

The Covenant Courier

November / December 2013

Misery loves company. That's the way it was with the ten lepers in Luke 17:11-19. They were all afflicted with the same disease. They all believed Jesus could help them. They all appealed

all believed Jesus could help them. They all appealed to Jesus for help. They all obeyed Jesus when He told them to go show themselves to the priests. And they

were all healed. That's where the similarity ends!

How do you think Jesus felt when only one of them returned to thank Him? How would you feel? Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? But the nine – where are they? Was no one found who turned back to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Jesus expected all to return and give thanks, not just this one exception who, by the way, was a Samaritan.

None of God's covenant people returned. Is that true of us? What a slap in the face to us - Presbyterian, covenant, reformed, people of God! "Wake up you Presbyterians!" Jesus is saying. "Humble yourselves!"

We have the minors correct, but what about the majors? We come to church, but are we excited to worship God? We pray and read the Bible, but do you demonstrate thanksgiving? Get excited! Fall on your knees. Glorify God with a loud voice — with loud clashing cymbals, with trumpet, with timbrel and dancing, with your whole being. "Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant and praise is becoming" (Psalm 147:1). "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1Thess. 5:18).

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You are Invited to Our Thanksgiving Dinner!

Come and Celebrate Thanksgiving with your Covenant Family! We will have a time of dining, sharing thankfulness, and celebrating Communion!

Sunday, November 24 5:00 pm Covenant Life Center

Please bring a salad, vegetable/starch, or dessert for the buffet table. Turkey, Ham, and bread, and beverages with be provided.

Please RSVP by signing up in the narthex or by calling the church office at 385-3234.



Thanksgiving Boxes 2013

CPC is sponsoring a special Thanksgiving Box distribution to help families in the Heartland area. Several donors have graciously agreed to purchase a turkey for each box. The congregation is being asked to provide the rest.

Please take a box and a list of the needed items off the "Thanksgiving Tree." The "Thanksgiving Tree" is located in the front of the Sanctuary. If it is difficult for you to shop, there are others who will do this for you with your donation of \$25.00. If you choose to fund a box, please be sure to take a tag off the "Thanksgiving Tree" to help us keep a correct count. Please note "Thanksgiving Box" on your check or envelope.

Boxes may be decorated and extra items may be added. Return your boxes to the front of the Sanctuary on or before Sunday, November 24. The boxes will be delivered that day to local charities who will distribute them on behalf of our church. Let's make this Thanksgiving special for others in our community! And THANK YOU for your generosity.

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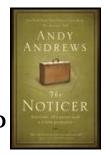
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Ladies Monthly Book Club



November

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 19, at 6:30 pm in the Covenant Life Center. They will be discussing the book, **The Noticer** by Andy Andrews.

Ladies Christmas Luncheon



When:

Saturday, December 14

Where:

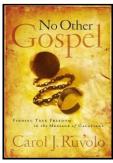
Covenant Life Center

Time:

1:00 pm

"Promise of Peace"

Special Music: Dulcimers Be on the look out for more information in the weekly bulletin!



WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES

BIBLE STUDY

Begins January 15 at 9:00 am in the Conference Room Facilitated by Brook Breed

Legalism vs. Grace - A Study of the all-equipping power of grace and rejection of the God-honoring purpose of grace.

Paul's letter to the Galatians confronts the "different gospel" that took root in first century Galatia and still entices believers today. He exposes it as a deadly distortion of truth and provides much needed correction. Understanding his teaching is as important today (maybe more so!) as it was then.

For more information please call the church office at 385-3234.



MONDAY EVENING LADIES BIBLE STUDY

When: 1/13/14 - 3/24/14Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm Where: CLC Facilitated by Beki Lievestro

Here and Now...There and Then by Beth Moore is a lecture series on the book of Revelation. Beth presents many points of view, allowing women to decide for themselves when the interpretation varies among scholars. She teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal as He is about what He does not reveal. Each of the 11 sessions is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. The set includes 11 DVDs and one listening guide with light homework.

For more information, please call Beki Lievestro at 381-0904

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Come and be a part of our Monthly Mercy Ministry Team!

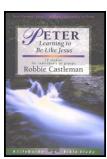
November 9 - Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

December 14 - Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

A light breakfast will be provided!

Sign up in the Narthex

New Sunday School



"Simon Peter was a follower like us - he wanted to be like Jesus, but he struggled with doubts, and at times he failed. At other times he was used powerfully by God. These studies on his life challenge and motivate us to continue to grow in Christlikeness."

Tom Nunnallee will lead the next Sunday School Class. He will be using Robbie Castleman's Bible Study "Peter: Learning to Be Like Jesus."

The new Sunday School begins at 9:15 am on December 1 in the Covenant Life Center.

AMERICA

Host Homes

- Tom & Jo Nunnallee / 471-3575
- Dale & Pam Bradshaw / 402-0148
- Ken & Aldrene Mautz / 402-5636
- Bill & Edna Robfogel / 385-5574
- Hazel Clark / 314-8550
- Joseph and Norma Crooks Jhingory / 385-2194
- Tom & Carolyn Schneider / 402-1213

Please call the host if you plan to attend at their home.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Come and join the men as they meet on the second Tuesday of the month for breakfast, Bible Study, and fellowship at 7:30 am in the Covenant Life Center. The chefs always cook up a hearty breakfast for all the men attending. Please sign up in the Narthex so the chefs will know how much food to prepare. We will meet from 7:30 - 8:30 am on:

Tuesday, November 12 Tuesday, December 10



My Hope America is based on Jesus' call to Matthew, and Matthew's desire to introduce his friends to Jesus (Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32). Patterned after this Gospel example, the My Hope America steps include:

- Look Around: Make a short list of friends, family and neighbors who need Jesus.
- Look Up: Pray every day for each name on your list
- Look Out: Think of ways to build relationships with them.
- Look Forward: Prepare to invite the people on your list to a party or gathering in your home, where you will watch the *My Hope America* programs, give a short salvation testimony (faith story), and invite your guests to receive Christ and begin to follow Him.

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NOVEMBER

Highlands Hammock State Park Veterans' Day Celebration On Saturday, November 9 Vendor Lunch or Picnic \$6.00 per carload



DECEMBER

"Christmas Luncheon" At the Crystal Lake Clubhouse / Catered by Bob Evans / Program presented by SHS Show Choir / \$7.50 plus donation for Choir.

Please sign up in the Narthex for activities!

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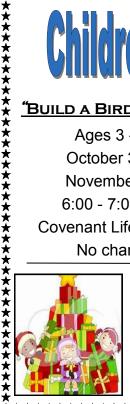
"Build a Birdfeeder"

Ages 3 -15 October 30 & November 13 6:00 - 7:00 pm Covenant Life Center No charge



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ages 3 - 15 Wednesday, December 18 6:00 - 7:00 pm Covenant Life Center





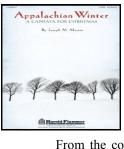
Covenant's Christmas Season

Annual Christmas Dinner

The Annual CPC Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 pm in the Covenant Life Center. Make plans to come! The church will provide the meat, bread and beverages. Please sign up in the Narthex beginning mid-November and let us know what dish (salad, vegetable/starch, or dessert) you plan on bringing.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on Tuesday evening, December 24, at 5:30 PM. During the service, we will receive the PCA Christmas offering which goes to help meet specific needs among our retired and disabled ministers and missionaries and their families.



Christmas Cantata:

Appalachían Winter

Sunday 12/8 10:30 am CPC

From the composer of Festival of Carols and The Winter Rose comes a cantata that celebrates the legacy of early American carols and hymnody. Composed in the spirit of folk music, the cantata combines traditional sounds with more rustic elements creating a blend that is fresh and pleasing. Popular American carols like Away In a Manger and O Little Town of Bethlehem dance with traditional spirituals such as Children, Go Where I Send Thee and Go, Tell It on the Mountain. Sacred Harp tunes are re-tooled for Advent and stand alongside new versions of Shaker hymns and Appalachian melodies.

COMING EVENTS

November

Ladies Wed. Morning Bible Study		9:00 am	Conference Room		
5	Officers' Meeting	4:30 /5:30 pm	Conference Room		
6	Covered Dish Fellowship Dinner	6:00 pm	CLC		
7	My Hope with Billy Graham	6:30 pm	Homes		
9	4M	8:00 am	CLC		
	Prime Timers Trip / Highlands Hammock				
12	? Men's Prayer Breakfast	7:30 am	CLC		
- -	SWFL Presbytery	8:30 am	Bradenton		
24	Thanksgiving Dinner	5:00 pm	CLC		
	Communion/Benevolence Offering				

December

4	Decorate the Church	9:00 am	Narthex
8	Christmas Musical	10:30 am	Sanctuary
10	Men's' Prayer Breakfast	7:30 am	CLC
•	Officers' Meeting	4:30 /5:30 pm	Conference Room
11	Christmas Dinner	6:00 pm	CLC
14	4M	8:00 am	CLC
	Women's Ministry Christmas Party	1:00 pm	CLC
18	Prime Timers Christmas Party		Crystal Lake Club

FYI

Our Weekly Programs are listed below:

• Choir

The Choir meets on Wednesday, at 7:15 pm in the Choir Room.

Ladies' Bible Studies

Monday Night

The Monday Night Bible Study meets at 6:00 pm in the Covenant Life Center

Wednesday Morning

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:00 am in the Conference Room

Men's Bible Study
 Contact Tom Schneider if you are interested in a Men's Bible Study.

November

Don and Merril Mountan

Sanctuary



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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:30 pm

Don is the Executive Director of Equipping Leaders International, Inc. The purpose of ELI is to glorify God by developing strategic Christian leaders inside and outside the institutional church.

Missionaries Of The Month

DecemberLeroy and Beckie

Leroy and Beckie serve in Pakistan with The Evangelical Alliance Mission. Leroy assists the ministries there with their bookkeeping needs and questions.

Our Mission

Covenant Presbyterian exists to Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

(Psalm 57:11)

by:

- SHARING CHRIST
- STRENGTHENING
 BELIEVERS
- SERVING PEOPLE

Our vision is to be a gospel driven, Christ centered community, active in God's work.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church 4500 Sun 'n Lake Boulevard Sebring, Florida 33872-2113 (863) 385-3234

Thanksgiving Dinner 11/24/13
Christmas Musical 12/8/13
Christmas Dinner 12/11/13

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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E-MAIL: Church: covpres@strato.net Pastor: tomschneider@strato.net

WEBSITE: www.cpcsebring.org

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Worship Services

10:30 am Morning

6:00 pm Evening

Sunday School

9:15 am for all ages



Covenant Presbyterian Church Staff

Choir Director

Hal White

Organist

LaRue Gilbert

Pianists

Dorothy Chapman

Marie Faber

Wilma Henry

Edna Robfogel

Connie White

Rhoda Wolfe

Secretary

Brook Breed

Building Supervisor

Harold Smith

CPC OFFICERS

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Tom Schneider

Ruling Elders

Mark Breed

Bill Mulcay

Tom Nunnallee

Joel Urban

Hal White

Deacons

Bill Boyd

Jack Brunner

Stan Fritz

Bill Lees

Elders Emeritus

Ernie Breed Earl Conrad

Don Distin

Isadore Roberson

Harold Smith