

# WELCOME TO FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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## Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff Gathering

Today, September 28 at 12:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall 107 A&B, Light refreshments will be served Join us for a special time of connection and collaboration as we shape the future of Women's Ministry together. Whether you've been involved for years or are just curious, your voice matters. Come share your ideas and hopes for what's ahead—let's build something beautiful together.

## Handpicked by God: A Journey of Discernment

Wednesdays in October, 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall 203
Inspired by the apostle Paul—who once fiercely opposed the early church but whose remarkable gifts were redirected by God toward building it—this Wednesday night series reminds us that God doesn't change who we are but redirects our gifts toward God's purposes. Together, we'll identify our strengths, reflect on how they've shaped our lives, and consider new ways to put them into action. Join Doug Bacon, a certified Gallup Strengths finders coach and Covenant member, on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm beginning October 1.

#### Pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland: May 2026

Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 29. In May 2026, Covenant invites a group of pilgrims to journey to the Isle of Iona, off the Western Coast of Scotland, for a week of spiritual renewal, reflection, and prayer. Visit covenantpresby.org/iona-pilgrimage for details.

#### Trip to the Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of pumpkin picking at the farm of Covenant members Erin and Aaron Hines in Dallas, N.C. Write "Pumpkin Patch" to sign-up. Everyone is welcome!

#### Hurricane Helene One-Year Anniversary

We will welcome Ruth Shirley from Volunteer Avery to share a Minute for Ministry about the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, the relief and rebuilding efforts, and the abundant hope for the future. Visit the Welcome Center to learn more about Covenant's work over the past year, including the many partners who have joined in this transformative work and how relief funds are being used to make a lasting impact.

# Youth Basketball Registration is Open Now!

Visit covenantpresby.org/recreation-ministry to register
The new Youth Basketball season at Covenant is almost here!
Visit our website to sign up soon because these groups fill up quickly! If you are interested in coaching or have questions, email our Recreation Ministry Director, Kevin Harper.

#### Vaccine Clinics Begin in October

Vaccine Clinics will be offered again this year every Wednesday in October from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center. The following Vaccines are available:

- Flu (for ages 7 and older)
- COVID-19 (ages 18+) Offering Moderna Spikevax vaccine
- RSV (> 65, available upon request)

If you are not sure what vaccines you are eligible for, check with your doctor. Contact Parish Nurse Karen Willis to schedule.

# Calling all College Students & Secret Saints

Covenant's College Ministry needs "Secret Saints" to encourage our college students with anonymous notes, care packages, and prayers. We have many students, so lots of Saints are needed! Write "Secret Saint" on your WRC to sign up. College students: Please share your updated mailing address and contact info with Martin Pruitt, Director of College Ministries.

# TRAVEL, LEARN, CONNECT (TLC) What in The World Is The Pearl?

Wednesday, October 15 in Fellowship Hall 10:30 a.m. Socializing | 11:00 a.m. Program

Discover The Pearl — a 26-acre district dedicated to medical innovation, education, and community, now rising across Morehead Street. Once home to Charlotte's historic African-American "Brooklyn" neighborhood, with more than 1,400 homes and 200 businesses, the area is rich in history. Today, The Pearl honors that legacy, taking its name from Pearl Street Park, the city's first park created for African-Americans. Write "TLC" on your WRC to RSVP.