

**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.”*



**Altar Flowers**

Today's flowers are provided by: Beverly Miller in celebration of Jerry's birthday, and Kathy Wolf in loving memory of Sue West.



**Rainbows: Guiding Kids Through Life's Storms**

We need more volunteers this year who have LOVE for children and want to help them through these crises. The program meets Thursday nights, January 6 to April 27, from 6:30– 7:30 p.m. Facilitators are asked to arrive by 5:45 for a facilitators meeting prior to the children arriving.

All facilitators will be offered training and a background check. You may sign up to be an assistant facilitator for one year with only the background check. Facilitators work as a two-person team with a small group of no more than six children.

For more information, please contact Coordinator Pat Phillips at (352) 750-2091 or [beeladypat@aol.com](mailto:beeladypat@aol.com), or Laura Pearson at (703) 994-0789.



**New Member Classes**

Would you like to know more about New Covenant? Come to a New Member class. After attending any New Member class, you may join the church at any upcoming New Member weekend.

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 Class:**

- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, Sept. 19 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

**January New Member Class:**

- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, January 23 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](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.



**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](mailto:jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
September 11	Ezekiel 37-39	Ezekiel 44-45	Sunday: No Reading	John 6
September 12	Ezekiel 40-42	Ezekiel 46-48	1 Corinthians 13:1–14:19	John 7
September 13	Ezekiel 43-45	Joel	1 Corinthians 14:20–40	John 8
September 14	Ezekiel 46-48	Daniel 1-3	1 Corinthians 15:1–28	John 9
September 15	Daniel 1-3	Daniel 4-6	1 Corinthians 15:29–49	John 10
September 16	Daniel 4-6	Daniel 7-9	1 Corinthians 15:50–16:24	John 11
September 17	Daniel 7-9	Daniel 10-12	2 Corinthians 1:1–14	John 12
September 18	Daniel 10-12	Ezra 1-3	Sunday: No Reading	John 13

*“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.” (Luke 15:7)*

*Lord,* you are our good Shepherd that laid down your life for us. Forgive us when we have strayed from your path of righteousness. Thank you for your relentless search for us and finding us. We are lost without 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	Is All Worship Acceptable?	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	The Rio Olympics	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: 2,240**

(BEACH) 74 • (Roots) 20 • (Orchard Worship) 17 • (Teen Twilight) 29  
 (Celebrate Recovery) 57 • (Saturday Contemporary) 221  
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–200 • 9:15–881 • 10:45–455  
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–118 • 10:00–168



*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

**World Renown Gospel Artists**  
**Open the 2016-2017 Concert Series**

Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.



**Steve Green in Concert** — with special appearances by the New Covenant Chancel Choir directed by Sean Pollock and the PeAr Kids under the direction of Brianna Jimenez.

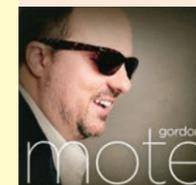
A blended musical artist in the genre of Sandi Patty, this concert will be a worshipful evening filled with music and praise. Enjoy favorites such as *People Need the Lord*, *Find Us Faithful*, and *Broken*.

The son of missionary parents, Steve was raised in South America and is celebrating 31 years in the Christian music industry. His life has been a grace-filled journey, and he says, “I realize that God's grip on me far surpasses my ability to hold on to him.”

His early career included two years with the group TRUTH, followed by five years with the Gaithers. Throughout his years of ministry, Steve's music has been honored with four Grammy nominations, 18 number one songs, and seven Dove Awards (Christian music's highest honor). With 35 recordings to his credit, including children's projects and Spanish-language albums, Green has sold over three million albums worldwide.

Tickets for this event are available at the Ticket Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex between Worship Services, or on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the night of the concert, if available.

Sunday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m.



**Gordon Mote in Concert** — A Gaither Homecoming Series pianist blind since birth, Mote's faith provides the foundation for his life and constantly fuels his creative spirit. By any definition, Gordon is one of today's most respected talents — in part because of his musical and spiritual heritage. Mote has toured with Lee Greenwood, Trisha Yearwood, Tanya Tucker, Porter Wagoner, the Gaither Vocal Band, and the long-running Gaither Homecoming Tour. In addition, he has played for country music's biggest names, including Brad Paisley, Blake Shelton, Martina McBride, Rascal Flatts, and Darius Rucker. His unmatched studio prowess has earned him two Academy of Country Music Awards for top piano/keyboard player, as well as two *Music Row Magazine* Instrumentalist of the Year Awards (2009, 2011) for playing on the most top ten albums.

Tickets will be available beginning Thursday, October 6 on our website, or at the Ticket Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex between Worship Services. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on the night of the concert, if available.

**Ticket Prices:**  
 Artist Circle • \$25 cash or \$27.74 credit card  
 General Admission • \$20 cash or \$21.99 credit card  
 Group Sales • \$15 cash or \$16.74 credit card  
 (Group Sales require a 10 ticket minimum purchase)

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

# Mark Your Calendar

## concerts

## EVENTS



### Women's Ministry Event

**Thursday, September 15 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**  
Join us for our first event for the 2016/2017 season, "Back in the Classroom with our Master Teacher." Bring something to show and tell relating to you, your family, a vacation, etc. Bring a smile and a friend! As always, a lunch will follow. If you have a food concern, please let Risé know.

Our menu will be: a turkey wrap with avocado and bacon, Sun Chips, pickle, Rice Krispy Treat, and beverage (coffee / ice tea / lemonade).

Tickets are available on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and at the Ticket Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex between Worship Services this weekend and next. Ticket sales conclude on Monday, September 12 at noon.

- Tickets are: \$5 (cash or check) or \$6.24 (credit card)



### Solo Flight Singles Ministry September Meeting

**Friday, September 16 at 4:30 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel**  
Please join us for an evening of fellowship. We invite all singles to join us for monthly meetings on the third Friday of the month.



### Leadership Academy Tier I

**Tuesday, September 20 from 9:30–11 a.m. — Summerhill Chapel**  
Do you want to become more involved serving in the church, but don't know where to start? Leadership Academy will present a Tier I Open Session.

Anyone who is in a leadership position or interested in joining a team is urged to attend. The meeting will include information on the process of selecting New Covenant Leaders and the roles within our committees/teams.

For those who have already completed Tier I, Tier II will be held on Tuesday, October 25 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. For more information and/or to confirm your participation, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.



### Bishop's Town Hall Meeting

**Tuesday, September 20 at 6 p.m. — Trinity UMC in Gainesville**  
Bishop Carter will hold a "Town Hall" meeting at Trinity UMC to speak about the future of the United Methodist Church as our denomination faces making some challenging decisions. He will call us to unity, answer questions and highlight some important future initiatives that address our Florida Conference churches partnering with schools.

If you are interested in what is happening in our Florida Annual Conference and our denomination you are welcome to attend. The evening gathering concludes with light appetizers. To register, please go to <https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/townhall>.

### Thank You for Your Support

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## Bible Studies

## Small Groups

Hebrews 4:12



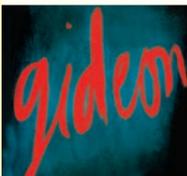
### Disciple Bible Studies — Summerhill Campus

Disciple Bible Study is a series of comprehensive classes designed to help you grow in your faith journey. This fall, four classes are being offered, including Disciple IV (for the first time in several years).

#### The classes being offered are:

- Invitation to Psalms (10 weeks) — Begins Thursday, September 15 at 10 a.m.
- Disciple I (24 weeks) — Begins Thursday, September 15 at 2 p.m.
- Disciple IV (24 weeks) — Begins Tuesday, September 20 at 1 p.m.
- Invitation to The New Testament (9 weeks) — Begins Thursday, September 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Sign up between Worship Services at the kiosk in the Narthex. For more information, please contact George de Jager at (353) 430-2738 or [georgedejager@comcast.net](mailto:georgedejager@comcast.net).



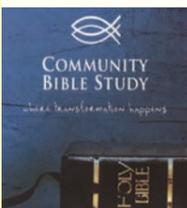
### Women's Bible Study — Summerhill Campus

This seven-week study will encourage you to recognize your weakness in life. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as the gifts given specifically and strategically by God. Materials for the program are \$13.

#### Two Class Options:

- DAYTIME: Tuesdays from 1:30–3:30 p.m.
- EVENING: Tuesdays from 6–8 p.m.

To register, please visit the kiosk in the Narthex between Worship Services. If you have any questions, please contact Shelia Clinton at [skclin@centurylink.net](mailto:skclin@centurylink.net) or (352) 399-5088.



### Community Bible Study — Summerhill Campus

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 meet each Monday from 3–5 p.m. at the Summerhill Campus. CBS is open to all women who are interested in learning more about the Bible and experience the joy of fellowship.



### Connectional Ministry — Summerhill Campus

**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.

#### Check Out Our New Location!

We are now located next to the large double doors in the Summerhill East Narthex (by the cookies!)



### Small Groups — Summerhill Campus

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](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

# Congregational Care Ministries



### Grief Share

**Monday, September 12 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel**  
If you think that learning to live through grief, and receiving support from others who understand, would be of help, please plan to attend our fall session. There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials.

To register, please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.



### Hope for Hurting Parents

**Thursdays, September 15 & 29 at 2 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14**  
If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

We cannot solve the problems of your loved one, but we can assist you in how you respond to them. We are here to provide support for you, the parent or grandparent. For more information, please call the Care office at 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members,



### Prayer Service for Peace

**Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. — Summerhill Campus**  
Led by clergy from each religious tradition, people of faith from Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Baha'i communities will join their voices in prayer for peace and reconciliation in our troubled world. All are welcome. Please call David O'Brian at (352) 753-0989 with any questions.



### 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 Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529 to receive more information on this ministry and/or to receive this support. A Stephen Minister will walk with you through a crisis, listening and praying for you all the way.



### The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Terri Ward who is having hip surgery. 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...

Family and friends of Francis P. McGrath on his passing, and to Paul Bigley, family and friends on the passing of his brother-in-law Russ Deal.

#### This Week's Prayer Concerns

Sylvia Alwang, Lynn Austin, Marianne Barrett, Susan Szucs Bell, Joy Campbell, Pastor Bill Donohue, Mary Lou Foster, Holly Hallett, Teresa Kelly, Joan Miller Family, Reese Family, Thelma Turek & Eleanor James, Bob Wilkerson, Ken Williams, Char Williamson