

**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.”*



**New Member Classes**

We updated our membership path to consist of one “gateway” class offered four times a year. In this gateway class, you will hear about our vision of membership at New Covenant. You may join the church after completing your gateway class, to be followed with enrichment classes throughout the year.

To register, please visit our New Member kiosk in the Narthex this weekend, or you may register through our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**September New Member Classes**

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

**Membership Weekend at Lake Deaton and Summerhill Campuses**

- Saturday, September 19 or Sunday, September 20 at the service of your choice

**November New Member Classes**

- Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, November 8 from 12–2 p.m. at the Eisenhower Rec Center
- Summerhill Campus: Monday, November 9 from 6–8 p.m. in the Worship Center

**Membership Weekend at Lake Deaton and Summerhill Campuses**

- Saturday, November 14 or Sunday, November 15 at the service of your choice



**Altar Flowers**

*Today's flowers are provided by:* Kathy Wolf in memory of her best friend Sue West; Austin & Joyce Leahy in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and Discipleship Class in praise for Discipleship Teachers.

The Altar Flower Sign-Up Book is located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. A \$40 donation will reserve your preferred date in honor or in memory of your special person or event. To guarantee publishing, please be sure to sign up no later than 10 days prior to your requested date. The sign-up sheet is removed the Monday morning prior to publication.



**Hospitality Ministry Needs Your Help**

If you can smile, welcome a stranger, shake a hand, and are willing to serve before or after your Worship Service — we need you. Please contact Linda Fabing at (352) 446-8371 or [fabrinric@aol.com](mailto:fabrinric@aol.com).



**Worship Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for Ushers for the 7:45 a.m. Worship Service. If you are interested, please contact Lou and Jerry Emmert at (352) 350-2090.

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
September 6	Ezekiel 23-24	Ezekiel 32-34	Sunday: No Reading	John 1
September 7	Ezekiel 25-27	Ezekiel 35-37	1 Corinthians 9:19–10:13	John 2
September 8	Ezekiel 28-30	Ezekiel 38-39	1 Corinthians 10:14–11:1	John 3
September 9	Ezekiel 31-33	Ezekiel 40-41	1 Corinthians 11:2–34	John 4
September 10	Ezekiel 34-36	Ezekiel 42-43	1 Corinthians 12	John 5
September 11	Ezekiel 37-39	Ezekiel 44-45	1 Corinthians 13:1–14:19	John 6
September 12	Ezekiel 40-42	Ezekiel 46-48	1 Corinthians 14:20–40	John 7
September 13	Ezekiel 43-45	Joel	Sunday: No Reading	John 8

*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever... I have made the Lord God my refuge. (Psalm 73:26, 28)*

*Lord,* you indeed are our strength and our refuge. In the midst of our brokenness, let us continue to cling to you... for you are our hope and our inspiration. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Saturday Christian Education Classes**

3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	We will begin meeting again next week, 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 in Hymns	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	The Book of Acts	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Hate Groups	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**

**Contemporary Worship**  
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162  
 Phone: 352-750-4529 • (Fax) 352-259-2971  
 Email: [ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org)  
 Website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)  
 Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

**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)

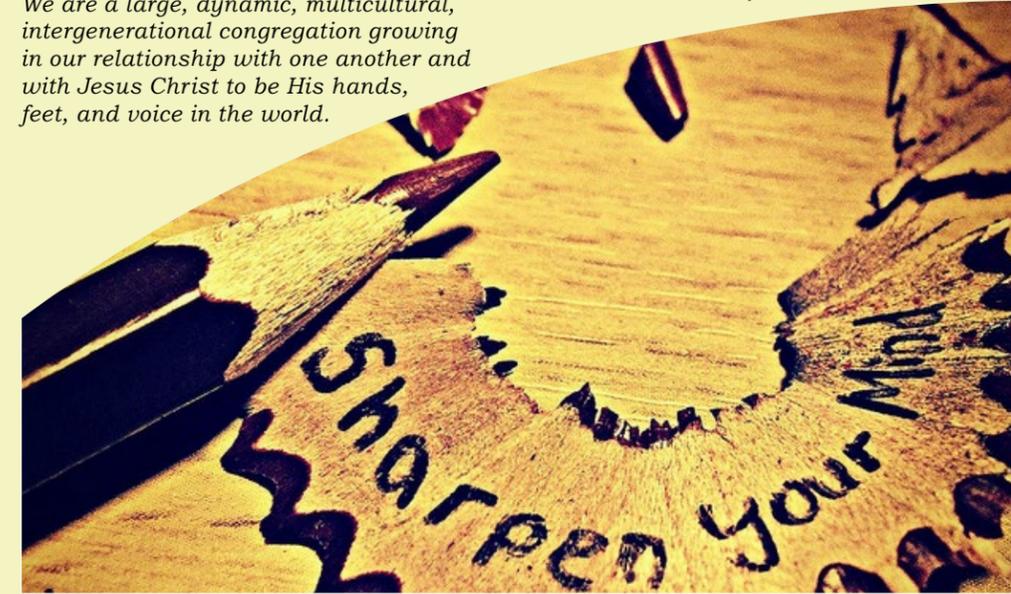
Worship attendance for last week: 1,987

(BEACH) 67 • (Celebrate Recovery) 107 • (Youth) 17 • (Orchard Worship) 18  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 217 • (Sunday) 7:45–193 • 9:15–668 • 10:45–491  
 (Lake Deaton) 9:30–209



*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. Vidalis Lopez, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Care Pastor



**Sharpen the Mind: It Matters**

**Second Tuesday of each month, beginning September 8 from 3–4:30 p.m. in Classroom 3**

We truly care about our wonderful minds and brains that God gave us. This month, we are offering a new session of *Sharpen the Mind: It Matters*. Once a month, we invite you to attend this hour and a half session filled with information and activities to help keep the mind active and sharp. These activities, or “brain games,” are meant to be enjoyable and not in any way meant to put you on the spot. We don’t do trivial pursuit or competitions to see how much anyone knows. These are brain activities just to challenge and strengthen our thinking power.

**The six pillars of a brain-healthy, Alzheimer's prevention lifestyle are:**

1. **Regular Exercise:** Aim for 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise each week, with a combination of cardio and strength training.
2. **Healthy Diet:** Enjoy a Mediterranean diet, consume foods such as green tea, soy products, blueberries, and other dark berries. Avoid trans fats and saturated fats. Get plenty of omega-3 fats and stock up on fruit and vegetables.
3. **Mental Stimulation:** Practice memorization, do puzzles, play strategy games; vary your habits regularly to create new brain patterns.
4. **Quality Sleep:** Create a relaxing bedtime ritual. If you nap, nap early in the afternoon with a limit of 30 minutes. Ban television and computers in your bedroom and establish a regular schedule for your sleep.
5. **Stress Management:** Breathe, schedule regular relaxation activities, make fun a priority, keep your sense of humor — and nourish inner peace.
6. **An Active Social Life:** Volunteer, join clubs, take classes, get to know your neighbors, and get out and go to the movies, parks, museums, and other public places.

The more you strengthen each of the six pillars in your daily life, the healthier and hardier your brain will be. When you lead a brain-healthy lifestyle, your brain will stay working stronger and longer. For more information, please call the Care office at (352) 750-4529.

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

# Bible Studies Ministries

## WOW Dinner and Fellowship

**Wednesday, September 16 at 4:45 p.m.**  
Our senior high youth will talk about their summer experiences on their mission trip to Florida City. Youth Coordinator Kaya McIntosh will talk about the middle school's mission trip to Daytona Beach.

- **Menu:** Roast Turkey Breast, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Soup, Salad, Rolls, and Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie
- **Reservations are required:** Please enter "WOW" and the number attending in the last 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.
- **Price:** \$7 per adult, \$3 per child under 12, and \$15 per household (three or more people residing in the same house) — payable at the door.

### Upcoming WOW Programs

- **September 23:** SALT Quarterly Review
- **September 30:** What On Earth Am I Here For?

## Disciple Bible Studies

This fall two of our classes are being offered in a shortened 1½ hours format.

- Invitation to John (13 weeks): begins Friday, September 25 at 10 a.m.
- Disciple I (24 weeks): begins Sunday, September 27 at 9 a.m.
- Disciple II (24 weeks): begins Sunday, September 27 at 9 a.m.

Please visit our kiosk in the Narthex this weekend to sign-up. For more information, please contact George de Jager at (352) 430-2738 or georgedejager@comcast.net.

## 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!

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### Monday, September 21 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel

Please join for a special Prayer Gathering to kick-off our next Sermon Series and Small Group Study.

## 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.

# Women's Ministry

## Women's Ministry Returns!

**Thursday, September 17 at 10 a.m. in the Worship Center**  
"Westward Ho!" Thinking like a pioneer and moving forward in mission. Don't miss this one!

Please RSVP by Monday, September 14 to Risé Segur at (352) 350-6370 or [rsegur@gmail.com](mailto:rsegur@gmail.com) (regarding lunch OR no lunch) and indicate if you prefer gluten-free. Invite a friend!

### Women of Faith Farewell Tour, September 18-19

We are working to get a group together to participate in the final tour in Orlando. If you are interested, please contact Risé Segur at [rsegur@gmail.com](mailto:rsegur@gmail.com), **ASAP!**

# Mark Your Calendar Concerts

## Fourth Quarter Christianity

**Monday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
A special event featuring Lou Holtz, widely-known and respected football coach, TV commentator and analyst, motivational speaker, and devout man of God! Join us for a time of inspiring music and messages. A delicious box lunch is included!

A limited number of reserved tickets will be available for \$20 in the Narthex from September 12-27. Tickets will be available at the Villages Box Office beginning October 1.

## 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.

**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.

# Pastoral Care

## PrimeTime

**Thursday, September 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. with lunch following**  
Join us in the Worship Center as Rose Luehrsen shares her award-winning quilts. We will also enjoy fellowship, devotional, singing, and chair exercises, followed by a light lunch for \$5.

Reservations are requested. Call the church office at (352) 750-4529 by Tuesday, September 8, and indicate if you need transportation.

## GriefShare® Returns September 14

**Mondays 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. Workbooks are \$15, and scholarships are available.

For more information about GriefShare®, please visit the website at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

To register for the next session, please call the Care office at (352) 750-4529, or come a few minutes early on September 14.

## Hope for Hurting Parents

We are adding a new meeting time beginning Monday, October 5. This support group will meet on the first and third Mondays at 6 p.m., in addition to the second and fourth Thursdays at 2 p.m.

These groups are for parents and grandparents of children who are struggling with addiction, mental health, incarceration, estrangement, and other traumatic life events.

## Helen's Helpers Need Volunteers

We have a need for those who are willing to be trained to sit with a loved one who is mild to moderately disabled. Also, we have a need for a person to assist with the administrative duties of Helen's Helpers.

Helen's Helpers was formed out of the desire to help caregivers and loved ones have a break to enjoy golf, shopping, or personal appointments without worry for their loved one. 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 Marti & Rick Lavis who have numerous health issues, and for Nancy Frisbee with end-stage cancer. 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.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Peggy Peters, family and friends on the loss of her husband Jim; and to Bud Guthrie, friends and family on the loss of his wife Ann.

Jim Peter's funeral was in Kutztown, PA. Ann Guthrie's was September 5 at Beyer's.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:				
Anthony	Katherine Bloom	Doug Herman	John Wayne K.	Teresa Kelly
Galen Spittler	John Stockberger	Ernestine Vawter	Pat & Jerry White	Russell Purtle