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Lake Deaton
 information is available at the
 Welcome Center each week.

"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."

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
August 16	Jeremiah 14-17	Jeremiah 32-34	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 4
August 17	Jeremiah 18-22	Jeremiah 35-37	Romans 7:7-8:11	Luke 5
August 18	Jeremiah 23-25	Jeremiah 38-40; Psalms 74/79	Romans 8:12-39	Luke 6
August 19	Jeremiah 26-29	2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36	Romans 9:1-29	Luke 7
August 20	Jeremiah 30-31	Habakkuk	Romans 9:30-10:13	Luke 8
August 21	Jeremiah 32-34	Jeremiah 41-45	Romans 10:14-11:10	Luke 9
August 22	Jeremiah 35-37	Jeremiah 46-48	Romans 11:11-36	Luke 10
August 23	Jeremiah 38-41	Jeremiah 49-50	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 11

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven ... therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. (James 5:15)

Lord, you impress upon us the importance of praying for one another. Today, I ask you to place people in front of me to pray for so that I can follow your teaching and example. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Calling All Volunteers... We NEED You!
 Youth Ministries is looking for a few good volunteers to help out during the upcoming school year. Please call Kayla at 750-4529 if you are able to help with any of these programs.

- **Roots:** a Wednesday after-school program for middle school youth. They meet from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with homework, assist in leading recreation, and Bible study.
- **Grounded:** a Wednesday evening Bible study for high school students. They meet from 6-7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist in leading Bible study.
- **Teen Twilight:** a Sunday evening youth worship/recreation night for middle and high school students. They meet from 6-8 p.m. Volunteers are needed to assist in leading recreation, worship and Bible study.
- **Student Activity Center:** The Grove is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-5:30 p.m. for high school youth to fellowship. Volunteers are needed to supervise and interact with the youth.

• **Wildwood Middle High Mentors:** If you are interested in this special program, please contact Anne Foote Collins at afoteccollins@newcovenantumc-fl.org or 750-4529.



Save the Date
 Thursday, September 17 at 10 a.m. in the Worship Center
 Women's Ministry Returns! More details to come!

Upcoming Shelby System Conversion

We are updating our database system at the church to make your online giving, registering for events, and membership directory viewing easier and more user friendly. More information will be available in the weeks to come.

Saturday Christian Education Classes

3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Not meeting again until September 12	
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Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	The Gospel According to Mark	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Psalms and Proverbs	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	God's Prophets Demand Justice	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Iran Nuclear Agreement	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	Psalms and Proverbs	Classroom 11

New Covenant United Methodist Church

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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 Sunday 9:30 a.m. (Eisenhower Rec Center)

Worship attendance for last week: 1,727
 (Celebrate Recovery) 62 • (Youth) 35 • (Orchard Worship) 20
 (Saturday Contemporary) 263 • (Sunday) 7:45-171 • 9:15-519 • 10:45-453
 (Lake Deaton) 9:30-204



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.



At New Covenant, we believe that faith development is a life-long process. We are committed to helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Regardless of where you have been or where you are now in your journey of faith, we want to help you move to a more fulfilling place. Whether you are exploring a relationship with Christ — or growing in relationship with Him — or close to Him — or center your whole life on Him, we want to support you.

To help you in your journey, we are providing these opportunities that are designed to meet you where you are and move you to a closer connection with Jesus Christ, His Word and the Christian community.

Visit the Fall Bible Study Fair in the west Narthex on Saturday, or the "Cardinal Alcove" of the east Narthex on Sunday to learn more about these studies and to sign up for a class.

- **Covenant Bible Study**
- **Community Bible Study (Men's & Women's)**
- **Journey Bible Study**
- **Disciple Bible Study**
- **Network**
- **Invitation**
- **What on Earth Am I Here For? (church-wide group study)**



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

Bible Studies Ministries

What On Earth Am I Here For?
Bible Study and Sermon Series Coming the end of September
 New Covenant will begin a new sermon series and church-wide small group study. This six-week study will follow Pastor Harold's sermons each week enhanced by Rick Warren's book, study guide, and videos.

We will provide many opportunities to view the DVD portion of the study and to meet as small groups. Not in a small group? We can help with that too! **Visit the Fall Bible Study Fair this weekend in the Narthex — before or after services — for more information about "What On Earth Am I Here For?"**

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Community Bible Study — Men & Women
Open House
 At the Open House you will meet some of the leaders, review course material and literature, ask questions, and you may register for the new class. For more information, please call Sue Wyman at 430-2201.

- Women's Open House**
- Monday, August 24 from 1–3 p.m. in Classroom 3
- Men's Open House**
- Tuesday, August 25 from 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. in Classroom 3

Our Next New Member Class
 If you would like to become a member of New Covenant or learn more about our church, please sign up for our next membership class. Additional information and sign-up brochures are available at the Welcome Centers. Classes will be held at:

- Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, September 13 from 12–2 p.m., Eisenhower Rec Center
- Summerhill Campus:** Monday, September 14 from 6–8 p.m., Worship Center

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Let's Get Connected!
 Feeling disconnected? Want to be involved? Want to know more about our ministries? Please visit the Connecting Ministry kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex. You will receive a Connecting Ministry booklet with information on the many ministries at New Covenant, along with a list of contacts.

Operation Christmas Shoe Box
 It's not too early to be planning for Operation Christmas Shoe Boxes. Back-to-school sales are the perfect time to buy things for your Christmas Shoe Boxes. We will have the boxes available beginning in October!

Mark Your Calendar

concerts EVENTS

Sandi Patty in Concert at New Covenant
Thursday, September 17 at 6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center
 Sandi is the most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music history, with 40 Dove Awards. "I am grateful for the many opportunities God has given in my life and for how He has allowed me to spread my wings," says Sandi. "Singing is my way to tell my story of hope, life, and love."

Tickets are available at *The Villages* Box Offices.
 • Artist Circle \$40 • Reserved Seating \$35 / \$30 / \$25

The Kramers Concert at New Covenant
Sunday, October 11 at 6 p.m.
 People are uplifted by this family's genuine passion for the LORD, for the Word of God and for others to know true freedom in Christ. The Kramers are multi-instrumentalists as well as accomplished vocalists.

The Kramers will share their music during our Sunday morning Worship Services at the Summerhill Campus on October 11. Later that evening, they will present a concert for our enjoyment. The concert is free and open to the public. A love offering will be accepted.

Worship

Men's and Women's Chorus
 If you've ever thought of singing in the choir, here's a great chance! Men's and Women's choruses will sing during the 9:15 and 10:45 Worship Services — the men on August 23 and the women on August 30. You may attend one or both of the rehearsals listed. All rehearsals are in Classrooms 8/9 (Music Rehearsal Room).

- Men's Chorus Rehearsals**
- Tuesday, August 18 at 10 a.m.
 - Wednesday, August 19 at 6 p.m.
- Women's Chorus Rehearsals**
- Tuesday, August 25 at 10 a.m.
 - Wednesday, August 25 at 6 p.m.

The Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals and worship leadership on Wednesday, September 2 at 6:15 p.m. All are invited!! We always have an open door policy and invite you to participate as you can.

Hospitality Ministry Needs Your Help
 If you can smile, welcome a stranger, shake a hand, answer a question, and are willing to serve before or after your Worship Service — we need you. The following shifts at the Welcome Center are available:

- 7:15–7:45: First-Time Visitors, Name Tags, Welcome Center
 - 10:15–10:45: Greeters
 - 11:45–noon: First-Time Visitors
- Instructions and training will be provided. Please contact Linda Fabing at (352) 446-8371 or fabrinric@aol.com.

Pastoral Care

Learning to Pray Out Loud
Wednesday, August 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel
 Please attend this teaching session with Pastor Marilyn Anell and learn a simple method to help you pray out loud with an individual or in a group. You will leave with a model for prayer and confidence for praying aloud.

GriefShare®
Thursday, August 27 at 2 p.m. in Classroom 3
 GriefShare® begins their fall session on Monday September 14 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel. GriefShare® is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

For more information about the GriefShare® program, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529, or visit the website at www.griefshare.org.

Helen's Helpers
 We are currently accepting inquiries for those who may need a Helen's Helper to sit with their loved one. Helen's Helpers provides for the primary caregiver to have a break from staying with a loved one with mild to moderate disabilities. Helen's Helpers is designed to give up to a three-hour break for a caregiver every two weeks.

For more information, please call the Care office at (352) 750-4529.

The Gift of Prayer
 The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Kelly Pirkkala who is facing very serious orthopedic surgery; Glenda Mayhue who has an inoperable brain tumor; Jason Cash, a 45-yr-old who had a stroke; Mary Jo & Fred Ricci who have serious health issues; and Charlie Parrott who has health-related issues. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Please come to the prayer rail during prayer time, or between Worship Services, and offer a prayer. After you pray, tie a knot in one of the strings on the quilt. Each knot represents a prayer lifted to God on behalf of the recipient.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:				
Edward (Buddy) Acton	Robin Arnstein	Leslie Bellflowers	Kyle Bobbs	Eleanor (Rosie) Bourke
Phil Braun	Jerry Bryan	Patricia Davis	James Dyser	Evan Eberle
Wilbur & Charlotte Fee	Iris Fuson	Trudy & Carl Grossouw	Haley	Holly Hallett
Lloyd Hartman	Doug Herman	Bob Hove	Larry Jones	John Wayne K
Barbara Keiski	Roy Landers	Angela Leoni	Bob Lincoln	Sue Martin
Glenda Mayhue	Diane McClain	Karen McClelland	Shawn McLoughlin	Nathan
Harriet Oakley	Charlie & Liz Parrot	Ed Randolph	Samuel	Dale Sergent
Carol Sexton	Dave Shivery	Roger Soukup	Sally Sunday	Mel Sweat
John Tracy	Joyce Trewertha	James V	Vernon Wellman	Ralph Wyman