cake.
- **Reservations are required:** Please enter the number attending in the “WOW” column of the attendance pad, or call the Church Office by noon on Monday. If you need to cancel, please notify the office as soon as possible.

WOW Dinner Special Presentation (Ticketed Event)

Wednesday, March 9 at 4:45 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Please join us for dinner followed by Ennis Pruitt and the Breakers. Great food and Celtic music — “Jimmy Buffet” style — just \$10 for dinner and the show! Tickets are available between Worship Services at the kiosk in the Narthex this weekend and next, and on March 2 before the WOW dinner.

Tickets for the concert only are \$4 per person, with seating in the back of the Worship Center. The concert will begin at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
February 28	Deuteronomy 3-4	Numbers 11-13	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 15
February 29	Please read your favorite verse this day			
March 1	Deuteronomy 5-7	Numbers 14-15; Psalms 90	Mark 6:1-29	Luke 16
March 2	Deuteronomy 8-10	Numbers 16-17	Mark 6:30-56	Luke 17
March 3	Deuteronomy 11-13	Numbers 18-20	Mark 7:1-23	Luke 18
March 4	Deuteronomy 14-16	Numbers 21-22	Mark 7:24-8:10	Luke 19
March 5	Deuteronomy 17-20	Numbers 23-25	Mark 8:11-38	Luke 20
March 6	Deuteronomy 21-23	Numbers 26-27	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 21

“One thing I do know is I was blind but now I see.” (John 9:25)

Lord, forgive us when we have been blinded by our own desires and self-centered ways, but show us the light that we may live in your light — for you are the light of the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday Christian Education Classes			
3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian group discussion based on current topics	Classroom 3
Sunday Christian Education Classes			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Chapel
9 a.m.	Disciple II	Into the Word Into the World	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Esther and the Sovereignty of God	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Christianity and World Religions	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Holy Days	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Zika Virus	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Christianity and World Religions	Classroom 11

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Contemporary Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Blended Worship
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.

Children's Orchard Worship
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.

Worship attendance for last week: 2,872
 (BEACH) 54 • (Celebrate Recovery) 67 • (Youth) 19 • (Orchard Worship) 25
 (Saturday Contemporary) 305 • (Sunday) 7:45-295 • 9:15-1,028 • 10:45-717
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30-164 • 10:00-198



Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Care Pastor



Helping Hands Sixth Annual Golf Tournament

Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Del Webb

It started 10 years ago

A small group of men and women in a Bible Study embarked to give something back to the community. With tools in hand, these 12 attempted to repair a house for a needy family in the area, but the home was beyond repair. Rather than simply give up, they prayed, took a leap of faith, and “stepped out of the boat” to provide this family a NEW HOME. This is how the Helping Hands Outreach Ministry was born.

This ministry has evolved and grown with hundreds of volunteers; it has put 22 families in new homes. Dozens of children have been given an opportunity to succeed in life as a result of being given a suitable place to live. Some have gone on to earn college degrees.

How can you help?

Support our Helping Hands Sixth Annual Golf Tournament fund raiser. Your participation — either by playing the outing or by sponsoring a “Hole” — helps to provide the needed funding to continue our efforts. This year's golf outing will be held April 23-24. The tournament will be played on Saturday, April 23, at Eagle Ridge Golf Club at Del Webb in Summerfield, Florida. The banquet and Silent Auction will take place on Sunday, April 24, at New Covenant's Summerhill Campus.

Registration Deadline is Saturday, April 9

Registration forms are available at the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex. The tournament is limited to 200 registrants. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased for \$20.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Buddy Acton at 425-4457 or John Kelley at 259-6380.

The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12

Bible Studies Ministries

Upcoming New Member Classes
 Our membership path consists of one "gateway" class offered four times a year. In this gateway class, you will hear about our vision of membership at New Covenant. After completing this class, you may join New Covenant and then choose enrichment classes throughout the year.

- March New Member Classes:**
- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, March 6 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
 - **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, March 7 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)
- June New Member Classes:**
- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, June 12 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
 - **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, June 13 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

Please pick up a New Member Registration form at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Did you know there are different types of church membership? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

Connectional Ministry
Discover New Covenant! Whether you are new to our congregation or a long-time member, visit the Connectional Ministry kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex and find out how to get involved and connected — to a caring community, to service, or to membership. Learn more about "C3" (Caring for our Covenant Community), our new five-minute ministry.

Outreach Ministry

Give a Warm "New Covenant Welcome"
 New Covenant welcomes our new Bargains & Blessings Resale Store Director, Ryan Armstrong. Ryan, a pastor's son, joins us from Enterprise Rent-A-Car. He has a degree in Christian Ministries and has served as a Youth Leader in South Florida. Ryan and his family live in Leesburg. Please welcome Ryan, his wife Nicole, and their children, Justice Grace (almost 6 yrs old), Josiah (2 yrs old), and Noah (4 months).

2016 Spring Church-Wide Food Drive

- **Bag Distribution:** March 12/13
- **Bag Pick Up:** March 19/20

If you would like to help with bag distribution or pick-ups, please contact Dick Clark at dclark401@comcast or 454-0591.

Dominican Republic Ministry
Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel
 Please join us for a special presentation of the Christmas Shoe Box Project and an update on the COPA Schools in Bombita and LaHoya, Dominican Republic. This is also an opportunity to learn more about how to sponsor a child. If you have any questions, please call Marlene Huggins at 753-7901.

TidBits

Church Conference
 We will hold a Church Conference on Wednesday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. immediately following our WOW dinner (\$7 payable at the door) to discuss the future building on our Lake Deaton property, and vote on organizing a building team. **The Church Conference to decide whether or not to build will come at a later date.**

Again, the Church Conference on March 2 is only to provide preliminary plans to you and to designate a building committee. We look forward to your attendance at this very important first step in the further development of our Lake Deaton Campus.

If you want to join us for dinner, please make your reservations on the Attendance Pad. That night, doors open at 4:30 p.m. and our WOW dinner begins at 4:45 p.m.

Update Your Church Photo Next Weekend!
Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6
 If you have been a part of our New Covenant church family for many years and have not recently had your photo taken for a New Member class, please stop by (Saturday in the Family Room or Sunday in the Cardinal Alcove) and have a new photo taken. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at 750-4529.

Exciting News!
 We are preparing to launch a brand new online feature for your use! You will soon have access to the New Covenant member directory, ability to utilize online giving, submit prayer requests, and so much more! This will be a safe and secure access for our New Covenant family.

Each person will have the basic information of name, phone numbers, email address, and photo (if available), and will be responsible for maintaining and updating his/her personal information. Information will only be available to those who have established a valid log-in to the system. Should you desire not to be listed in the online directory, it is your responsibility to notify the church office.

You will receive an email from the church in the coming weeks. Please do not delete any emails regarding this subject as it will include important log-in information and updates.

Water4 Well Project
 During Lent, we are collecting sacrificial dollars in order to build wells in Africa. Our hope is that the money you would spend on weekly beverages would go towards our **Water4 Well Project**. Our goal is 20 wells!

If you would like to contribute, please drop your donation in a jar located at one of the church exits before or after Worship Services. You may also "purchase a Donation Ticket" (increments of \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, or \$250) on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org (Event Tickets tab) or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services. **As of February 21, we have collected \$10,700.**

FACT: 40% of bottled water is taken from municipal water sources (a.k.a. tap water)



Pastoral Care

PrimeTime
Thursday, March 10 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
 Join us for vibrant music by Pat Smith & Brian Maderos, a devotion and inspirational message, followed by a great lunch. We will enjoy "Memories of the Twenties" performed by the Sweet & Sassy Line Dancers.

- Program: 10–11:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The program is followed by lunch for \$5 payable at the door. To make a reservation, call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, March 7 and indicate if you need transportation.

Sharpen the Mind: It Matters!
Tuesday, March 8 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 3
 Join us for fun and engaging activities to increase brain stimulation! Learn games and tools to exercise the brain and its functions.

Toby's Encouragers
 Toby's Encouragers is looking for a few good men (and women)! This Visitation Ministry visits shut-ins in area assisted living, nursing homes, and memory care facilities that may not receive a visit otherwise. This team sees the same person each time, and develops a relationship with that person.

Toby's needs men to be involved to visit other men, and also a few women to help balance out their team. For more information about Toby's Encouragers, contact Carolyn Merryman at 753-7778 or ckmjem@comcast.net.

Reachin', Preachin', Teachin' Hands Puppet Ministry
Tuesdays from 12–3 p.m. — Summerhill Classrooms 6/7
 Learn how you can lend a hand to join in the fun — script writers, props, music and sound, stage manager, scenery construction, costumes, lighting, puppeteers, persons with skills in humor, magic, etc.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Underhill at 259-5669 or wunderhill@embarqmail.com.

From Pastor Harold...
 On behalf of his mother and family, Pastor Harold would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers, cards, calls, email notes, and food. This outpouring of love is just another example of our church being the "hands, feet, and voice" in the world.

The Gift of Prayer
 The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Chad Foltz who suffers from Parkinsons Disease; and Sherry Hoffmeister who will have cancer surgery. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
 Sean & Ellen Pollock, family and friends on the loss of Sean's paternal grandmother Bernice Coomer; Cindy Work, family and friends on the loss of her brother Jim; and Keith Troutman, family and friends on the loss of his father Kenneth.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:

Georgia Anderson	Angie	Bill & Fran Antonio	Robert Bishop	Amy & Antony Diamond	Sherry Hoffmeister
Carol Curtiss	Madison	Elizabeth Morris	Kelly Sue Pirkkhala	Michael Johnson	Sandra Perkins
Susan Rodriguez	David Ryan	Glenn Shaffer	Jacob Shipman	Felecia Smith	Christine Statz
Ken Swanson	Peter Vincent	Jenny Waldinger			

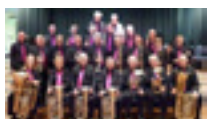


Celtic Crossings

Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center
Celtic Crossings with Phil Coulter, Northern Ireland's creator of "Celtic Thunder," Andy Cooney, "Irish America's Favorite Son," and special guest Geraldine Branagan present Irish music from two different worlds.

- Resident Tickets: \$29 • Non-Resident Tickets: \$34

Tickets may be purchased at The Villages Box Office



Youth Ministry Fundraiser—Celebration Brass Band

Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

A concert of traditional style British Brass Band Music encompassing various musical styles, under the direction of Jill Van Syckle.

- General Admission Tickets: \$15

Available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



LC Swing Band with Dave Boyer

Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

Since 1966, Dave Boyer, has brought a message of joy to people of the church and the world through his unique style of Big Band Gospel music. LC Swing is Central Florida's Premiere Big Band. Net proceeds benefit Residents Encounter Christ (REC).

- General Admission Tickets: \$10

Available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



The Villages Flute Choir Spring Concert

Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Started in 2004 as a quartet, and in 2006 with the addition of alto and bass flutes, this choir continues to grow and perform throughout The Villages. Donations at the door will benefit the Helping Hands Ministry.



Relay for Life Luminaria Bag Sales

Friday, April 1 from 3-9 p.m. — Summerhill East Parking Lot

Please visit the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex between Worship Services on March 5/6, 12/13, or 19/20 to obtain a Luminaria bag in honor or memory of cancer survivors/victims (\$5 suggested donation).

Your Luminaria bag will be placed along the pathway to memorialize or honor someone you love. Survivors may also register for this event.



Helping Hands Sixth Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 23 — Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Del Webb

Your \$80 fee includes the tournament (golf cart included) and admission to the banquet (Sunday, April 24 from 5:30–8:30 p.m. at New Covenant Summerhill Campus), plus golf prizes, door prizes, a silent auction, and lots of fun. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant's Helping Hands Outreach Ministry.

Registration Deadline is April 9. Registration forms are available at a kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex.