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## Sunday School and Nursery Volunteers Needed

GOOD NEWS! We are having some young children (visitors and regulars) in the congregation on Sundays during Sunday School hour and Worship Services. BAD NEWS! We have no regular Sunday School class for them to attend. Also, our nursery is understaffed for taking care of toddlers during Sunday School hour and during Worship Services. GOOD NEWS! The Spiritual Growth Committee is developing curricula for them and for children of all ages. BAD NEWS! We need individuals to teach these children. Therefore, the Committee is looking for a few good people to volunteer to be "**on call**" for any given Sunday to staff the nursery or to be ready to teach a given curriculum to toddlers or primary children. The Committee has generated two sign-up lists (one for the nursery and one for teaching SS lessons to young children) and has placed them in the walkthrough on the bulletin board. **We are asking for your help.** So, if you feel the Spirit moving you, **please** sign up on the list of your choice or both if you wish. We would like to have at least five committed individuals for each list. Thank you!

Your Spiritual Growth Committee serving you, the church and our Lord,

Scott Johnson and Jeannie Jones

## Healing Services



George Tatro is leading a service of healing **every Wednesday** at **5:30 pm**, (except May 7). The service will be in the sanctuary before the bell choir rehearsal.

## Welcome Nick!

We welcome our new **Music Director**, Nick Klemetson, a life-long Minnesotan who brings to CNC great talents and enthusiasm for God's gift of music. Beginning May 21, 2008, Nick will lead our choir and handbell ringers every week.



Nick is a graduate of St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where he received his B.A. in Music Performance and sang for two years with the St. Olaf Choir. Nick is currently a candidate at Emory for his masters degree in sacred music. Since moving to Atlanta last year, Nick has been taking advantage of opportunities to gain experience in his field, helping lead weekly rehearsals of the Emory University Master's Singers, and serving as Chorus Master of the Atlanta Celtic Christmas Celebration. Nick is also a member of the Concert Choir and University Chorus at Emory and the Atlanta Sacred Chorale.

Nick realized music was his true passion when he was introduced to classical piano music at age 16. With valuable guidance and mentoring in the ensuing seven years, Nick feels he has found his true calling in church music and choral conducting.

Nick is new to the South but is adapting quickly. When he isn't immersed in score study, organ practicing, and writing about music (which he does a lot!), he enjoys golfing, cooking, watching the Simpsons, and talking to his girlfriend, Stephanie, a St. Olaf College senior majoring in music education.

CNC is thrilled to have such an energetic and dedicated musician as Nick to lead and inspire our very gifted singers and ringers. We welcome him warmly into the CNC church family!!

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## Session Members

### Class of 2008

Bill Bower (Clerk of Session)  
Suzanne Holton (Witness)  
Nancy Meinersmann (Fellowship)

### Class of 2009

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

### Class of 2010

Ashley DeVore (Worship)  
Curt Schroeder (Witness)  
Gretchen Turner (Worship)

## Newsletter Submissions

New Covenant News is a monthly publication printed by Church of the New Covenant, PC U.S.A., Doraville, Georgia. If you have news you would like to share of upcoming events, please email or call the church office: [newcovenantpcusa@bellsouth.net](mailto:newcovenantpcusa@bellsouth.net), 770-455-8117. The deadline for monthly submissions is the **third Wednesday of the month.**

## Let Us Rejoice With Music

### Through the Church The Song Goes On

Of all the gifts God has given us, possibly the most sacred and valuable of all is the human voice. The voices and souls of people are intrinsically connected, representing our interior and exterior windows to God. Our voices are the primary instruments of the church. The hymns we sing are as intimate and passionate as the prayers that we speak. Hymns, of course, are sung prayers. Whether they be outcries of praise, repentance, hope, desire, or thanksgiving, they all have an important message for us.

Singing is a part of the Christian Church that cannot be replaced or substituted. As Karl Barth said, "The Christian Church sings... What we can say quite confidently is that a Christian church that does not sing is not a church." The foundation of the singing church is found in the classic tripartite of genres, that is hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs. These are the very language of thanksgiving to God.

The spiritual status of a church can be gauged by its congregational singing. When I attended CNC on Good Friday, I witnessed a small, but enthusiastic group of people singing Taizé music in four-part harmony without the assistance of an instrument. This act is rapidly fading in today's culture of the song leader and praise band. My goal in life is to foster the art of the People's Song in an ecumenical, wide reaching, cross-cultural, inclusive fashion, encouraging people to worship actively and enthusiastically. Once again, hymnody in the church can never be replaced, and is a prime focus of worship. As the great hymn writer Ignaz Franz gave us in his transcription of the ancient *Te Deum* chant, "And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on."

*Nick Klemetson*

## Newsletter Submission Dates

In an effort to make the newsletter more useful we are striving to put it in your hands earlier. As a result, we have changed the submission deadline to the **third Wednesday of every month.**

Below is the submission schedule for the rest of the year. Please make note of the dates.

Deadline for June newsletter, **May 21**

Deadline for July newsletter, **June 18**

Deadline for August newsletter, **July 16**

Deadline for September newsletter, **Aug. 20**

Deadline for October newsletter, **Sept. 17**

Deadline for November newsletter, **Oct. 15**

Deadline for December newsletter, **Nov. 19**

Deadline for January 2009 newsletter, **Dec. 17**

**Make note of the dates today and plan ahead to keep everyone informed.**

## Love Your Mother Earth



A **Green** Awareness Event  
**Saturday, May 10**  
12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm

On the Church Lawn  
**Church of the New Covenant**  
3330 Chestnut Drive  
Doraville, GA  
cncdoraville.org

Enjoy a cookout, displays from suppliers of items such as solar panels and low water usage appliances, and activities on topics such as “green” gardening techniques, landscaping to conserve water, ecology, and theology.



The Clifton Night Hospitality volunteers for May are:

May 10 Ted and Suzanne Mikalsen  
May 17 Kenneth and Marty Riviere



### May Lectionary Readings

May 4 Acts 1:6-14; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11  
May 11 Acts 2:1-21; 1 Cor. 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23  
May 18 Gen. 1:1-2:4a; 2 Cor. 13:11-13  
May 25 Isa. 49:8-16a; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Matt. 6:24-34

## The Spiritual Growth Committee Wants YOU!

The Spiritual Growth Committee is presently made up of 2 members. In order to be a more productive and efficient committee, we are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve on the committee. Our core responsibility is to heighten the spiritual growth experience and awareness of our church members, non-members and friends who attend and/or visit CNC. Some of the areas that fall under the Committee's responsibility are education (all ages), Sunday School curriculum development and selection, youth group, Session Retreat, Elder Training, Communicants' classes, small group organizations, church leadership development, Vacation Bible School, Nursery staffing, etc. If you have an interest in helping CNC grow, the Spiritual Growth Committee, especially, Jeannie Jones and Scott Johnson, eagerly invite you join us and help us fill the spiritual needs of this congregation. If you feel so moved, please speak to either Jeannie Jones or Scott Johnson. Thank you.

Together in Christ,  
Scott Johnson and Jeannie Jones

*Thank you !*

I can't really express all of the gratitude and appreciation for the care I've felt over the past several months during and after my surgeries. To Joan, who kept me company in the hospital and stayed with me one night after I got home. To Joan and Curt for driving me home from the hospital. To Mina, who stayed with me one night after I got home. To all who sent cards, visited, or called. To all who brought food. To all who prayed for me. I thank you all and keep you in my heart.

*Susan Goslin*

### News from the Community!

*The City of Chamblee* invites you to join in the **The Taste of Chamblee and Garden Tour** on May 31st. 770-451-6079 for information.

*The City of Doraville* invites us to participate in some exciting events in May:

*Child Advocacy Day*—May 10 at noon  
*Movie Under the Stars* May 17 at 6 pm  
*Tree Planting* May 31 at 9 am  
Call 770-451-8745 for information



**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<p><b>Sunday Morning Schedule</b>            9:30 am      Sunday School            10:30 am      Choir Rehearsal            10:30 am      Coffee Fellowship            11:00 am      Morning Worship</p>				1	<p>2            8 pm            Schola Cantorum            Concert             8 pm            SDAC</p>	<p>3            Noon-6 pm  <b>GALEO-SPA</b>            8 pm  <b>Schola Cantorum Concert</b>            9-2 &amp; 5-7            SDAC</p>
<p>4             5 pm  <b>Vesper Service</b></p>	5	<p>6             9:30 am  <b>Presbytery Meeting</b>             7 pm            SDAC</p>	<p>7             6:30 pm  <b>Handbells</b>             8 pm  <b>Choir</b></p>	<p>8             11:30 am  <b>Senior luncheon</b></p>	<p>9             Noon 6:30 pm            Montessori in            kitchen</p>	<p>10            Noon -4pm  <b>Love Your Mother Earth</b>  <b>Clifton Host</b>             9-2 &amp; 5-7            SDAC</p>
11	12	<p>13             7 pm            SDAC</p>	<p>14            11:30 am            Montessori in            Dining Room             5:30 pm  <b>Healing Svc.</b>            6:30 pm -Handbells  <b>8:00 pm -Choir</b></p>	15	<p>16             6 pm  <b>Session Retreat</b></p>	<p>17            8 am            Session            Retreat   <b>Clifton Host</b>             9-2 &amp; 5-7            SDAC</p>
<p>18   <b>PW Spring Gathering</b></p>	19	<p>20             7 pm            SDAC</p>	<p>21            5:30 pm  <b>Healing Svc.</b>            6:30 pm -Handbells  <b>8:00 pm -Choir</b>             Submissions for            June newsletter            due</p>	22	23	<p>24             9-2 &amp; 5-7            SDAC</p>
25	26	<p>27             9-3            Montessori             7 pm            SDAC</p>	<p>28            AM Practice            Montessori   <b>5:30 pm Healing Svc.</b>            6:30 Handbells  <b>8:00-Choir</b></p>	<p>29             6 pm            Montessori            Graduation in            Sanctuary</p>	30	<p>31            Time: TBA  <b>Liturgist Appreciation Dinner</b>             9-2 &amp; 5-7            SDAC</p>



May 1—Rick Neale  
 May 1—Linda Johnson  
 May 4—Megan Sanders  
 May 9—Scott Pieper

May 13—Gaelyn Walker  
 May 17—Jennifer Batza  
 May 17—Darren Clay  
 May 17—Drew Commins