



# The Covenanter

MAY 2021



Winter Park  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Even if one is not familiar with the Scriptures, the above verse may sound familiar. In 1965 the *Byrds* popularized these words in their song *Turn! Turn! Turn!* David Crosby often gets credit for the song or other members of the band like Graham Nash or Graham Parsons, but Pete Seeger came up with the idea to use these words from 3000 years ago and put pen to paper. He only added six new words to the original text, “Turn” being one of them and it’s repeated several times. Up until his death in 2014 Pete received 55% of the royalties off of these lyrics. I wonder how Solomon would feel about that?

Regardless, these words remind us of the cyclical or seasonal nature of life. The month of May is for us a time of year we celebrate many things, Mother’s Day being one of them. If you are in town on Sunday, May 9 we hope you will come and celebrate this day with us.

Thursday, May the 6<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer. The theme chosen for this year is: “Lord, pour out Your Love, Life and Liberty.” We invite you to drop by the church on May 6<sup>th</sup> and spend a few minutes in prayer. The Sanctuary will be open during the day until 4pm. Of course, you may pray from your home, office, car, or anywhere, but if you would prefer, the Sanctuary will be available.

The month of May marks the closing of one chapter and the beginning of another for so many as they graduate high school or college. This is an exciting time for them and their families. They have worked hard, alongside parents, teachers, and counselors, and by the end of May will begin a new season of life. We celebrate these and other milestones such as birthdays, anniversaries, maybe even the start of new employment or selling or buying a home.

Of course, maybe this is a difficult season in life, as it often was for Charlie Brown. Lucy asked him one day, “Charlie Brown, do you set up your deck chair at the front of the cruise ship to see where you’re going or do you set yours up on the back of the ship to see where you’ve been?” Charlie Brown looked puzzled, confused maybe even irritated by the question and replied, “Lucy, most days, I can’t even figure out how to unfold my deck chair to begin with.”

I think the point for us, in all of this and in all seasons, is that God is the same. Our whole existence on the earth is transient, brief or *seasonal* at best. What can be done? What do we do? Our finitude looks at us in the mirror every day. So, should we simply live for self, maximizing pleasure and minimizing pain? That’s one response. However, as part of another response, I simply invite you to join with us along the journey. Why? Because, at the center, I believe, we discover seasonal living is better in community than alone.

Please plan to join with us this month as we gather for prayer, as we honor our Mothers, as we celebrate those graduating, and as we worship the One who is not seasonal, but is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Darren



**DEACON'S DEN**  
**DENNIS SCHMALSTIG, WPPC DEACON**

Psalm 34:8 NIV

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."*

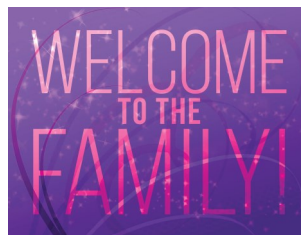
This verse strikes me as an invitation and an assurance. It does not ask for blind devotion, however. It tells us to experience the goodness of God directly, to test whether communion with Him offers blessings.

I always wondered how to "taste and see". I eventually discovered that prayer, waiting in silence, and immersion in nature gave me opportunities to draw closer. Once the noise of every day concerns died down, a feeling of peace and ease sometimes stole across my mind. An effort of will never summoned this deep calm. Openness did.

Even though I have had these experiences, I do not always "take refuge in him". A stubborn need to control situations gets in the way. As captain of my ship, I do not want to surrender the helm. I eventually change course when I discover, once again, that I am steering toward dangerous straits.

Perhaps the assurance in the second phrase of the verse is a means of encouraging the faithful to become more consistently true, to live moment by moment in the refuge of God's goodness. The cycle of straying and returning no longer applies once this practice becomes firmly established. No matter what misfortunes and difficulties trouble a truly faithful servant, he or she feels the comfort and guidance of God's sweet presence.

I am nowhere near that. But this verse does not offer criticism for those who suffer from faltering trust. It merely points out a path toward peace and happiness. The trail is always open to those willing to take first steps.



**Lynne McKnight**

**Sara Woodward**

**Tom Woodward**

**We're glad you're here!**



**SPECIAL OFFERING**  
**CARING FOR GENERATIONS | MAY 9TH**

For more than 50 years Florida Presbyterian Homes and Westminster Communities of Florida have been connected to the church through a covenant agreement, first with the Synod of Florida and then with the Synod of South Atlantic. Due to generous contributions by Presbyterian congregations, residents at Florida Presbyterian Homes and Westminster Communities of Florida can count on the Benevolent Assistance program for support. This safety net assures residents that they will continue to remain in their homes and get the care they need, even though they have outlived their financial resources. They can experience an increased lifespan due to better health and medical care. Higher costs of healthcare, prescriptions, and the economy have presented a whole new set of concerns which could be overwhelming without assistance from those who are more fortunate.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25:40: "As you did to one of the least of My brethren, you did to Me."

WPPC will gratefully accept your special offering on Mother's Day, May 9. All of the donations we receive will be sent to the Westminster Retirement Communities Foundation. Thank you for your caring support of this ministry.



**PENTECOST OFFERING—AN OPPORTUNITY TO**  
**GIVE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE | MAY 23RD**

Each year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, descending as tongues of fire over the heads of the Apostles, giving them the gift to speak to all nations in their own tongues and spread the Good News. The Spirit also brings us a new life on this day. With the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming, redeeming love of God that makes the impossible "possible". This special offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people by inspiring them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world to build a life of faith--all in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Pentecost offering is one of the four Special Offerings of the PC (USA) during the church year. The first 60% of our donations will be sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency (25% to assist young adult volunteers serving communities; 25% to guide youth ministries; and 10% to advance child advocacy). The remaining forty percent of our offering will be used on behalf of children-at-risk in our own community. This year we are supporting Covenant House Florida - Orlando. Covenant House Florida began in Fort Lauderdale Beach in 1983 and has been supporting needy youth since that time. For over 20 years Covenant House Florida in Orlando has been providing emergency shelter, crisis counseling and supportive services to Central Florida's most vulnerable homeless. These youth typically come from rough circumstances, with little support, and often headed toward disaster. Last year CHF provided assistance to over 450 youth and children in Central Florida. Support from grants and the general community have allowed them to serve these youth, no matter what their past may be. Covenant House Florida makes every effort to reunite kids with their families. They will collaborate with community agencies and organizations and actively participate in community efforts to improve the conditions of families and children. They will advocate with and on behalf of youth to raise awareness in the community about their suffering. Their mission is based on faith and the belief that all children and youth have a right to love, respect and genuine concern. Their commitment calls them to serve suffering children of the street and to protect and safeguard all children.

With your support, these agencies can help meet the needs of these vulnerable neighbors. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to support this most worthy cause on Sunday, May 23, 2021. You can leave your donation as you exit the Sanctuary; the church office will also accept your donations by mail or on-line.

**Remember to wear RED to celebrate Pentecost!**

**LIBRARY NEWS**  
**DORIS ANGUISH, LIBRARIAN**

Have you noticed the stained glass windows in our Church sanctuary? They are truly beautiful and each one tells a story from the Bible's Old Testament, beginning with Abraham, "father of the faithful."



Over the door on the east side of the sanctuary is the first stained glass transom window. This shows the Old Testament story of Abraham and his son, Isaac, as told in the book of Genesis 22nd chapter. He is to sacrifice his son, his only son, as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that God will lead him to. Abraham obeys taking Isaac to the mountain country of Moriah to sacrifice his son.

This window shows Abraham, knife in hand, plunging it downward to slay Isaac, whose body is on the wood on the altar. Isaac's feet and hands are bound, just like the sacrificial animals of the day. The brazier is aflame to consume the killed sacrifice. But here there is an angel stopping the thrust of the knife and in a thicket are entangled the twisted horns of a ram that Abraham called Johovah-Kireh — "the Lord will provide." Here in the thicket is a substitute for Isaac. The ram has been used a symbol for Christ since it is the leader of flock. Christ who was to come to be the Son whom God gave to the world as His sacrifice.



**RESTARTING OUR MISSION  
TO SERVE THE HOMELESS  
2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Finally, we are able to provide food and serve our friends at the Homeless Coalition of Central Florida after 13 months of "Covid" closure. We were unable to serve from March 2020 through March 2021, although we continued to donate the cost of the food we would have prepared to the Coalition. On Wednesday, April 7, Bonnie Gaughan's team mixed and baked 4 huge trays of brownies. The next day, Thursday, April 8, Mary VanHook and her team of helpers chopped and prepared the 7-layer salad; and on Friday morning, April 9, Joanne Robertson led a team of volunteers in cutting and bagging 280 brownies. Finally, that afternoon, the salads were mixed and a reduced crew of 5 hearty souls (Sevilla Morse, Pat Morgan, Gary Henderson, and Nancy & Mike Galyean) traveled in 2 cars with all the supplies (instead of using the bus) to serve at the Coalition alongside 5 members of our partner church, St. Richard's Episcopal. It was wonderful to be back.

The Coalition has had to make many changes to keep their guests and staff safe during Covid and will be in transition as they gradually adjust until they are back to "normal."

For many years, WPPC and a partner church served dinner once a month to "residents" (up to 250 men living at the Men's Service Center) in addition to "community" guests (30-75 men, women, children living outside the Coalition). When the Covid virus struck, Coalition staff scrambled to safely meet the needs of all their guests. They closed the dining hall in the Women & Children's building, and dedicated the area to any guests testing positive to the Covid test or experiencing Covid symptoms. The dining room in the Men's Service Center began to feed all guests from the Women & Children's building and the "residents" of the Men's Service Center. To-go boxes for "community" guests began being prepared in the MSC kitchen and delivered to those folks at the gate each evening. These changes are still in place at the Coalition. Since we do not come in contact with the "community" at this time, we do not currently provide peanut butter and jelly sandwiches or toiletries to those guests as we have in the past.

In addition to these physical changes, the Coalition also had to make schedule changes in order to help guests with social distancing. Women & Children are served from 5-6 PM and are encouraged to stagger their attendance throughout the hour. Men are served from 6-7 PM. In order to serve at 5 p.m., we must leave WPPC by 4 p.m. in order to arrive at the Coalition by 4:30. (Before Covid, we started serving at 6:30 PM and left WPPC at 5:30.) This new schedule is challenging for our volunteer servers and bus drivers as most folks with jobs cannot be at the church by 4 PM.

Traveling to the Coalition and serving the food is just one piece of the work WPPC does to serve the homeless. In addition to preparing the food, many individual tasks are completed by WPPC members.

If you are interested in being a part of WPPC's 40-plus year mission to Feed the Homeless, please contact Nancy Galyean by phone (407-929-0903) or email ([nangalyean@gmail.com](mailto:nangalyean@gmail.com)). Each volunteer must register with the Coalition and wear a mask while on the Coalition campus.



Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.  
1 John 4:7

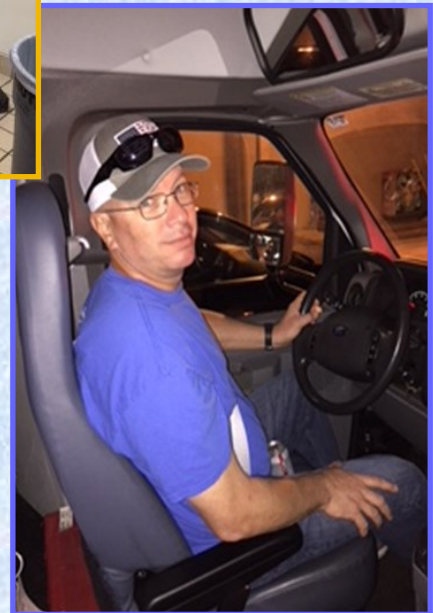
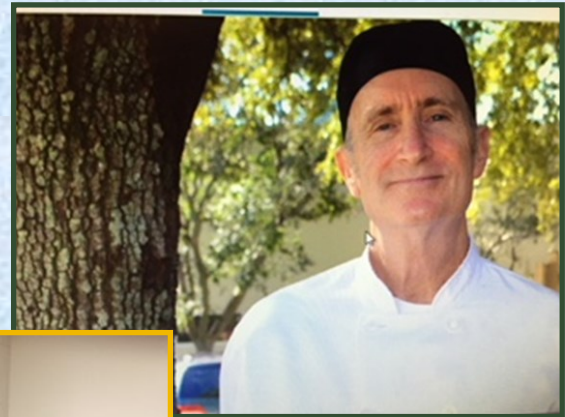


We are delighted to again be serving in the Men's Service Center at the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. We serve the meal on the 2nd Friday of each month.

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

407-929-0903 or [nangalyean@gmail.com](mailto:nangalyean@gmail.com).





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

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What	When
<b>Bake</b> brownies (Bonnie Gaughan 407-804-2565)	Wed 5/12 9:00-11:00 AM
<b>Prepare</b> meal (Mary Van Hook 407-359-2388)	Thurs 5/13 9:00-11:00 AM
<b>Bag</b> brownies (Joanne Robertson 407-678-8254)	Fri 5/14 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 located in Fellowship Hall
<b>Prepare</b> to transport: Gather supplies, load food & supplies into bus (Nancy Galyean 407-929-0903)	Fri 5/14 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 call Nancy Galyean (407-929-0903) by the Wednesday before if you would like to serve.	Fri 5/14 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 5/14 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).**

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida is a Compassion Committee Ministry.



## *Bus Drivers*

**Bus drivers are needed  
to transport our  
volunteers to serve the  
Coalition on the 2nd  
Friday of each month.**

**For more information  
please contact:**

**Nancy Galyean:  
407-929-0903  
nangalyean@gmail.com**



## *Sanctuary Flowers*

If you would like to donate flowers for the weekly worship service in honor of/in memory of someone special or of a special occasion, please pick a date and put your name on the sign-up chart located in the narthex.

When you sign up, please take a form and turn it into the front office with all the information filled in.

**VBS  
Volunteers  
needed**

**JULY 6TH - JULY 9TH  
9AM - NOON**

**CONTACT  
PASTOR EMILY  
FOR THIS AMAZING  
OPPORTUNITY!**



## Sunshine

### Therapy Dog and Honorary WPPC Deacon

Sunshine, our canine Honorary Deacon,  
passed away peacefully on April 20th.

He lived a long life providing unconditional  
love and faithfulness to Sevilla, brought  
many people happiness as a therapy dog,  
and served as a greeter at WPPC Sunday  
Worship Services. We will all sorely miss  
the familiar wagging of Sunshine's tail  
at our future Sunday services.



## ?? Bible Quiz ??

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)



## Memorial Day

Is it enough to think today  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

- Annette Wynne





## A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

**Directions:** Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

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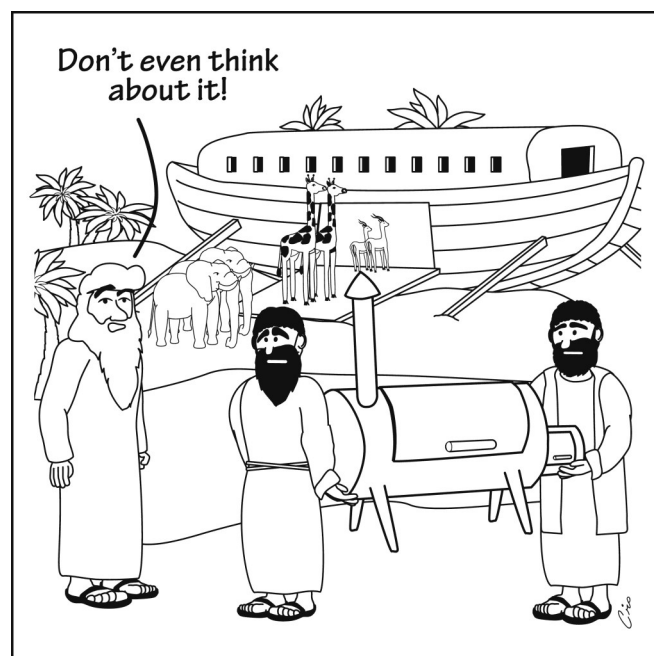
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Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_


"But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<u>1</u> Nancy Appich Shaheed Mohammed Marna Williams
<u>2</u> Marianna LaRue Lori Pantoliano	<u>3</u> Connie Joy Tallungan	<u>4</u> Lurene Braswell Lee Corbett Ben Reece	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Jason Mahoney	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Lily Boyle
<u>9</u> Dan Kittinger	<u>10</u> Susan Davis Lindsay Seel Woody Storey	<u>11</u> Jodi Tassos	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Almeda Dean	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> John Connor Will McCurdy Fred Murray	<u>20</u> Phil Ettinger Scott Frazier	<u>21</u> Jessica Davidson Annette Weidner	<u>22</u> Joann Robertson
<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Flossie Hellinger Griffin Seel	<u>25</u> Beverly Carpenter	<u>26</u> Ryan Yadav	<u>27</u> David Dodd	<u>28</u> Crystal Fern	<u>29</u> Alan Davis
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> Stephen Boyle Margie Meliza					

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		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Matt Straub	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Barbara dePaula	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Steve House Carolyn Wolf	<u>10</u> Theresa Coker Ron Ellman Kayleigh Mcrae Craig Osterhaus	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Mariya Lampe Alexander Reece	<u>15</u> Abbie Lampe Winnifred Riccio	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> Nancy Glancy Eric Schieber Donna Thompson	<u>18</u> Esther Grace Tallungan	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Fern Barnard	<u>22</u> Enid Marr	<u>23</u> Jo Russell	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Patrick Boyle	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> Dan Meadors Sue Rudolph	<u>28</u> Gary Wolf	<u>29</u> Denise Ferguson	<u>30</u> Mitch Bargar Don Paulsen			

### Thank you to all who participated in our Spring Clean Up!

We had an amazing turnout for our Spring Clean Up! Parents and other volunteers tackled projects all over campus.

The Nature Center looks fabulous! Plants were trimmed, the picnic table was stained, weeds were pulled, mulch was spread, and flowers and butterfly-attracting plants were planted. A sand table was also added to the garden.

The sandbox on the pine playground was thoroughly cleaned and freshened up and it has been reopened for use after being closed since August. The toy shed was cleaned and reorganized, and playground equipment was scrubbed. The preschool sidewalk next to Dundee was pressure washed, and the large garden boxes behind the school were weeded and prepared for additional planting.

Many families donated money and gift cards for supplies, as well as snacks, water, materials and use of their pressure washers and other equipment. Ms. Desiree Felix and Ms. Jessica Valentin provided babysitting so that parents could work outdoors. The children played with their friends and enjoyed pizza.

Thank you to all who participated. We truly appreciate all that was done!



**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  
 Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music  
 Tricia Wilson, Director of Preschool Programs  
 Kenny Lovelace, Sexton

### SESSION

#### 2021

Phillip Anderson  
 Lisa Dreasher  
 Jayne Leach  
 Shaheed Mohammed  
 Nelson Roe

#### 2022

Theresa Coker  
 Bonnie Gaughan  
 Fran Morrissey  
 Michelle Trahan  
 Jay Van Hook

#### 2023

Syd Davis  
 Fred Kittinger  
 Malcolm MacDiarmid  
 Jim McKinney  
 Dawn Sumrall

### DIACONATE

#### 2021

Mike Galyean  
 Reta Jackson  
 Julie Kent  
 Curtis Koon  
 Sara Van Arsdell  
 Jeanne Vinci

#### 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

### MISSIONARIES

Rev. Gordon and Dorothy Gartrell - Brazil  
 Mark Hare & Jenny Bent - Costa Rica  
 Dr. Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar

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