



# The Covenanter

AUGUST 2022



Winter Park  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



In case you haven't noticed, the temperature is on the warm side. We have the privilege of experiencing 100% humidity – a total and complete down pour - raindrops the size of quarters - while the sun beams brightly - as if there is not a cloud in the sky. I guess this is part of living in a tropical climate. It can be beautifully unbearable.

Life can be rain and sunshine. Life can be beautifully unbearable. We are blessed by God's glories each day, while at the same time facing challenges or difficulty, and if not us, then someone we love is dealing with some form of adversity. I received news from a dear friend whose wife went home to be with the Lord on July 3rd. She had been ill for a very long time. As I tried to remember the beautiful during the unbearable, I recalled a poem I had tucked away by CS Lewis. I could picture my friend caring for his beloved in the last moments of her life, and knowing their love for each other, sensed beauty amid the unbearable.

Arise my body, my small body, we have striven  
Enough, and He is merciful; we are forgiven.  
Arise small body, puppet-like and pale, and go,  
White as the bed-clothes into bed, and cold as snow,  
Undress with small, cold fingers and put out the light,  
And be alone, hush'd mortal, in the sacred night,  
-A meadow whipt flat with the rain, a cup  
Emptied and clean, a garment washed and folded up,  
Faded in color, thinned almost to raggedness  
By dirt and by the washing of that dirtiness.  
Be not too quickly warm again. Lie cold; consent  
To weariness' and pardon's watery element.  
Drink up the bitter water, breathe the chilly death;  
Soon enough comes the riot of our blood and breath. -CS Lewis

Of course, Job knew beauty amid the unbearable, the "riot of our blood and breath," thousands of years ago writing, "I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" -Job 19: 25-27

Raindrops and Sunshine,  
Pastor Darren

Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 AM | Sunday School: 9:15 AM  
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### RELATIONSHIPS IN ACTION (RINA) • ROOM 301 @ 9:15 AM

Relationships in Action is a Sunday School class that studies “with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” They are interested in Biblical, historical, and current social issues in terms of how they affect the lives of others and how we, as followers of Christ, can be a factor in positive change. Everyone is welcome.

#### **August 7: Kathy Sheerin, Voter Services Committee Co-Chair**

Kathy Sheerin, Voter Services Committee Co-Chair with the League of Women Voters Orange County, will help us navigate the upcoming elections. The League is a non-partisan organization that does not endorse or oppose candidates or political parties at any level of government. After careful study and consensus, the League takes positions on issues important to citizens of Orange County, of Florida and the US. Kathy will help answer questions like:

- ◆ How are voters affected by new voting laws?
- ◆ How do No Party Affiliation voters make their votes count?
- ◆ How to register to vote by mail.
- ◆ How to research candidates/judges to make an informed decision.

#### **August 14: *Spiritual Conversations with Justin Chase***

The Relationships in Action Sunday School class continues its “spiritual conversations” series with a visit from our music director. Justin Chase has been a high school choir director for the past 25 years. In addition, he has been music director at WPPC for 10 years and has been involved in choirs for almost his entire life, starting with his church choir in Wisconsin when he was 3 years old! Come and hear Justin talk about his early years in Wisconsin, his move to Florida, and how music has carved the path for his life.

#### **August 21: *The Holy Land Revealed—The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Essenes***

This lesson will explore ways in which the Dead Sea Scrolls relate to the archaeology of Qumran and what they tell us about the community that lived there. The Essenes were an exclusive community, whereas with Jesus, we see just the opposite. The distinction between Jesus' movement and the philosophical practices of this group will be discussed.

#### **August 28: *Planning Session***

Relationships in Action (RinA) class planning session for September and October. All are welcome.

### SEEKERS CLASS • ROOM 315 @ 9:30 AM

The Seekers is a discussion based Sunday school class that studies a wide variety of topics ranging from Books of the Bible to Theology to Current Events. They are a support group that spends time on fellowship as well as discussion and they are able to disagree, yet move in a positive direction during their discussions.



## DEACON NEWS | JERRY FITZGERALD, DEACON

### FOR WE KNOW...

Buried deep in the New Testament is a single verse that, to my understanding, is everything a Christian needs to know about life on earth! It is Romans 8:28. This is the verse: "FOR WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE THE LORD AND ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO THIS PURPOSE". It is a wonderful statement, but deceptive in its simplicity. If we take a closer look at these words, there is much to learn:

**FOR WE KNOW:** If I asked you if you believe the sun will rise tomorrow morning, you would answer "of course"! But if I changed the question and asked you if you KNOW the sun will rise tomorrow morning you would have to answer "no". We don't KNOW it. We believe it will because it always has and probably will, but we cannot KNOW this. If the Apostle tells us what we KNOW, then it is important that we learn what we KNOW!

**THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD:** That sounds very comforting, doesn't it? A warm-fuzzy hug in a troubled world...but wait! *All* things? The good things *and* the bad things? The really bad, terrible, awful things? Yes! That's a hard one, isn't it? It has been hard for me. It hurts that there have always been terrible things in my world, and I struggle to understand how God works all that out for good...but I KNOW that He does!

**TO THOSE WHO LOVE THE LORD:** Do you love the Lord? Do I? Before we answer that question remember that Jesus had to ask Peter three times before he got the right answer. Jesus asked Peter, "Simon, Son of John, do you love me?" The word Jesus used the word for "love" that means "Selfless, total adoration". Simon answers, "Yes, I love you", but he used the word for love that means "Best friend/soul brother". Jesus asked him a second time, using Simon's word for love, "Simon, Son of John, do you love me?" Poor Peter...he must have been crushed that Jesus wouldn't accept his answer. Hadn't he left his business, family, and friends and walked away to follow Jesus taking nothing with him but his littler, brother Andre (probably because he couldn't get rid of him)? Hadn't he preached and healed in Jesus' name? Hadn't he sat at Jesus' side for almost three years? In his anguish and broken heart he answered, "Lord, You KNOW all things, You KNOW my heart, You KNOW I Love you!" BINGO! Right answer! Can we bow our heads right now and pray that same declaration? Read it again! Can we? If we can do that, we truly love the Lord. Pastor Bess recently preached an excellent sermon on this subject; it touched my heart...and I hope it touched yours.

**AND ARE THE CALLED:** Rest easy on this one. You have been "called". Jesus calls all to Him and you have answered (or you wouldn't be reading this!).

**ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE:** There's a big "Bible" word for this: "Holy". Simply defined, it means "called out and set apart for God's purposes". Here we slam head-long into one of the most-asked questions of our fellow Christians: "What is God's purpose (His plan) for me...personally...me? I will answer the question in this way: Martin Luther, the great teacher and reformer, admonished us to rise each morning and make the sign of the cross before we do anything else. This is to remind us of to whom we belong and that everything we do that day we will do for Him! It matters not what your day will bring of your vocation or activities. He is to be the center of your world. That, my friend, is God's will for you. Service Him in all that you do and rejoice...and you will KNOW!

There you have it. ROMANS 8:28

Dear Lord, You KNOW all things; You KNOW our hearts; You KNOW we love You. Create in us an unshakeable certainty of Your gift of salvation through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Grant us peace in difficulty, love for all, and strength to live every day in the marvelous light of Your radiated glory. Amen.



## GLOBAL HOLIDAY MARKET

Looking to do some one stop shopping without walking the malls and looking for parking? The WPPC Global Market is your answer. Mark your calendars for Saturday November 5 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Sunday November 6 between services and until 1:00 PM. You can purchase lovely and useful items for the holiday, birthdays, etc., as well as yourself, while making an important difference in the lives of others. You don't even have to travel internationally to do your shopping—a bonus with jammed flights.

**Ten Thousand Villages** - As pioneers of the global fair-trade movement we create opportunities for artisans in developing countries, breaking the cycle of generational poverty. Shop us during the market for an assortment of holiday ornaments, nativities, earrings, necklaces, and bracelets, kids' gifts - alpaca fur stuffed animals, bicycle pizza cutters, assorted soaps, gifts for the men - compasses, mini telescopes, and socks with a conscious. Along with so many more things. Stop in at the store at 329 N Park Ave, Winter Park or browse online at [www.tenthousandvillages.com/winterpark](http://www.tenthousandvillages.com/winterpark).

**Alliance for Reforestation (AIR)** will feature beautiful items from Guatemala (chosen by Anne Hallum herself in Guatemala) for your home and personal accessories as well as beautiful and healthy plants for your garden or balcony. Your gifts will also support planting trees to prevent deadly landslides and building fuel efficient stoves for families in Guatemala. These stoves also prevent lung disease by venting the fumes outside.

**Ukraine Orphan Assistance Foundation** will feature a drawing of restaurant gift cards – always a good gift for someone or yourself and help their work in serving needy refugees and youth in Ukraine.

**Heifer International** will feature a drawing of a beautiful art work by Carol Pickler as well as the opportunity to help families obtain needed animals to support their families.

**Society for Saint Andrews**—still a surprise what they will offer. Your gift will support food for needy people.

**Peace Olive Oil**—high quality olive oil that will also support struggling Palestinian farmers.

**Fair Trade**—coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts (need we say more).

As new organizations join, we will keep you posted. If you have a suggestion, please contact us (Mary VanHook, 407-359-2388 or [vanhookjay90@gmail.com](mailto:vanhookjay90@gmail.com)).

We are also looking for volunteers who can help as greeters and sales. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others in the church and community. Please help also by spreading the word.



## SPECIAL OFFERING UPDATE PENTECOST OFFERING

On Sunday, June 5 our congregation donated \$776.00 for this Special Offering. 60% of these monies will be sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to assist young adult volunteers, to guide youth ministries and to advance child advocacy. The remaining 40% of the offering will help support the Center for Women & Families (CWF), one of the residential homeless shelters of the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. Thank you to all who were able to support these agencies as they help meet the needs of these vulnerable neighbors.

THE COMPASSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**UKRAINE UPDATE FROM  
ROBERT GAMBLE, DIRECTOR OF THIS CHILD HERE**

*On Saturday, I got the text from Mariam. A rocket hit the big box store called Fozzy market. Fozzy is where we buy food, pampers, oatmeal, cookies, bread, and other products for families in need in rural areas around ODESSA. Mariam directs our Refugee Services and runs our Hostel in Odessa.*



*Olga Balaban, who directs our Refugee Services in Izmail, writes:*

*"Anxiety and uncertainty. Fear and inevitability. This is how you can describe the state of Ukrainians when a cruise missile fired from a ship, which stands off the coast miles from Odessa, crashes into a nearby building. Several times a day, the shrill sound of a siren sounds the departure of missiles. People anxiously wait for the direction of the flight to be known. In places like Odessa, Chernigov, Nikolaev or Krivoy Rog the missile arrives. Then relatives and friends in that city are frantically dialed; the questions are asked. How are you? Is everyone alive?"*

*Yesterday, a rocket hit the Odessa warehouse of a large supermarket. The same one where we buy groceries for the families. It is very close to the house of our employee, Mariam, who helps displaced people every day. And, listening to her alarmed voice on the phone, you again feel fear, hopelessness and incomprehension. Why are rockets that bring death flying toward us. We cannot protect ourselves and our loved ones, our home and our world. We can only pray and help those who find it harder, who come from a destroyed city, who cannot get out of a stressful state, who are in dire need of our help. And still, we look forward to victory and peace.."*

*This Child Here is a validated ministry in the Presbyterian Church and a U.S. 501c3 at work in Ukraine, believing children deserve a life grounded in peace and dignity.*

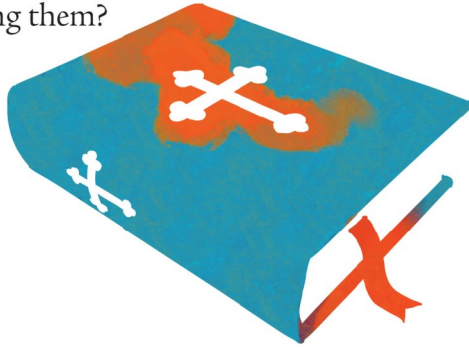
*Donations by mail go to: This Child Here P.O. Box 2531 Ormond Beach FL 32175*

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# Bible Quiz

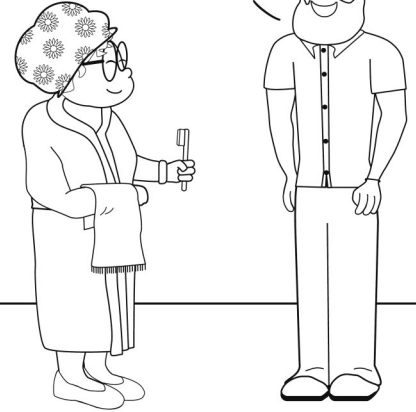
A few Bible books have only one chapter. Which of the following is not among them?

- A. Obadiah
- B. Philemon
- C. 1 John
- D. 2 John
- E. 3 John
- F. Jude



Answer: C

"We really appreciate all the time you spend volunteering here at the church, but I think we should talk."



*Cris*

# Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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## GOD ROCKS!

# PUZZLE

## Fruit or false

Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.

*Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.*

Fruit		Vegetable			Fruit		Vegetable
Apple	V	P	:		Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	:		Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	:		Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	:		Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	:		Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	:		Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	:		Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W	:				

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo\_e, j\_\_ , pea\_e,  
 pa\_ie\_ce, \_\_ind\_ess, go\_dne\_s,  
 fait\_ful\_ess, gen\_leness, sel\_-cont\_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV




### COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - Here's How to Help

We are delighted to again be serving in the Men's Service Center at the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. If you would like to serve, please sign up on the Coalition serving list posted in the hallway near the office, or contact Nancy Galyean at 407-929-0903 or [nangalyean@gmail.com](mailto:nangalyean@gmail.com).

What	When
<b>Bake</b> brownies (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 8/10 9:00-11:00 AM
<b>Prepare</b> meal (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 8/11 9:30-11:30 AM
<b>Bag</b> brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 8/12 9:00-10:00 AM
<b>Donate</b> reading materials: Magazines (news, sports, cars, National Geographic, religious magazines/booklets, paperback books)	<b>All month:</b> Place in <b>COALITION</b> giant storage box in Fellowship Hall.
<b>Prepare</b> to transport: Gather supplies, load food & supplies into bus (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 8/12 3:30-4:00 PM
<b>Serve</b> the Meal. Join us in the WPPC kitchen for departure to Coalition at 4:00 PM and return by 7:30 PM. Volunteers please wear closed-toed shoes; it is a violation of health code to wear flip-flops. Please sign up in office hallway or call Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve.	Fri 8/12 4:00-7:30 PM <b>NOTE:</b> The church bus is reserved for this function.
<b>Cleanup kitchen:</b> Wash, sanitize items used; store supplies	Fri 8/12 7:30-8:00 PM
<b>Financial Donation:</b> Make check out to WPPC; note on the memo line "Coalition for the Homeless" - mail to WPPC or bring to the church office.	<b>Anytime</b>

#### HOMELESS COALITION TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each month about 50 devoted WPPC volunteers handle the many tasks to provide and serve a wonderful meal to our guests at the Coalition.

We are in need of additional volunteers for various projects, and backup volunteers when regulars must be absent.

**Any of the above gifts, or your time, are so appreciated!**

**To help in any way, please contact: Nancy Galyean  
407-929-0903 or [nangalyean@gmail.com](mailto:nangalyean@gmail.com).**



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<u>7</u> <i>Brad Hurd</i>	<u>8</u> <i>Emily Elizabeth Kent Laurie Grizzard Carol Pickler</i>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <i>Robbie Dreasher Carol Howell</i>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <i>Steve Bryant</i>
<u>14</u> <i>Cheryl Dracy Malcolm MacDiarmid Hilda Shaw</i>	<u>15</u> <i>Mary Beardall</i>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
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<u>28</u> <i>Susan Price</i>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> <i>Donna Ettinger</i>	<u>31</u> <i>Marilyn Simmons</i>			



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<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <i>Ray Schieber Elaine Young</i>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> <i>Myrna Ham</i>	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <i>John Evans, Jr.</i>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> <i>Dona Stepp</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Joan Branch Wendy Jamison Teresa Kountz</i>	<u>23</u> <i>Barbara Halterman Keith Naylor</i>	<u>24</u>
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How do you keep a group of active two-year-old children happy and engaged during summer camp? Offer lots of fun activities! During the Wild About Animals themed camp session and the Science Exploration session the children in the Jellyfish class enjoyed science experiments, art projects, splash day, free play, nature discoveries and a few spontaneous lessons involving found insects!

While it's still going to feel like summer for a long time, we are turning our attention to the new school year. Our annual Meet Your Teacher open house is being held Tuesday, August 9 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Our parents will get to spend time in the classroom with their child, and get acquainted with not only their teacher, but other students in the class and their parents.

The first day of school is August 10. It's going to be an exciting year! We have big plans and can't wait to get started.



**More pictures on the next page!**





The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor  
 The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor  
 Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant  
 Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant  
 Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant  
 Justin Chase, Director of Music  
 Penny Walsh, Organist  
 Sandra Shafer, Pianist  
 Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs  
 Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

## SESSION

### 2022

Theresa Coker  
 Bonnie Gaughan  
 Fran Morrissey  
 Michelle Trahan  
 Jay Van Hook

### 2023

Syd Davis  
 Fred Kittinger  
 Malcolm MacDiarmid  
 Jim McKinney  
 Dawn Sumrall

### 2024

Mike Galyean  
 John Gehrig  
 Jayne Leach  
 Audrey Santiago  
 Sara Van Arsdel

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### 2022

Susan Davis  
 Jane Munns  
 Rachel Myers  
 Christine Rich  
 Dennis Schmalstig  
 Meg Ball Thomas

### 2023

Ron Ellman  
 Betty Johnston  
 Sevilla Morse  
 Cynthia Nants  
 Jyme Smith  
 Jeanne Vinci

### 2024

Ardyth Austin  
 Lisa Dreasher  
 Jerry Fitzgerald  
 Nancy Galyean  
 Andy Riccio

## MISSIONARIES

Mark Hare & Jenny Bent - Costa Rica  
 Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

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