

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.”



Yoga at the Summerhill Campus

Join us Mondays for Yoga in the Summerhill Christian Life Center. Bring your mat and plenty of water. A \$3 donation for Children’s Ministry is appreciated.

There will be no yoga class on August 1 and August 8 as our teacher will be taking a “Sabbath rest.”

- 4–5 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga/ West Coast Pilates
- 5–5:15 p.m. — Healthy Eating Talk
- 5:15-5:45 p.m. — Beginners Yoga

For more information, please email Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



Volunteers Needed on Sundays

Hospitality Ministry at the 7:45 Worship Service: Volunteers are needed for Greeters, First-time Visitors Kiosk, Welcome Desk, and the Name Tags Kiosk. For more information, please contact Linda Fabing at fabinric@aol.com or (352) 446-8371.

Coffee/Cookies Ministry: Volunteers are needed for both Sunday morning shifts. For more information, please contact Howard Bond at hdbond77@gmail.com or 753-0356.

Sermon Series: “Olympic Faith ... Faster, Higher Stronger”

Over the next few weeks, elite athletes from all over world will be gathering in Rio to participate in the Olympic Games. The Olympics have a motto, which is: “Faster, Higher, Stronger.” In other words, Olympic athletes are committed to this constant quest to grow and get better. Notice the motto doesn’t say anything about winning. Very few athletes win a medal. More strive to be the best they can be. Similar to our Christian faith journey, we too are to be on this quest of growth and excellence. We are to be striving to be the best Christians God has created us to be. The focus isn’t on winning, but ultimately on running a quality race called life.

As we conclude this summer, we look at some powerful metaphors found in the Bible that draw from “The Games.” Here are the upcoming messages that we will be following. Our hope is that we all can learn, grow, and mature in our “Olympic-size Faith.”

July 30/31

- *Let the Games Begin!*: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 and Philipians 3:13-14

August 6/7

- *Training for the Games*: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

August 13/14

- *The Power of the Team*: Hebrews 10:24-25,12:1 and Galatians 6:2

August 20/21

- *Endurance and Perseverance*: James 1:2-4, 13

August 27/28

- *The Thrill of Victory, The Agony of Defeat*: Hebrews 12:1-2

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
July 31	Isaiah 13-17	Isaiah 59-63	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 4
August 1	Isaiah 18-22	Isaiah 64-66	Acts 23:11–35	Mark 5
August 2	Isaiah 23-27	2 Kings 20-21	Acts 24	Mark 6
August 3	Isaiah 28-30	2 Chronicles 32-33	Acts 25	Mark 7
August 4	Isaiah 31-35	Nahum 1-3	Acts 26:1–18	Mark 8
August 5	Isaiah 36-41	2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35	Acts 26:19–27:8	Mark 9
August 6	Isaiah 42-44	Zephaniah	Acts 27:9–38	Mark 10
August 7	Isaiah 45-48	Jeremiah 1-3	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 11

“Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.” (1 Corinthians 9:24)

Lord, as we continue to run the race of life, let us keep in step and pace with you so that we don’t lag behind or run ahead. With each step, let us know that we are “straining forward to what lies ahead — eternity with You!” 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
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Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	1 Peter: Living God’s Way	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Genesis and The Ancient Myths	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Armor of God	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	1 Peter: Living God’s Way	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Romans: Man’s Wrongs to God’s Righteousness	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Grace	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	1 Peter: Living God’s Way	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Armor of God	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 (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.

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 A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last week: 1,833
 (Celebrate Recovery) 119 • (Youth) 15 • (Orchard Worship) 20
 (Saturday Contemporary) 229 • (Sunday) 7:45–192 • 9:15–603 • 10:45–413
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30–108 • 10:00–134



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. Kristyne Young, Pastor of Congregational Life
- Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

Gospel Jubilee
 In August, we will celebrate gospel music at New Covenant Summerhill Campus with special guests in worship, concerts, and fun events. Since the early 1900s, the heritage of the American churches has included the gospel hymns, spirituals, and convention songs. Great pioneers, such as James D. Vaughan, the Stamps Baxter Music Company, and Thomas Dorsey, helped to shape a singing culture of praise and adoration while giving a new voice through the gospel music genre. Join us for this great celebration!

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday, August 7

Our splendid New Covenant Chancel Choir kicks off our Gospel Jubilee.

Saturday and Sunday, August 13/14

Special Guest worship leader Jackie Goodman-Cook shares her traditional black gospel stylings as she leads us in praise and worship!



Saturday and Sunday, August 20/21

Ken Wadley shares his special gift as one of the most talented pianists in gospel music! As former pianist for the Dixie Melody Boys, he later established himself as a great arranger, producer, and recording engineer. Ken has earned a reputation as a world-class solo pianist and vocal accompanist.

Sunday, August 28

Great Day returns to New Covenant to lead us in praise and worship!

Old-Fashioned “Cokesbury Hymn Sing”

Sunday, August 21 at 6 p.m. in the Summerhill Christian Life Center

Join Sean Pollock and Ken Wadley for a fun evening of worship singing the great hymns from the Methodist Cokesbury hymnal. Pick out your favorite hymn and we will all sing together! Everyone is invited to an ice cream social in the Worship Center following the concert. Donations will be accepted.

Great Day In Concert

Sunday, August 28 at 6 p.m. in the Summerhill Christian Life Center



Great Day is The Ferguson Family from Mount Dora. Great Day is a family ministry made up of husband and wife Bill & Brenda Ferguson and daughters Lisa Ann, Sara Lynn, and son Steven. It provides a wide range of music, from old quartet standards, to fresh new arrangements from some of gospel music’s most prolific writers.

The concert is free and open to the public. A love offering will be accepted.

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

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

Bible Studies Ministries

Our Disciple Bible Ministry Needs Your Help!
Tuesday, August, 2 from 9–11:30 a.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14

If you have ever led a Disciple Bible Study (Disciple 1-4 or a short-term class) or would like to lead one, we need your help. With the growth of New Covenant, the need to provide more opportunities for our members to continue their faith journey is important.

We will hold a planning meeting for those who wish to help in this important ministry. For more information on Disciple Bible Studies or this meeting, please contact George de Jager at (352) 430-2738 or georgedejager@comcast.net.

Community Bible Study (CBS) Open House
Monday, August 29 from 1–3 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 3

Women's CBS will hold an Open House where you can meet some of the leaders, review course material and literature, and ask questions — as well as register for the 2016-17 class.

This CBS class is open to all women who are interested in learning more about the Bible and experience the joy of fellowship regardless of their age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, education, church membership, or level of Bible knowledge. Our 2016-17 class will feature a 30-week course titled, *The Red Sea to the Jordan River*. Classes begin on Monday, September 12, and meets each Monday from 3–5 p.m. at the Summerhill Campus.

The Next New Member Class

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

September New Member Classes:

- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, Sept. 18 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, Sept. 19 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.

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 connected — to a caring community, to service, or to membership.

Small Groups - Small Groups - Small Groups

If you are interested in becoming part of a small group or would like to start a small group, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

New Covenant UMC Events Calendar
Reminder! All the events, meetings, and classes can be found on our website. Just log onto www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and click on the calendar icon. You will also find a list of upcoming Memorial Services.

Outreach Ministry

Bargains & Blessings
Helping Hands Ministry Needs Volunteers
Ryan's "Movers & Shakers"

We need a couple "guys" in the store each day to be available to load, unload, and arrange furniture. We also need help for customers and sales ladies with heavy purchases and donations.

Ryan is strong and willing to do anything, but needs to be available to manage the store. Can you help by volunteering just one shift per week to help with this important function? For more information, please call Ryan Armstrong at (786) 400-0741.

Drivers and Donations Volunteers

Bob Collison is doing a great job scheduling volunteers for picking up donations on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, but he still needs more volunteers. If you can give up one morning or more each month to help, please call Bob at (302) 242-5013.

The Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the Summerhill parking lot to accept your donations next weekend. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.

Sozo Kids Club
Tuesday, August 2 at 1 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Sozo Kids will begin holding their quarterly meetings at New Covenant. The purpose of the club is to provide information and help for the needs of the children in the Ocala National Forest. Please join us and help make a difference in the life of a child in need.

Wildwood Middle High School Mentors Still Needed

We are in need of five additional Mentors for this upcoming school year. We are looking for adults with a heart for teenagers and a desire to provide love, patience, guidance, and support over a five-year period as your Mentee journeys from eighth grade through graduation.

A training session will be held in August. If you are being called to serve in the wonderful ministry, please contact Anne Foote Hill at afotehill@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529 for an application.

Operation Christmas Shoe Box

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

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a ministry designed to help regular folks like you and me who are on a journey toward wholeness. CR is for anyone seeking recovery and celebrating God's healing from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. We currently have two meetings in two locations to fit your schedule. We offer childcare at both sites.

- **Wildwood United Methodist Church: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**
- **New Covenant United Methodist Church: Fridays at 5:45 p.m.**

For more information, please contact Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Congregational Care Ministries

Word of the Day
hope (verb)
to look forward to with desire and reasonable confidence.

Hope for Hurting Parents
Thursday, August 11 at 2 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14

This group is for parents (and grandparents) of children who struggle with addiction, incarceration, mental health challenges, and other life-altering events. There is no shame in asking for help and support.

We will not meet on Mondays during the summer. Please join our Thursday meeting.

PrimeTime
Thursday, August 11 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

We will enjoy music, a devotion, inspirational ideas, and a special program about the history of floral decorations, with a talented demonstration from our centerpiece committee. Our guest speaker will be Juanita Waters. Please invite your friends to join us.

Program is followed by lunch for \$5 payable at the door. To make a reservation, call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, August 8 and indicate if you need transportation.

Stephen Ministry Is Here for You

If you are in a crisis and could use some help from a trained, caring Christian friend, please consider requesting a Stephen Minister.

You may call the Care office at 750-4529 to receive more information on this ministry and to receive this support. A Stephen Minister will walk with you through a crisis, listening and praying for you all the way.

Helen's Helpers

We need more volunteers in our respite care ministry to aid in this important ministry that helps primary caregivers receive a short break by staying with their loved ones. This ministry is not a substitute for professional, in-home care, but is designed to assist in giving a 1-3 hour break for the caregiver. We will provide training to prepare you.

We are also looking for caregivers who would like to utilize a Helen's Helper. Please call the Care office at 750-4529 to learn about becoming or receiving a Helen's Helper.

Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to assist with delivering a bouquet of cheer to those who are sick, homebound, or discouraged. For more information, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.

The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Sarah Staggs who has Stage-3 Breast Cancer, and three-year-old Von Schmiedeknecht who lost two fingers in a car accident. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, and healing.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Duane Beacher, Brianna, Elaine Buckley, Ann & Preston Bynum, Carla & Charles Brown, Randy & Holly Cowles, Nina Croziers, Joyce Groat, Holly Hallett, Jim Holbrook, Phil Lantz, Kelly Lawrimore, Jovencio Mangahas, Burnies Manus, Linda Meehan, Morgan Northcutt, Jack Peters, Joe Peterson, Debbie Sanders, Kay Shaheen, Harley Ward