



THE COVENANT WEEKLY

. . . reaching our community.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING KICKED OFF for 2012!

by Pastor Bob Myers

Last weekend we launched Leadership Training 2012. All the trainees were nominated by members of the congregation, and joined with current elders, deacons and deaconesses, about 50 people participated in the course, with the potential of doubling our leadership teams.

How leaders lead is of the highest importance. *“When leaders lead well, lost people get found, found people grow up, lonely people get enfolded, the poor get served in dignified ways, the bored find purpose, the community is helped, the kingdom of God goes from heaven to earth, and unbelievable things happen when leaders step up and lead in local church”* (Bill Hybels)

The first part of the seminar stressed the primary importance of heartfelt and passionate commitment to Covenant’s Biblical grounded vision to reach our community. After grounding this vision as THE mandate God has given His church in scripture, the seminar distinguished between mere teaching and discipleship, and how a commitment to mission makes all the difference in whether we’re shadow-boxing or really prevailing as Jesus promised His Church will prevail (Matthew 16:13-15).

The seminar covered vision, Covenant’s explosive growth and opportunities, the Biblical qualifications for elder, deacon, and deaconess, and our Bible teaching convictions. I believe I sensed many hearts being stirred by a fresh and perhaps more penetrating and discerning understanding of how difficult it is for a church to stay on task with reaching its community and making disciples who make disciples.

For years I wrongly believed that if congregations were simply taught the Bible that mission would happen. I’ll leave you with the following quote from PCA Pastor Randy Pope. He expresses what I’ve learned so well:

The truth is that the greatest way to neglect the needs of God’s people is to put them in a church that fails to function as a “mission.” The healthiest environment for nurture and discipleship is that of “mission.” Otherwise, nurture and discipleship become ends rather than means to accomplish God’s greater purposes. I have learned through years of discipling men that I can teach them the truths and commitments of our faith without seeing any automatic by-product of zeal for mission. But, just as exercise creates a desire for food and drink, mission-related activities create an insatiable thirst and hunger to feed on God’s Word. Randy Pope, Intentional Church

Pray for this training process. We hope to have many new elders and deacons and deaconesses installed and ready to strengthen our service by the end of May. God is not only growing our numbers on Sunday, He is also expanding those who want to step up and serve on this important front and many, many, others! Praise God!

PS There’s still time to register for the Inquirer’s Seminar this Sunday. You can reserve your space by notifying the church office. We have over 52 adults and 17 youth attending.

Church Happenings

Upcoming Events & News . . .

You're Invited to a MOPS Sponsored PAJAMA JAM! Join us this Friday, Feb.10th from 6-8 p.m. in the Worship Center for a PAJAMA DANCE PARTY! Let the kids get their wiggles out at this fun family night together! We will provide a light snack. Please bring your own drinks. Please RSVP to mops@covenant-church.org to attend and feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

Membership/Information Class: Inquirer's Class: Sunday, February 12th following the 2nd service until 3:30 p.m. If you are new to Covenant or want to find out more about the church, please plan on attending this informational class. **If you have been attending a while and are now ready for membership then this class is for you also!** This is the first step if you are interested in membership, but you are under no obligation by taking the class. **This class is designed for 9th graders through adults.** Please contact the church office to sign up.

QUEST - YOUTH INQUIRER'S CLASS: Sunday, February 12th following the 2nd service until 3:30 p.m. Covenant offers a Youth Inquirer's Class for 5th - 8th graders at the same time as the Adult Inquirers Class. Please contact the church office or fill out the insert on Sundays to sign up if your child is interested in becoming a member of Covenant Church and would like to attend the class.



COVENANT'S ENDLESS SUPPER – Saturday, FEB. 25, from 6-9 p.m.

Winter getting you down? Feeling cooped up in the house? Then we have a great option for you! Come out to Church for our **ENDLESS SUPPER!** Bring something to share and enjoy the food, fellowship and light entertainment provided by some of our funniest and most talented members! This event is on par with our summer picnic - but it's inside the Worship Center where it's warm and dry! The dinner is open to all adults who have a connection to Covenant, that includes members, those who attend on Sunday morning, or those of you who are fairly new to Covenant and are interested in meeting new and friendly people. You

are also invited to bring along friends - the more the merrier! If you fit into any of these categories, PLEASE sign up and come out to join us. We promise a friendly evening where you can mix and mingle, meet new people and have a little more than the normal fellowship time afforded before and after Sunday Morning worship. There's a sign-up table where you can stop by either before or after either service. Please indicate if you'll bring a would like to bring a salad, entree, side or dessert to share. If you know what you'll be making, please let us know that too so we don't have too many dishes of lasagna, too much chili or too much chocolate cake - hmm, don't think we can ever have too much of any of those!! Cost is just \$4 p.p. to cover our costs. Let's make this an evening to remember! Mark your calendar and join us for delicious food, lots of laughter and a hearty helping of Covenant Love!

Olan Mills Church Photo Directory: Mark Your Calendars for March 14-17 & April 18-21st. W/Th/F appointments run from 2-9 p.m. and Saturday appointments run from 9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. We are gearing up to have a **BRAND NEW photo directory published through Olan Mills.** There are plenty of spots available to have your picture taken. You are under NO OBLIGATION to purchase any pictures, but we'd like to have as many faces in print as possible. The online version will be updated also through this process. **Please note: All old pictures will be deleted - if you want to be in the new directory, and you know you do, you MUST have your picture retaken!**

Ways to sign up:

- ◆ Click here to schedule online <https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=61175>
 - ◆ There is also a link on the church website home page.
 - ◆ Sign up on Sundays or anytime you are at church
 - ◆ Call or e-mail Kim in the office.
- There are different time slots at church verses online so if one doesn't fit your needs try the other

Why should I sign up?

- ◆ This is an important tool for our growing congregation.
- ◆ Helps put names with faces.
- ◆ Helps you put a face with those you are praying for.
- ◆ Get a professional photo sitting for you and/or your family.
- ◆ Every family unit will receive one FREE directory
- ◆ Every family unit will receive a \$25 gift certificate to put towards a packet.

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At a Glance

Calendar for this Week . . .

Thursday, February 9

- PALS: 9:15-10:15am (Farm)
- Coffee Break: 10-11:30am (Room 205)
- Women's Bible Study: 12-2 p.m. (Room 125)
- Worship Team: 7:30pm (Worship Center)

Friday, February 10

- MOPS Pajama Jam: 6-8 p.m. (Worship Center)
- Just Love Support Group: 7:30-9:30 p.m. (Lounge)

Saturday, February 11

- Men's Travel Study: 6 a.m. (cafe)
- Marriage Matters Seminar: 10 a.m.--noon (Multi-purpose Room)
- Just Love Adoption Group: 4:15-5:45 p.m. (Room 124)

Sunday, February 12

- Worship Services: 9:00 & 10:45
- Children's Classes for birth - 6th grade
- Inquirer's Class: 12:15-3:30 p.m. (Multipurpose Room)
- Quest Class: 12:15-3:30 p.m. (Room 124)
- Crave: 6-8 p.m.

Monday, February 13

- Leadership Training: 7-9 p.m.
- Women's Bible Study: 7:30-9 p.m. (Room 124)

Tuesday, February 14

- Men's Early Morning Bible Study 6:45-8:00am (Room 125)
- Women's Bible Study: 9:15-11 a.m. (Room 125)
- Shift: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

- SHAPE: 6-7:30pm (Multipurpose Room)
- Celebrate Recovery: 7:00pm (Conference Room)
- Stitching In His Name: 7 pm (Carriage House)