

Tuesday Speaker Series
Summer 2024 Tuesday Speaker Series

July 9, 16, 23, 2024
7:00 pm - Dining Room
The Church of the Covenant

“How Do I Live My Life As A Christian?”

Tuesday, July 9th Major General (retired) **Stephen Johnson**
former Marine Commander of U. S. Troops in Iraq

Topic - Leadership. “How Do I Live As A Christian In The Military?”

Tuesday, July 16th City Mission President **Diana Irey Vaughan**
former County Commissioner Chair

Topic - Commitment. “How Do I Live As A Christian in Politics?”

Tuesday, July 23rd Proud “Prexie” **George Lammay**
current Superintendent of Washington City Schools

Topic - Focus/Learning. “How Do I Live As A Christian in Public Education?”

The sessions will be offered both in-person, and by ZOOM. If you would like to attend on-line, please let the church office know, so you can be registered and receive the ZOOM link.

“Your Word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

“Your Word is a light to my feet and a lamp to my path.”

“Study to show yourself approved to God; a workman who needs not be ashamed, and who is able to rightly divide the Word of truth.”

There is a spirit of enthusiasm and desire to learn the Scriptures among folks at the **Church of the Covenant** right now. We have had large numbers attending our Speaker Series Bible Studies and small group Bible Studies. Others are requesting more.

Almost two decades ago, our church participated in the Bethel Bible Series, an intense study to help you know the themes and depth of God's Word. Some are thinking we need a program like that again. There is nothing worse about trying to follow Christ than being “scripturally illiterate” - not knowing what God's Word to you and for you is.

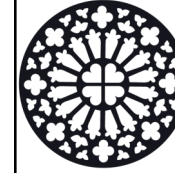
Are you interested in an organized Bible Study series like Bethel Bible Series? We are gathering names of those who might want to participate and learn. There is home work and commitment involved. If you would like us to move toward such a Bible Study program, please let us know at the Church Office. We are looking toward something like this for the Fall.

***“How sweet are Your Words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.”***

Dr. Renny Domske


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July 2024

 *from the Pastor. . .*

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.” — *I Timothy 2:1-2*

Dear Congregation of God,

As we celebrate our country’s freedom this 4th of July, 2024, let us all be encouraged by this simple, straight-forward instruction from Holy Scripture: The Apostle Paul is instructing the young Timothy to lead the church in a godly manner. And what is his first command? To “pray for **all people**.” Yes, the first and most critical assignment of the church is prayer. Instruct the saints? Feed the hungry? Comfort the weary? Evangelize the lost? Absolutely! But first, we pray.

Specifically, we “pray for rulers and all those in authority...” Obviously, this includes our president, vice-president and all other elected and appointed public servants. We ask God to use those appointed officials to help facilitate a place of quite and peace where worship can take place. In other words, we pray so that ... “we can live quiet and peaceful lives full of worship and respect for God.”

Isn’t that remarkable? A quiet and peaceful society depends upon the prayers of the church! So, if we do not have a quite, peaceful society - where worship and respect for God can flourish - what’s the solution? A different president? A new Congress? Better government policies? No, the first solution is a praying church.

Praying and hoping with you,

Pastor Billy

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face... then I will hear from heaven.” — *II Chronicles 7:14*



In Memory Of

Betty Lou Engel

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| Memorial - Missions | Betty Braun |
| Memorial - Adult Christian Education | Steve and Tricia Warren |
| Memorial - Preschool | Robert and Kathy Steele |
| Memorial - Preschool | Robert and Sandra Craft |

WELCOME CENTER GREETING

We will be on hiatus during the summer months for the "Morning Hellos" at the welcome center. If you are wanting to volunteer in the Fall please give Camille a call @ 724-554-7687. We would love to see your smiling faces and your warm welcomes!

SUMMER NURSERY HOURS

The Nursery will be unstaffed until September 15th. The room will be open for the convenience of families who may need it.

VBS UPDATE AND SCHEDULE

Hello Treasured Volunteers! We are so excited to welcome 177 "Treasure Hunters" through our church doors in just a few short weeks. WOW!!!

A few reminders to prep for an exciting and faith-filled week:

JULY 7, 4:30-6:30PM VBS PREVIEW DAY

(Volunteer t-shirts available for pick-up on this day!)

Help us provide a warm Covenant welcome to our families attending VBS. After checking in, we will have a variety of stations for families to meet our volunteers, and we could use your help. (welcome bag/t-shirt station, temporary tattoos, games, crafts, etc.). There will also be pizza and refreshments. Please RSVP to this email if you are able to help.

JULY 15-19 TREASURED VBS WEEK

8:00AM Volunteer breakfast in Choir Room
(children/grandchildren of volunteers are welcome to attend)

8:30AM: All volunteers ready at their stations
Please see the Daily Schedule for more details, as well as the Wednesday Schedule adjustments for the Wild World of Animals assembly.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions! On behalf of the VBS Leadership Team, we are so grateful for the time that you are dedicating to this mission. You are TREASURED!!

DEADLINE FOR THE August MESSENGER is July 15

JULY PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 7, 2024
"Spiritual Friendship"
I Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-2, 4-6; 20:24-33, 41-42

July 14, 2024
"The One Thing"
II Samuel 6:1-16

July 21, 2024
Pastor Renny Preaching

July 28, 2024
"Basic Rules for Home Construction"
II Samuel 7:1-17

FOOD TRUCK PICNIC, JUNE 30th

Food, fun, games, being together. What better way to spend a beautiful early-summer afternoon? Here are some of the things that went on:

Crafts after lunch.

Water Balloon battles are good for summer fun.



JULY PARISH NURSE CORNER



Summer means pool time! Please be safe while swimming in your family pool or community pool. Follow these guidelines from the American Heart Association: 1. Learn to swim. 2. Remember life jackets if unable to swim. 3. Secure the pool area with a fence at least 4 feet high. 4. Teach safety; no alcohol near the pool. 5. Learn CPR. 6. Clean out pool toys when pool is not in use to avoid tempting children into the pool unsupervised. Be safe! Have fun! Remember the sunscreen! Any questions, contact me at 724-777-9240. Good health to all-Linda Grimm, RN

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Greetings from the Archives! Nancy McCreight and Jonathan Pachter are in the process of starting to catalogue a number of boxes of old photographs and documents that have been accumulating in the Archives. And we need your help. We are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to go through those files and help us to identify them and sort them into a logical and retrievable order. Archives work occurs almost every Tuesday in the Archives that are located in Room 306. If you have an interest in helping to do this work, please let us know or give your information to the folks in the Church Office. We would like to be able to put names with the faces in the photos! Thanks so much.

Nancy McCreight and Jonathan Pachter

AMAZON WISH LIST FOR TREASURED VBS

Vacation Bible School will run from July 15 - July 19. THANK YOU to our very generous congregation and community for your continued donations to support this ministry! The 170+ children and 80+ volunteers who will experience a week of fun and faith in just a few short weeks will be truly blessed by your generosity. If you'd like to give, we still have some items on our Amazon wish list (scan the QR code below or email churchofcov.vbs@gmail.com for the link), as well as items on the display board in the Commons.



With Sincere Thanks, The VBS Leadership Team

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to the Youth with Teen Extreme who helped Mr Ralph and Miss Darla on Monday, July 1. Some of the kids disinfected tables in the Covenant Center and affixed stickers to the undersides of the tables to make it and set up and tear down the tables. Others helped Miss Darla in organizing the music library. Those kids are Hailey McCarter, Madison Sutton, Azair Davis, Brady Day, Jackson Devenney, Isaiah Hollowood, Lincoln Stevens, Eryx Kannellos, Adem Jurovik, Logan Ullom, and Hunter Dille. Also, kudos and thanks to leaders Miss Yvonne and Miss Stephanie. We are blessed to have such well-behaved and sweet kids who were eager to help with great energy and enthusiasm!

MUSIC NOTES



A notice to any young folks who are learning to play the piano or any musical instrument and want to share your talents at the 11:00 service, please see Miss Darla or call her at 412-997-9214. We would love to hear you play!

A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE FAMILY OF CONNIE HORNICKEL

Words cannot express how grateful and honored we were with the ceremony and plaque (in the receptionists' office) for my Mom. I know there were many people who participated in preparing this event. You'll ever know how much The Church of the Covenant meant to my Mom. Over 50 years of serving, worshipping, celebrating, etc., were summed up so well by Mary and her "ABC"s about my Mom...Every time I drive by the church it is a reminder that life is short and we are to do all that we can to further God's Kingdom in whatever gifts He has bestowed on us. Thank you again for all that was done in honor of my Mom, she certainly would have enjoyed it!

Sincerely,
Dr. Howard Hornickel

THANK YOU NOTE TO REV. YOUNGER AND CONGREGATION

Sending appreciation to you and all the congregation of the Church of the Covenant for the recognition of the contributions of my cousin, Connie Hornickel. The Service on Sunday was a lovely tribute to Connie. Best wishes to all of the members of the church.

Sincerely,
Betsy (Elizabeth) Stewart.