

# New Covenant News

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## Session Highlights

Session will be having a retreat on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. At that time we will be meeting with the newly elected elders and examining them as to their personal faith and their knowledge of the duties of the office. After approval we are planning for them to be installed as Ruling Elders on May 20<sup>th</sup> during the worship service.

The Session is currently reviewing the membership rolls, with the plan to place those no longer attending worship on and inactive or moved list, so that the list more accurately reflects our membership.

A new agreement has been reached with the Seventh Day Adventist congregation using our facilities.

A new agreement has been negotiated with another gas company resulting in a savings to us of approximately \$.10 per therm. The Building and Grounds Committee did a great job.

May 20<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day. Elders and the new officers for the Presbyterian Women will be installed during the worship service, and we plan on having a cookout following worship. Everybody come and enjoy this time of fellowship.

*The AIM item of the month  
for May is:*

**SUGAR (16 oz.)**

Please drop your items, without plastic grocery bags, in the plastic bins located by any church exit.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

## May Birthdays

Linda Johnson	May 1st
Rick Neale	May 1st
Megan Sanders	May 4th
Scott Pieper	May 9th
Gaelyn Walker	May 13th
Jennifer Batza	May 17th
Darren Clay	May 17th
Drew Commins	May 17th

## Make a Difference with the Youth Group

The Spiritual Growth Committee is committed to offering meaningful new Christian experiences for our Teens and Youth. This is a program in transition, and we extend our thanks and best wishes to Patrick Lesley as he moves to his next challenge. Now we need your help as we move forward!

The Spiritual Growth Committee joyfully invites all teens, their families, and all interested persons to a group discussion after church on Sunday, June 3, 2007. We will have pizzas, sodas, and make your own Sundaes. Please plan to come and join the discussion of plans for the youth program and our vision of what this program should be. In the spirit of Natural Church Development, our goal is to empower teens to develop their own programs and activities, doing things they want to do at a time that is most convenient for them and their busy schedules, all within a Christian context, of course. So, please come and offer your insights, suggestions, or observations on the development of our youth program. Hope to see you for lunch after church on June 3rd!

**-The Spiritual Growth Committee**

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## Session Members

### Class of 2007

Nancy Berlin (Service)  
Joan Clemens (Stewardship & Finance)  
Jennelle Robertson (Fellowship)  
John Wheeler (Worship)

### Class of 2008

Bill Bower (Clerk of Session)  
Suzanne Holton (Worship)  
Patrick Lesley (Spiritual Growth)  
Nancy Meinersmann (Fellowship)

### Class of 2009

Scott Holton (Service)  
Jeannie Jones (Spiritual Growth)  
Richard Russ (Building & Grounds)

### Youth Elder, Class of 2007

Elizabeth Davis (Spiritual Growth)



## May Lectionary Readings

<b>May 6th</b>	Acts 11:1-8; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
<b>May 13th</b>	Acts 16:9-15; Rev. 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
<b>May 20th</b>	Acts 16:16-34; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26
<b>May 27th</b>	Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9; Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17



**The Clifton Night Hospitality volunteers** this month are:

May 12 – Ted and Suzanne Mikalsen

May 19 – Kenneth and Marty Riviere, and Marc Dryman

(If you would like to learn more about Clifton, please click on the icon above.)

## Congratulations to Seth Cordell!

About a year ago Seth Cordell, grandson of Bill and Janet Thompson, chose a project at CNC for his project for a non-profit organization, working towards his Eagle Scout award in the Boy Scouts of America. Seth, with some help from his grandfather, chose the entrance to the church by the side drive and developed a flower bed. Here he tilled the soil, added much needed compost and planted plants he purchased as well as some from his Papa's garden. He created a lovely entrance that was appreciated by those who entered the church from the side parking lot. He also built a bench where a worshiper might sit while waiting on a ride. After a number of years of working toward his goal, Seth has now passed all requirements to receive the Eagle Scout award, and he has been approved by the council to receive this award in May. Congratulations, Seth!

## CNC Welcomes a New Music Director – and Secretary!

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new Music Director. Jerrold Tidwell begins his work with us the week of May 29<sup>th</sup>. He did a great job as our guest organist on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and we are looking forward to new energy in our music program. Jerrold brings with him a wealth of experience in both large and small church settings. He has led vocal and instrumental forces that include volunteer as well as professional musicians, and has prepared program publications, developed departmental budgets, and managed several concert series. (Continued on Page 3)

## Presbyterian Women - May News

The women are winding down for this year.

We had our two final mission campaigns --

Mission Haven on April 22<sup>nd</sup> which we collected money. Donations for Mission Haven to purchase paint.

Annual Birthday will be May 6<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes will be provided to insert in the bulletins. The bulletin covers used that Sunday will tell about the Birthday offering and Jan Kecip is planning to do a Minute for Mission.

The final joint circle meeting will be May 8th. We will have a salad supper and Kathryn Franck, our PW enabler, will be our guest that night.

Installation of the new officers will be Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> during the church service.

### ***Jennelle Robertson***

Moderator



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Jerrold heightened our curiosity when he indicated he would also be interested in filling our secretary position. His qualifications in that area are equally good, so we decided he would be a good fit for both positions. When we were interviewing him, Jerrold told us, "I consider my work a call, not a job. I am seeking a stable environment to build a solid, growing, wide-reaching ministry." We now have a creative solution to our staffing needs, and we are delighted to have such a talented and energetic person joining our church family.

### **The Blend**

When our denomination is in such turmoil about the ordination of Gays, Lesbians and Transgendered people, did you ever wonder what the bible really says? The Blend is sponsoring a discussion group to study this topic by reading a book by Jack Rogers, former moderator of the General Assembly, entitled *Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality: Explode the Myths, Heal the Church*. Discussion will be in a book club format and is open to everyone. Stay tuned for dates and times.

### **Seniors Group**

The next seniors group meeting will be on May 17th at 11:30 am. Milly Ball will be presenting a musical version of *Milly's Silly Brain Game*. You will not be required to sing, and there will be no music, but you are sure to leave humming a tune you forgot long ago.

## Opportunities from the Six Star Refugee Partnership

- Need a good tailor? The mother of our newest family is an experienced tailor and is looking for customers. No job is too big or small. See [Curt Schroeder](#) for a price list.



- Earlier this year, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), the refugee placement agency Six Star has worked with since 2002, approached Six Star about helping a family of Liberian refugees with a special need. The Manning family consists of a mother and 4 children. Upon arriving in the U.S., it was learned that the mother would need a double hip replacement and has been unable to work while recovering from the surgeries. Six Star agreed to supply temporary financial aid in the form of paying the family's rent and utilities for several months, on the condition this financial aid must come from sources outside Six Star's normal finances. Six Star has covered three months thus far, but needs to supply aid for one or two more months to complete its obligation to the IRC and the Manning family.

If you wish to help Six Star with this special, short-term project, please make checks for your tax-deductible contribution payable to Six Star Refugee Partnership (Memo: Manning Family) and give them to [Curt Schroeder](#).

For more information contact *Curt Schroeder* at (770) 451-6718 or [support@six-star-refugee.org](mailto:support@six-star-refugee.org)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Crochet 1 pm	2 Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:45 pm	3	4	5 Atlanta Schola Cantorum Concert 8 pm
6 Atlanta Schola Cantorum Concert 4 pm  Spiritual Growth Com. Mtg.	7	8 Presbytery Mtg. 9:30 am  Crochet 1 pm  PW Joint Circles 6:00 pm	9 Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:45 pm	10	11 Session Retreat begins	12 Mosley Wedding 6 pm  Clifton: Ted and Suzanne M.
13	14	15 Crochet 1 pm	16 Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:45 pm	17 Seniors Group 11:30 am	18	19 Columbia Graduation 10 am  Clifton: Kenneth & Marty R. & Marc D.
20 Confirmation PW Install. Elder Install. CNC Cookout	21	22 Crochet 1 pm	23 Montessori Rehearsal 11 am-2 pm  Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:45 pm	24 Montessori Play 6-9 pm	25	26
27	28	29 Crochet 1 pm	30 Montessori Graduation Rehearsal 9 am-12 pm  Bells 6:30 pm Choir 7:45 pm	31 Montessori Graduation 6:30 pm	<p><u>Sunday Morning Schedule:</u> Sunday School– 9:00 a.m. Worship– 10:30 a.m.</p>	