

**Did you know...**  
**Pastor Jim biked 49 miles on his first day riding beside the wheat fields of Kansas?**

*"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."*

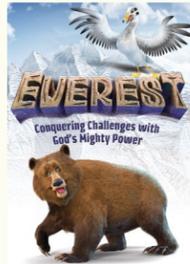


**Give a Warm "New Covenant Welcome"**



New Covenant welcomes our new Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries, Jessica Istre (pronounced East). Jessica joins us from the Sumter County School system, where she has taught elementary and high school for the past nine years.

Jessica, along with her beautiful family, live in Bushnell and have been attending Worship Services at New Covenant. She has a heart for children and is excited to jump right in during all our summer programs. Please welcome Jessica, her husband Israel, and their children Mollie and Gideon.



**Vacation Bible School — Everest**

**July 13-17 from 9 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

Everest is for potty-trained, three- and four-year-olds, elementary-aged children, and incoming sixth to eighth graders. High school students may volunteer to help, but must understand they will not be placed with other high school students. There is a registration fee of \$15 per child, and we have a family maximum of \$50. Scholarships are available by calling the church office.

**New This Year! — Full-Day VBS Camp (Limited Space)**

For the first time, this year we are offering full-day VBS camp from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for only \$35 for the whole week (plus the regular \$15 VSB fee, for a total of \$50). The only thing your child needs to bring is a packed lunch. Registration is limited to 30 children.

**We need six more elementary crew leaders for VBS. Please contact Kristyne Young at 750-4529 if you can help.**

Visit the kiosk this weekend and next weekend to donate an item to VBS. You can "pick a snowball" off our poster and bring back the item listed on the snowball. This is a great way to participate in our VBS program. All items need to be returned to the front office or preschool drop off table by Monday, July 6.



**Registration for Performing Arts Camp**

**Monday through Friday, July 20–24**

- For all elementary-aged children, \$30/half-day
- For all middle/high children, \$45/full-day

You may register on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) or in the administration office at the church.

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
June 14	Psalms 1-8	2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalms 136	Sunday: No Reading	John 7
June 15	Psalms 9-16	Psalms 134/146-150	John 15:26–16:33	John 8
June 16	Psalms 17-20	1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8	John 17	John 9
June 17	Psalms 21-25	Proverbs 25-26	John 18:1–23	John 10
June 18	Psalms 26-31	Proverbs 27-29	John 18:24–19:16	John 11
June 19	Psalms 32-35	Ecclesiastes 1-6	John 19:17–37	John 12
June 20	Psalms 36-39	Ecclesiastes 7-12	John 19:38–20:31	John 13
June 21	Psalms 40-45	1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9	Sunday: No Reading	John 14

*"... whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2–4)*

*Lord,* each day can test our faith. With each trial you teach us that the situation can build endurance. Give us strength and the stamina to persevere and our faith continues to remain strong. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Saturday Christian Education Classes**

3:45 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
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Indispensable Relationships You Can't Be Without	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Witnesses at the Cross	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Romans	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	One In the Bond of Love	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	The General Board of Church and Society	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Romans	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Witnesses at the Cross	Classroom 11

**New Covenant United Methodist Church**

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)

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 A Place to Call Home

**Worship attendance for last week: 1,697**  
 (Celebrate Recovery) 61 • (Youth) 17 • (Orchard Worship) 21  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 179 • (Sunday) 7:45–209 • 9:15–541 • 10:45–492  
 (Lake Deaton) 9:30–177



*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*

**What Is Love INC?**  
*(Love In the Name of Christ)*

**L**ove INC is a network of 37 local churches, church volunteers, and community organizations working together to help people in need. Individuals are mobilized to work together across denominational lines to provide coordinated help to meet not only physical needs such as food, clothing, furniture, and appliances, but also to help clients help themselves through budget counseling, job searches, and life-skills mentoring. When people make an effort to show Christ's love to their neighbors, the entire community will reap the rewards. Love INC staff and volunteers work diligently to identify legitimate needs and mobilize churches and services in the tri-county area to serve.

In 2014 Love INC ministries provided over:

- 823 people with food
- 480 people with clothing
- 58 people with job assistance
- 312 pieces of furniture/appliances
- 78 medical equipment
- 35 birthday boxes
- 152 gas vouchers



**"Good deeds directed toward our brethren produce thanksgiving to God."**  
**(2 Corinthians 9:11)**

Overall 3,859 initial needs were met in 2014. Each day, clients are met and guided in the hope they can break the cycle of poverty and pull themselves up using Love INC resources as the ladder.

If you would like to be part of this process, there are many ways you can participate. Being the first helpful voice a person hears on the phone (Clearinghouse), or part of a team who helps meet a need, is a very rewarding position. There are also many ways behind the scenes to become involved. You are encouraged to join the many dedicated volunteers seeking to improve lives and give hope through Jesus Christ. To volunteer just a few hours of your time, please call Carolyn Meltzner, Volunteer Coordinator, at 245-8774 or 245-4740, or visit the Love INC kiosk in the Narthex today.

**Examples of Love INC Ministries...**

- Angel's Touch Ministry** provides clothing and household items
- Centsible Furnishings** is a large upscale resale store and primary fund raiser
- Christmas Blessings** provides Christmas gifts to underprivileged children in our area
- Gas Can Gap Ministry** provides gas vouchers
- Hands of Hope** provides food and clothing to the Summerfield/Oxford/Belleview areas
- House of Esther Shopping Pantry** is a source for food and paper goods
- Loving Loud Baby Ministry** provides diapers and wipes to the Summerfield area
- Medical Equipment Gap Ministry** loans out all kinds of medical equipment
- Personal Care Ministry** offers basic hygiene products

**Our Purpose: To come to know the love of Christ and to make His love known to others for the transformation of the world**

# Outreach Ministry

**Bargains & Blessings Needs More Volunteers**  
Our Resale Shop is in need of more volunteers in the store mostly on Thursday and Friday afternoons. We also need help in the warehouse, and intake Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

If you have a CDL, we need drivers for the delivery truck (especially on Wednesday).

**Wildwood Mentor Program**  
*Is there anything better than to mentor a child?*  
Our current Mentors will be “moving up” with their Mentees, but because of how well-received the program has been, we have more students asking for Mentors. We are looking for adults who have a heart for teenagers and a sincere desire to provide love, patience, guidance, and support over a five-year period as your Mentee journeys from eighth grade through graduation.

Our Program focuses on three foundational areas: physical, spiritual, and academic/career needs. A training session will be held in August and the Mentor Program will kick off in September. If God is leading you to this, please contact Anne Foote Collins, Director of Church Administration, at [afootecollins@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:afootecollins@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529 for an application. Applications are due on Friday, July 10.

**Lions Club International “Recycle for Sight”**  
Make a positive difference. Donate your usable eyeglasses and help someone see better. New Covenant now has a donation box in the Resource Room to place your old glasses.

# TidBits

**A Message from Your Pastors**  
Are you receiving the weekly email from the pastors outlining their sermon message? If you are not, please CLEARLY print your name and email address on the attendance pads as they are passed out during Worship Services.

**Lost & Found**  
Are you missing something? Please check our Lost & Found as there are several items that have been left behind. Some of these include: eyeglasses, umbrellas, suit coat, men’s jackets, hats, pipe, earrings, and a contact lens case.

Lost & Found is located in the Resource Room (in the hallway between the old Narthex and the Chapel). There is also a box at the Welcome Center with some of the smaller items.

**Our Altar Flowers have been provided by...**  
Marcella Johnson in memory of husband Richard and sister Marion; and Ron Webb in celebration of Joanne Webb’s birthday.

# The Word of God is alive and active! Discipleship

Hebrews 4:12

**Sign Up for a Summer Discipleship Class**  
We are offering several classes to you this summer: *Invitation*, *Network*, and *Catch*. Below is a list of these classes and dates.  
Please sign-up at the kiosk in the Narthex this weekend.

For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak-Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org)

Class Title	Weekday	Dates	Time	Location	Cost
Invitation	Wednesdays	June 17 – August 26	6–7:15 p.m.	Classroom 6/7	\$17 per book
Network	Tuesdays	June 23 – July 14	9:30 –11 a.m.	Conference Room	\$10 participant guide per person
	Wednesdays	June 24 – July 15	6–7:30 p.m.	Classroom 11	\$10 participant guide per person
	Thursdays	June 25 – July 16	1–3:30 p.m.	Classroom 11	\$10 participant guide per person
Catch	Tuesdays	July 21 – August 25	9:30–11 a.m.	Conference Room	\$10 participant guide
	Wednesdays	July 22 – August 26	6–7:30 p.m.	Classroom 11	\$10 participant guide
	Thursdays	July 23 – August 27	1–3:30 p.m.	Classroom 11	\$10 participant guide

**SALT Quarterly Review & Ice Cream Social**  
*Wednesday, June 24 (doors open at 4:45, program begins at 5:45 p.m.)*  
SALT (Strategic Action Leadership Team) presents the most current news about our church’s vision, goals, and happenings. Along with fellowship and good food, hear how our church leadership is making our purpose “to come to know the love of Christ and to make His love known to others for the transformation of the world” a reality.

- **Menu:** Minestrone Milanese, Tossed Italian Greens w/Red Wine Vinaigrette, Italian Beef Braciolo (Beef Rolls braised in Tomato Sauce), Penne Pasta, Zucchini Sticks in Herb Butter, Warm Bread Sticks, and Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- **Reservations are required:** Please enter “SALT” and the number attending in the last column of the attendance pad, or call the church office by noon on Monday, June 22. 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.

The regular WOW Dinners are taking a break through the summer and will return on Wednesday, September 16.

**Let’s Get Connected!**  
Feeling disconnected? Want to be involved? Want to know more about our ministries? Please visit the 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.

**In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshipers, please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.**

# Pastoral Care

**Beyond the Broken Heart: A Journey through Grief**  
*Monday, June 15 at 10 a.m. in Classroom 2*  
Care Ministries has noticed a tremendous need for grief support during the gaps between GriefShare sessions, so we are offering *Beyond the Broken Heart*. This eight-week study will provide an opportunity to keep connected with others while you heal and process the stages of grief.

Facilitators are Paula Pendleton and Ellen Pollock. Preregistration is not required, but will help us with materials. Workbooks are \$10 (suggested). For more information, please contact Ellen Pollock at 750-4529 or [epollock@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:epollock@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**Precious Pillows Needs Willing Hands**  
*Tuesday, June 16 at 12:45 p.m. in Classroom 14*  
Your willing hands are needed to help cut, stuff, and/or sew as we make pillowcases for needy children in our tri-county area — including the children in the Ocala Forest.

For more information, please call Pat McLaughlin at (386) 688-7873.

**Hospital Visitation**  
If you or a loved one enters the hospital, please inform the Care office at 750-4529. The ministers visit often and offer their support with prayer and encouragement to patient and family — a little bit of their medicine can be just what the doctor ordered.

**Care Ministry Needs People to Deliver Flowers**  
Did you know that flowers not requested for pick-up are shared with the homebound and those in medical and long-term facilities? We are always in need of volunteers to deliver these beautiful arrangements to our shut-ins. If you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time, please call the Care office at 750-4529.

**The Gift of Prayer**  
The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Mia Morgan who has a back injury; Earl Winderweedle who is undergoing Hospice treatment; Garry and Gerry Greim, both of whom have cancer; and Phyllis Massuch who had a lung transplant. 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.

**Keep Them in Your Prayers**  
Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Maggie Zarycki and family on the loss of her husband Bill Zarycki; Patti Hindla and family on the loss of her dad Jack Lantz; and Vi & Richard Stephenson on the loss of their niece Lori Nakamoto.

This Week’s Prayer Concerns				
Tom Bender	Bill Curtis	Angela & Robert Ennis	Jo Gagne	Vicki Gangwer
Bob Gregoire	Gretchen	Yvonne Hutchinson	Donna Jacomet	Kaitlyn & baby boy
Phyllis Massuch	Jeff McCracken	Shawn McLoughlin	Rev. Joe Moseley	Johnny Parsons
Bill Phillips	Lenny Ross	Alexandria Webb	Patti Wilcox	Earl & Libby Winderweedle