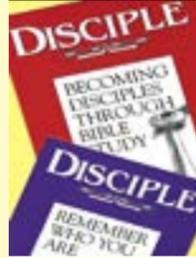


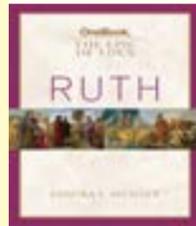
DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES



DISCIPLE I & DISCIPLE III Bible Studies

- DISCIPLE I: Tuesdays, September 18–March 26 from 1:30–3 p.m.
- DISCIPLE III: Wednesdays, September 19–March 27 from 2:30–4 p.m.

If you wish to participate in an upcoming Disciple Bible Study, information about the studies is available this weekend between Worship Services at a kiosk in the East Narthex. You may also complete your online registration at the kiosk.



Women's Bible Study

Epic of Eden: Ruth

- Daytime: Tuesdays, September 25–October 30 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Evening: Tuesdays, September 25–October 30 from 6–8 p.m.

If you wish to participate in the upcoming Womens' Bible Study, registration on our website begins Friday, September 7.



Look, Learn, Lead Guides & Small Group Study Questions

If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide, or "Small Group Study Questions" for those want to delve deeper into Pastor Harold's sermon series, they are available at the Welcome Center, a kiosk, and a table in the East Narthex.

All "LLL" study guide are also available on our website — just click the "Worship" button and select "Sermon Series." Choose whichever series you wish to download.

TidBits



Attendance Pad Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to pull the attendance sheets following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. If this is something you feel led to do, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org for a complete job description and questions.



Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up

Saturday & Sunday, September 1 & 2 — West Parking Lot

The first FULL weekend of each month, the Bargains & Blessings truck is in the church parking lot to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.



Your Weekly Bulletin

Each week we monitor the number of persons attending Worship Services and print bulletins based on those numbers to allow each person attending to keep a copy. Not only does the bulletin have information to assist you in Worship, it also contains information about the various activities and ministries of the church, as well as the upcoming week's calendar of events.

Rather than handing the bulletin to an usher as you depart Worship, please take your bulletin home for reference and to be in prayer for our church and all our activities.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
August 26	Jeremiah 49-50	Lamentations 3:37-5:22	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 14
August 27	Jeremiah 51-52	Ezekiel 1-4	Romans 14:14–15:21	Luke 15
August 28	Lamentations 1-3:36	Ezekiel 5-8	Romans 15:22–33	Luke 16
August 29	Lamentations 3:37-5	Ezekiel 9-12	Romans 16	Luke 17
August 30	Ezekiel 1-4	Ezekiel 13-15	1 Corinthians 1	Luke 18
August 31	Ezekiel 5-8	Ezekiel 16-17	1 Corinthians 2:1–3:17	Luke 19
September 1	Ezekiel 9-12	Ezekiel 18-19	1 Corinthians 3:18–4:21	Luke 20
September 2	Ezekiel 13-15	Ezekiel 20-21	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 21

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Lord, like Barnabas, help us to encourage one another rather than point out flaws and imperfections. Place the "Call" before us each and every day to "be" a follower of your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sunday Christian Education Classes			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Spiritual Blindness	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	New Testament Justice	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian Group Discussion	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Ministry Behind Bars	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Spiritual Blindness	Classroom 11

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Summerhill Blended Worship
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship
Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
Sunday 9:00 • 10:30 a.m.

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♿ Accessible • Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the Welcome Center.
Handicap seating is available throughout the Christian Life Center.

Like us on Facebook: [New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home](#)
We regularly update our Facebook page with photos, announcements, and events.

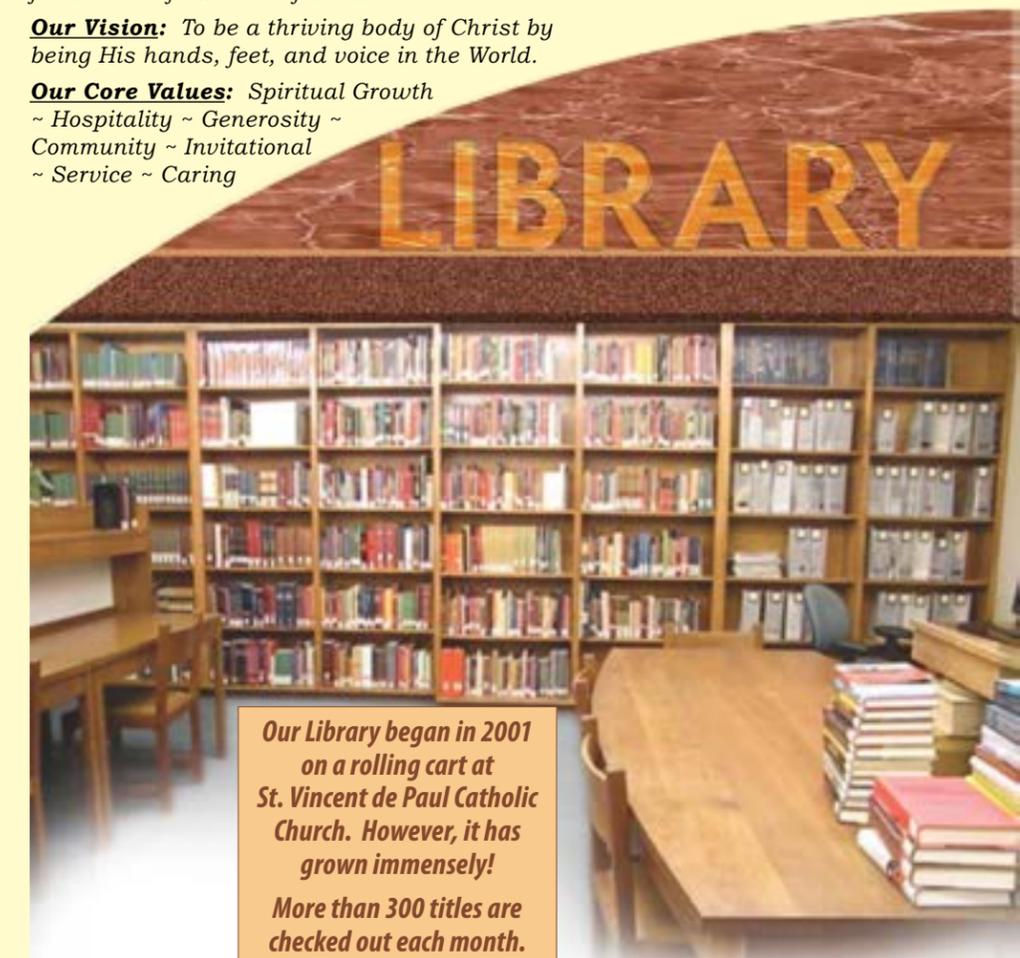
Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,150
(Celebrate Recovery) 40 • (Fresh Expressions) 134
(Orchard Worship) 16 • (Grounded Youth Group) 27
(Saturday Contemporary) 261 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–168 • 9:15–665 • 10:45–483
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00–188 • 10:30–168



Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

Our Vision: To be a thriving body of Christ by being His hands, feet, and voice in the World.

Our Core Values: Spiritual Growth
~ Hospitality ~ Generosity ~
Community ~ Invitational
~ Service ~ Caring



Our wonderful Library brings the word of God to us in many different ways. You can listen to pastors' sermons on DVDs, read a book and take a fictional religious trip to grow in your faith, read a Bible study that opens new doors of understanding, or watch a video to calm your soul — and much more!

Our mission is to provide easy access to Christian-based literature and audio/visual materials for everyone. We are delighted to give "tours" to ANY group or individual. There are many different things to see: music and books on DVDs and CDs, children's books, small group materials, Bibles and Bible commentaries, rare books, and more. We now have over 10,000 titles from which to choose and check out. There is a computer on the back table to help find those materials. This fabulous collection of books, DVDs, and CDs is due to the generous donations by our congregants.

Come in and browse through our "Newsworthy" notebooks of New Covenant's history — newspaper articles and photos dating back to 1998, notebooks of the construction of our church, and the history of our many ministries.

Many people volunteer but we always need more help! If helping others to navigate the Library, processing materials, scrapbooking, and many other odd jobs appeals to you, please join us. We thank everyone who has made our Library so successful!

For more information, Sandy Miller, Library Coordinator, is available in the Library on Tuesdays, or if you have any questions, you may call Sandy at home at (352) 751-1420.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



September Women's Gathering

Thursday, September 20 from 10-11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Room

Let's taste and see that the Lord is good! This month we'll learn ten lessons from the apple tree and find out why we should have "an apple a day." Join us for our fall opening event and bring a friend! God loves to see us in fellowship with Him — after all, we are the "APPLE of His Eye!"

Menu: Roast Pork Tenderloin with Glazed Sliced Apples, Buttered Green Beans, Petite Rolls, and Apple Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

Tickets: \$7

Tickets are on sale for the first Women's Gathering of the season. Lunch is included and follows our program. You must purchase your ticket by noon on Monday, September 17.



Semi-Annual Youth Car Wash

October 6 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. — West Parking Lot

Tickets are available at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex and on our website THIS WEEKEND!

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Net proceeds will benefit our Youth Ministry Summer 2019 Mission Trips.



Gordon Mote with guest Angie Rose

Sunday, October 14 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Back by popular request, Gordon Mote returns to kick off our 2018-2019 Concert Series. Also making a special guest appearance is our very own Angie Rose who will join Gordon on a few select songs.

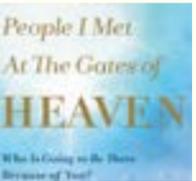
Blind since birth, Mote's faith provides the foundation for his life and constantly fuels his creative spirit. Gordon is one of today's most-respected talents, and has toured with Lee Greenwood, Trisha Yearwood, Tanya Tucker, Porter Wagoner, the Gaither Vocal Band, and the long-running Gaither Homecoming Tour. In addition, he has played for country music's biggest names, including Brad Paisley, Blake Shelton, Martina McBride, Rascal Flatts, and Darius Rucker.

He has earned 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: \$20 (Artist Circle) • \$15 (General Admission)

Tickets will be available at The Villages Box Office beginning Thursday, September 6.

Net proceeds will benefit New Covenant's Congregational Care Ministries.



Dinner with Don Piper

Wednesday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Dinner will be followed by Rev. Piper's introduction of his latest book, *People I Met At The Gates of Heaven*. Rev. Piper will have his new book available for sale/autographs following the presentation.

Tickets: \$10

Tickets will be available at our Ticket Kiosk beginning August 25, and must be purchased no later than November 2 by noon.

Menu: Fresh Spinach Salad with Cranberries & Pecans; Roast Pork Loin with Garlic, Rosemary, and Pan Gravy; Au Gratin Potatoes; Green Beans in Lemon Butter; Dinner Rolls; and Chocolate Cream Pudding Tarts

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Holy Land Trip in 2019 Informational Meeting

Wednesday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m. — Chapel

Pastor Harold will lead another trip to the Holy Land from March 18-27, 2019. If you are interested in going and would like to know about the trip, please join us for an informational meeting. Please pick up a brochure and add your name to the "Interest List" at the Welcome Center or Ticket Kiosk in either Narthex.



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, September 8 at 4:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Sunday, September 9 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Visitors, non-members, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant and get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible Studies, Connect Small Groups, and Membership.

If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

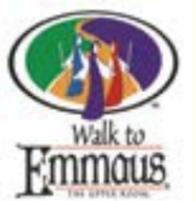


Connect Small Groups – New Couples Group

A new couples Connect Small Group is now forming. Each couples group is a gathering of three to six couples focused around being a Christ-Centered, Connected, Caring, Community. Discussions center around applying God's Word to our real life thoughts and actions.

Groups of five to twelve people are also available for men, women and singles.

If you have interest in learning more about connecting in one of these groups, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Emmaus

The Tri-County Cluster serves northern Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties and is affiliated with the Aldersgate Emmaus Community. Membership in the Cluster is open to any person who has been on a Walk to Emmaus or other Fourth Day Experience (Cursill, Tres Dias, etc.) recognized by The Upper Room.

Tri-County Cluster Gathering on Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, singing, sharing and communion. All Gatherings include a covered dish dinner and are open to any member of the Cluster and their invited guests.

Upcoming Walks to Emmaus

It is not too late to get a sponsor and complete the necessary paperwork for an upcoming Walk to Emmaus.

- Men's Walk: October 4-7
- Women's Walk: October 11-14

Future Walks will be held in March and October of 2019. For more information about Emmaus Walks or Gatherings, please visit their website at: www.aldersgateemmaus.org or contact Nancy Casto at (352) 633-3288 or (304) 482-4269.



Chancel Choir

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. — Classrooms 8/9

If you've ever wanted to be a part of the Chancel Choir as they lead in worship, please join us. No auditions are required!

Congregational Care



Prayer Bands

Prayer Bands are a small but powerful way to remind us to be in prayer for our Law Enforcement Officers. The men and women who protect and serve us need our prayers now more than ever. Since January this year, we have lost over 91 officers killed in the line of duty, leaving behind so many. Wear your Prayer Band or share it with a Law Enforcement Officer.

- **Praying for Courage:** "You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day." (Psalm 91:5)
- **Praying for Strength:** "I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)
- **Praying for Protection:** "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance." (Psalm 119:114)
- **Praying for Guidance:** "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." (Psalm 32:8)

Prayer Bands will be available at the Welcome Center, and the Congregational Care and Administrative offices. They are available at no cost in two different sizes (Large and XL). Wear this as a reminder to pray for these civil servants.



GriefShare®

Mondays, beginning September 10 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Chapel

GriefShare is open now for preregistration. Once the session starts, the class will be closed so we can properly accommodate class sizes and leaders.

Please call Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529 to register. You may also register on Monday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. (prior to the beginning of the first class).



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, September 13 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Our September Prime Time will be a Hawaiian theme. It will feature: a sing-along with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, devotion with Jeff Vermilya, Associate Director of Care, and our program, featuring the Hau'oli Hula Halau dancers. A Hawaiian-inspired luncheon will follow the program.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at (352) 750-4529 no later than noon on Monday, September 10.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Danny Millsaps who is having a recurrence of Leukemia; Mary (Katie) Kent who has throat cancer and is having chemo and radiation; Chuck Mallue who is having treatment for cancer; and Beth Korby who had back surgery. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Sherry Hartwell, family and friends on the passing of her husband Edward; Laura Lindsey, family and friends on the passing of her mother Ruthanna Dunham; Nancy Lewis, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ken; and family and friends of June Steinbock on her passing.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

New Concerns

Amanda, Rose Arnstein, Elaine Bland, Earl Cadaret, Ron Holroyd, John Kellar, Gloria Leiba, John Marteeny, Larry McMurtrie, Tom Moore, Jennifer Pennypacker, Lawrence Powers, Richard Quest, Loraine Rainer and parents, Elaine Scheer, June Sherman, Jacob Trotter, Jack Waddells, Tom Wennstrom