

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 Ireya 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?”

One of the joys I have experienced at the Church of the Covenant is our periodic Evening Speaker Series. I have had the pleasure of teaching Bible books twice during it and I love watching folks come together in our Church setting to learn and grow—as people and as followers of Christ.

We are so fortunate to have another *Summer Evening Speaker Series* coming up in the month of July. (9th, 16th, 23rd). This one is a little different than the past, as we will have 3 different speakers from our community, on three consecutive weeks, speak about the topic “*How Do I Live My Life As A Christian?*” from their different jobs and vantage points. We are blessed to have such high quality individuals speaking to us.

First up, on July 9th we will have a member of our own congregation, *Steve Johnson*, to talk about how he functioned as a Christian while being the Commander of the Multi-National Troops and the 2nd Division of U. S. Marines in Iraq. That's Major General (retired) Stephen Johnson. He is also a recipient of Defense Superior Service Medal for his service. His special focus for us will be on 'Leadership.'

Our 2nd speaker, on July 16th, will be *Diana Ireya Vaughan*, former County Commissioner of Washington County for 24 years, and proudly current President and CEO of the Washington City Mission. Diana has much to say about faith, with her special focus for us being 'Commitment.'

Our 3rd and last speaker will be *George Lammay*, an longtime friend who is currently the Superintendent of the Washington City Schools, a special and molding task. George will discuss how he lives his life as a Christian in public education, with a special attention paid to 'focus/learning.'

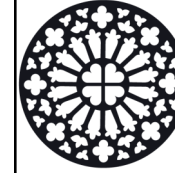
I look forward to hearing these three experts talk to us about the Christian Life from the vantage point of their professions. I'm sure you will enjoy learning from their perspectives.

The *Summer Speaker Series* meets at 7:00 PM in the Dining Room. Bring a friend from your neighborhood and grow closer to God.

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Against such there is no law. — Galatians 5:22-23

I Choose

“It’s quiet. It’s early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming. In a few moments the day will arrive. It will roar down the track with the rising of the sun. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of the solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day’s demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I’m free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose **love**.... No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose **joy**... I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical... the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose **peace**... I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose **patience**... I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I will invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fists at new assignments, I will face them with joy and courage.

I choose **kindness**... I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. I will be kind to the rich for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind for that is how God has treated me.

I choose **goodness**... I will go without a dollar before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I boast. I will confess before I accuse. I choose goodness.

I choose **faithfulness**... Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My wife will not question my love. And my children will never fear that their father will not come home.

I choose **gentleness**... Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose **self-control**... I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.”

Choose well!
Pastor Billy



In Memory Of

Patty Murphy

Memorial	David ad Renee Dickson
Memorial	John and Diane Welty
Memorial	J. Daniel Brown
Memorial	Barbara Collins
Memorial	Perry and Paula Lane
Memorial	Kathleen Clark

Mary Constance “Connie” Hornickel

Memorial Perry and Paula Lane

MaryAnna McNeel

Memorial Perry and Paula Lane

COMMUNION UPDATE



Beginning June 2nd, in addition to our current method of serving communion, a gluten-free option will be available at both services (in baskets at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Covenant Center). The communion cups will include 100% grape juice and gluten-free unleavened bread (free of gluten, wheat, dairy, yeast, eggs, soy, nuts and corn).

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENING

The Church of the Covenant seeks an individual with an accounting or bookkeeping background for the position of part-time Financial Administrator (10/15 hours per week). Knowledge of Quickbooks software is an important qualification. For more information, please contact Debi Nicolella – debiatcovenant@gmail.com or 724-222-0190 ext. 111.

COMMUNITY CIRCLE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much to those who have responded to the needs of the Community Circle Food Pantry bin in the Commons. During the first quarter of 2024 the pantry has assisted 1,975 households, and The Church of the Covenant has contributed 255 items during that time period. With schools on summer break, the food pantry has additional needs, including toilet paper, cereal, baked beans, jelly and peanut butter. Volunteers are always needed for an hour or two between noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Call 724-225-1540 for volunteer information. Keep up the wonderful response, and thank you again.

CHANGE TO NURSERY HOURS

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

DEADLINE FOR THE July MESSENGER is June 15

JUNE PREACHING AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 2, 2024

“Words of the Wise”

Proverbs 10:18-21, 31, 32; Proverbs 12:14, 18,19; Proverbs 15:1-4
Proverbs 18:21; Ephesians 4:25, 29-32

Summer Series: Developing a Heart for God - The Life of King David

June 9, 2024

“A Woman After God’s Own Heart”

I Samuel 1:1-20; 2:1,4,5,8-10

June 16, 2024

“The Issue of Character”

I Samuel 16:1-13

June 23, 2024

“The Issue of Courage”

I Samuel 17:1-11, 32-51

June 30, 2024

“Spiritual Friendship”

I Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-2, 4-6; 20:24-33, 41-42

PARISH NURSE CORNER



You have Type 2 Diabetes and no doubt have many questions: What should my target A1C level be? What changes should I be making to my diet? Would losing weight help? Am I a candidate for a continuous glucose monitor? Fortunately, you have a whole team of health care providers evaluating your personal

treatment plan: PCP, endocrinologist, ophthalmologist, podiatrist, pharmacist and diabetes educator. Plan to attend the Diabetes Seminar at the Church of the Covenant on Thursday, June 13th at 6pm with a diabetes educator to learn about how you can best manage your diabetes. No need to register. Any questions, please contact Linda Grimm, RN at 724-777-9240.

DIABETES EDUCATION SEMINAR

On Thursday, June 13th at 6pm, Dana Stainbrook, RN, MSN, DE will present our annual Diabetes Education update. Dana has been warmly received for the past two years as she discusses diabetes, diet, medication and the latest research on this chronic disease. Please join Dana in the Parlor on June 13th for this program sponsored by Hands and Hearts. No registration is required, and refreshments will be available. A door prize will be given to one lucky attendee. For any questions, please contact Linda Grimm at 724-777-9240.

NEW REGISTERED NURSING STUDENT FUND

A recently created Fund in the church’s endowment is to financially help members of the church who have been accepted into a Registered Nursing education program, hospital affiliated, typically of about 18 months duration, leading to licensure by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a Registered Nurse. If you or any church member you know is considering this educational path, financial resources may be available and they should contact the Church Office for additional information.



TREASURED VBS: DISCOVERING YOU ARE PRICELESS TO GOD

YOU truly help us make VBS a success. There are so many ways to get involved—from helping to make coffee one morning, prepping snacks for our Friday celebration, and much more! Scan the QR code for our Amazon wish list of needed supplies. Email us for requested items and to select a day to donate. Donate a home-made or store-bought breakfast item for volunteers! Sign up to volunteer during VBS week!



www.churchofthecov.org/post/vbs2024. Email us at churchofcov.vbs@gmail.com or contact Amy Dille at 724-678-4456.

Treasured VBS will take place on July 15-19 from 9am-12pm.

VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Mandatory VBS Volunteer Training on June 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the dining room! We can't wait to share the exciting details of Treasured VBS with our priceless volunteers.

SAVE THE DATE – June 30, 2024 (11:00 – 1:30)



The Worship & Music committee, along with Membership & Fellowship and some volunteers from other committees, are planning an all-church picnic on our lawn for ALL Ages! That day we will have 1 service at 10:00 AM in the

Covenant Center, followed by a picnic in the parking lot. We will have a couple different food trucks and a dessert truck for all to PURCHASE THEIR OWN lunch and dessert.

Tables and chairs will be available under a tent for relaxation and conversation. There will be games for all ages on the lawn, as well as under the tent. Look for more information in the near future including menus of the food trucks and sign-ups for a corn-hole tournament and much more! If you any have questions, please direct to Beth Smith.

TEEN EXTREME

We are looking forward to a couple of weeks with 15 awesome students. This summer's theme is "How Can We Live Courageously for Christ?"



There are many fun activities planned for the summer, such as wood-working, tie-dyeing, cake decorating, and pickleball. Keep an eye out for our updates and photos later in the summer.

