

# Lake Deaton Happenings

*“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.”*

## Four Aces Concert

We need volunteers to help with the concert on January 9. Please visit the Information Center to sign up as greeters or parking attendants.

## Sign Up and Get Ready to Bowl!

Teams are forming now for 12 weeks, beginning Sunday, January 18 at 3 p.m. For more information, please email Pastor Jim at [jddivine@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jddivine@newcovenantumc-fl.org)

## Hour of Prayer

Please join us again in January for our community prayer gathering at Dave & Meredith Yorkston's home.

## New Sunday School Classes

### Grow and Serve

Choose one of two brand-new Sunday school classes this week at 9:15 a.m.

- *Jesus in Galatians* or *Creative Praying*



## Altar Flowers

*Our flowers have been provided by ...*

**Lake Deaton:** Visit the Information Center to sign up for flowers.

**Summerhill:** Nancy and Dick Gillespie in memory of their son, Greg.

**The Altar Flower Sign-Up Book** is located at the Welcome Center in the Summerhill Narthex and at the Information Center at Lake Deaton. Please sign up today to provide altar flowers on the weekend of your choice.

A \$40 donation will reserve your preferred date in honor, or in memory, of your special person or event. Flowers not requested for your pick-up are shared with the homebound and those in medical and long-term facilities.



## 2015 Offering Envelopes are Here

You may pick up your envelopes in the Cardinal Alcove located at the East entrance to the main Narthex. If you need any assistance, please call Dianne in the Finance office at 750-4529.

*Making a Difference*  
BEYOND OURSELVES

Please pray for this very important program.

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 4	Genesis 12-15	Job 1-5	Matthew 4:8-5:12	Matthew 4
January 5	Genesis 16-18	Job 6-9	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 5
January 6	Genesis 19-21	Job 10-13	Matthew 5:13-37	Matthew 6
January 7	Genesis 22-24	Job 14-16	Matthew 5:38-6:15	Matthew 7
January 8	Genesis 25-26	Job 17-20	Matthew 6:16-34	Matthew 8
January 9	Genesis 27-29	Job 21-23	Matthew 7	Matthew 9
January 10	Genesis 30-31	Job 24-28	Matthew 8:1-22	Matthew 10
January 11	Genesis 32-34	Job 29-31	Matthew 8:23-9:9	Matthew 11

*“Noah walked with God.” (Genesis 6:9) “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)*

*Lord,* your word teaches me right from wrong. Strengthen my will by your Holy Spirit to move in your direction rather than mine. Forgive me when I am pulled by my own selfish desires. Thank you for your clear direction. Empower me to follow it! In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

## Saturday Christian Education Classes

4 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian discussion based on current topics	Classroom 3
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## Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Romans	Chapel
9 a.m.	Faith Finders	Romans	Classrooms 6/7
9 a.m.	Disciple I Bible Study	Becoming Disciples through Bible Study	Classroom 10
9 a.m.	Disciple III Bible Study	Remember Who You Are	Classroom 14
9:15 a.m.	Lake Deaton Campus	The Perfect Calling the Imperfect	Eisenhower Rec
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	The Gospel of Mark	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Roots of Our Faith	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	A.N.E.W. (A Never Ending Walk)	In Awe of God	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Feeding People Who Are Homeless	Classroom 14
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Roots of Our Faith	Classroom 11
10:45 a.m.	Children's Church	Children ages 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grades	Classroom 1
10:45 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
11 a.m.	The Searchers	Romans	Classrooms 6/7

**New Covenant UMC**  
3470 Woodridge Drive  
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Contemporary Worship  
Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday Morning Blended Worship  
7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45

Sunday Morning Lake Deaton Worship  
10:30 a.m. (Eisenhower Rec Center)

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A Place to Call Home



*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

# Winter Discipleship

**New Covenant is pleased to offer the following Winter 2015 Discipleship Classes!**

- **Alpha:** Explore the fundamentals of Christianity. Alpha is for everyone — Christians who want to brush up on the basics, newcomers to the church, new Christians, and those investigating Christianity. Alpha will meet weekly for 15 weeks, beginning in February, and has no advanced preparation. More information will be available soon.
- **Beth Moore:** It is time to get ready for another extraordinary adventure with noted author, lecturer, and Bible Study teacher Beth Moore. In *“Sacred Secrets,”* you will learn that Jesus wants to spend secret time with you — an interior relationship that's unique to just you and God. *Sacred Secrets* explores the theology of secrets. Mondays: February 9 through March 23 from 10-11:45 a.m., OR Tuesdays: February 10 through March 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Liz Parrott at 207-5574 or Susan House at 350-0689. Also, please call Liz if you are willing to facilitate a small group.
- **Community Bible Study (CBS):** An interdenominational, four-part method Bible study whose mission is “to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study,” which is available to all. Women's classes are every Monday from 3-5 p.m. from January 5 through April 27. For more information, please contact Sue Wyman at 430-2201. Men's classes are every Monday from 7-9 p.m. from January 5 through May 4. For more information, please contact John Duroe at 753-6111.
- **Covenant Bible Study:** An in-depth, small group, 24-week Bible study that covers the entire Bible moving between the Old and New Testaments, discussing the interconnectedness of scripture as a whole. Three, eight-episode segments explore a different aspect of Covenant life: Segment 1 — *“Creating the Covenant”* (Tuesdays, February 3-March 24 from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.); Segment 2 — *“Living the Covenant”* (Wednesdays, February 4-March 25 from 3-4:30 p.m.); Segment 3 — *“Trusting the Covenant”* (Tuesdays, February 3-March 24 from 9:30-11 a.m.). For more information, contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at 750-4529.
- **Disciple Bible Study:** A program of disciplined and in-depth Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. The winter/spring shortened Disciple classes will be an *“Invitation to John”* and an *“Invitation to The New Testament.”* To sign up for a Disciple Bible Study class, please call George de Jager at 430-2738.
- **Word on Wednesday:** Please join us January 14 at 4:45 p.m. for a delicious dinner, fellowship, and special presentation. Join us again on February 25, when we begin our spring WOW dinners and discipleship.



# On the Road with GOD and New Covenant



## 2015 Holy Land Trip with Pastor Harold & Don Piper

May 25–June 3, 2015

If you are interested in knowing more about the trip, please pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

- Pastor Harold will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 13 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel



## 2015 Wesley Heritage Tour

July 21–29, 2015

Be revived as you travel the footsteps of John Wesley and the early Methodists. Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

- Pastor Jim will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel



## Bus Trip to Boston, Salem, and the North Shore

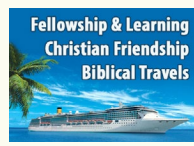
Plans are under way for a new church bus trip to Boston and the surrounding area from September 22–30, 2015. The cost is \$685 per person double occupancy. For more details or to sign up, please contact Dale and Virginia Newland at 751-4283 or [dnewland101@comcast.net](mailto:dnewland101@comcast.net).

## “Beth Moore Living Proof Live Event” Bus Trip

Friday, June 12 and Saturday, 13 at the Tampa Sun Dome

- Event Fee: \$59 before February 12, \$69 after February 12
- Bus/Hotel: \$100
- Food: \$45 — includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch (menu on registration form). Seating limited.

Register for the trip at the kiosk in the Narthex between Worship Services the weekends of February 7/8 and February 13/14. For more information, please contact Susan House at 350-0689 or [housemamasue@hotmail.com](mailto:housemamasue@hotmail.com)



## Caribbean Cruise

Plans are under way for a church cruise to the Caribbean. For more information, please contact Dale and Virginia Newland at 751-4283 or [dnewland101@comcast.net](mailto:dnewland101@comcast.net).

## Look What's Coming!

Children & Family and Worship Ministries will coordinate a brand-new worship opportunity for children. This Worship Service will be offered on Sunday mornings at 10:45 in the Worship Center. The format will be very similar to our summer Vacation Bible School. That means we will need a lot of volunteers. If you are interested in helping with this service, please call Kristyne Young at 750-4529.



## January Women's Event

“A New Day + A New Way = A New View and a New You”

On Thursday, January 15, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m., we will have a personally refreshing program, music, and fellowship activities with lunch to follow. All women are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Please RSVP to Risë Segur at 350-6370 or [rsegur@gmail.com](mailto:rsegur@gmail.com) (indicate if gluten-free is preferred) no later than Monday, January 12, whether you prefer lunch or no lunch.



## Cindy Johnson in Concert

January 11, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center

Cindy Johnson, a gifted vocalist and song writer, is coming to New Covenant for an inspirational Christian musical program. Cindy has a very powerful testimony that she has woven into many of her songs that she has written.

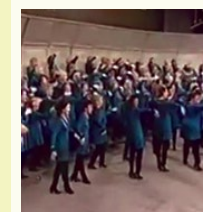
Her music pulls at your heartstrings and speaks the truth of what God can do through the highs and lows of life. No tickets are necessary, however, there will be a free-will love offering to support Cindy's ministry.



## The Villages Woodwinds Ensemble

January 25, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Worship Center

Mark your calendars for another wonderful concert coming to New Covenant. Tickets are \$12 and will be available at the church in January. Proceeds will benefit our Worship Ministry.



## “Toast of Tampa” Coming to New Covenant

Sunday, February 8 at 6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center

The Toast of Tampa Show Chorus will perform at New Covenant. They are a dynamic group of a capella singers reaching new heights in musical artistry — where musical excellence, fun, and inspiration ignite voices in harmony! Proceeds will benefit our Men's Ministry.

Tickets are available only through The Villages Box Offices.



## TWO New Member Classes Begin Next Spring

**Mondays, February 2–March 2**

- Social Time, 6–6:30 p.m. / Class Time, 6:30–7:45 p.m.

**Tuesdays, February 3–March 3**

- Social Time, 9:30–10 a.m. / Class Time, 10–11:45 a.m.

**Mondays  
or  
Tuesdays**



## New GriefShare Series Begins

Monday, January 5 from 10–11:30 a.m. in the Chapel

GriefShare is a 14-week, Christian-based support group for men and women who are dealing with the loss of a loved one through death. A newly revised edition of GriefShare videos will be shown, followed by small group discussion guided by men and women facilitators.

A newly-revised workbook coordinates with the videos. The program is \$15, although scholarships are available. To register or for more information, please call the Care office at 750-4529.

## Prime Time Hosts “Bargains & Blessings”

Thursday, January 8 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Worship Center

Our Prime Timers will enjoy music with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, a devotion by Associate Director of Care Ellen Pollock, chair exercises, and fellowship activities, plus a special presentation by “Bargains & Blessings” Resale Shop in Wildwood.

A luncheon of meatloaf, salad, and cobbler will follow for \$5, payable at the door. Prime Time is open to the community — invite a friend to join you. Volunteers are available to assist. RSVP to 750-4529 by Monday, January 5, and indicate if transportation is needed.



## Winter Health Education Series

Monday evenings from January 5 – February 16 (except January 19)

Congregational Health Ministry is presenting 12 opportunities to increase your knowledge of living well and finishing well.

**January 5**

- 5 p.m. — *Continuum of Health Care as We Age*
- 6:15 p.m. — *The Maze of Medicare*

**January 12**

- 5 p.m. — *Diet, Nutrition & You*
- 6:15 p.m. — *Wills & Trusts/Planned Giving*

**January 26**

- 5 p.m. — *Physical Activity for Living Strong at Every Age*
- 6:15 p.m. — *Hospice Care*

**February 2**

- 5 p.m. — *Intro to Chinese Medicine & the Healing Process*
- 6:15 p.m. — *Five Wishes/Good Grief*

**Congregational  
Health Education  
Series in the  
Chapel.**

**There are  
no fees and  
preregistration  
is not necessary.**

**Come to one or  
come to both!**



## Children's Grief Support Group

The Rainbows Support Group for children Pre-K through twelfth grade will be held Thursdays from January 8 through March 26. Rainbows is an international, not-for-profit organization, founded to help children and teens cope with loss through death, separation or divorce.

**For more information or to register a child:**

- Please contact Coordinator Pat Phillips at (352) 750-2091 or Co-Coordinator Laura Pearson at (703) 994-0789