

COUNTRY COVENANT CROSSROADS

A Place to Believe, to Belong and to Become
Country Evangelical Covenant Church
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CECC ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 20TH

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 20th following our worship service. All are encouraged to attend. We will be voting on our proposed budget for 2002, as well as vacant positions on the church council. We will be remembering all of the wonderful things God has done for us in 2001, including leading us to call Pastor Dave to shepherd our church! There will be a pot luck immediately preceding the meeting. Anyone with questions may contact our church chair, Lynn Landmeier. **(COMMITTEE CHAIRS - PLEASE GET YOUR YEAR-END REPORTS TO LYNN BY JANUARY 6TH SO THAT THEY MAY BE PRINTED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET.)**

YTD CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF 11/30/01

Budgeted	
Income/Expenses	\$ 61,336
Actual Income	\$ 53,980
Actual Expenses/ Liabilities	\$ 38,901

NEWS FROM FRIENDS, NEAR & FAR

Check the bulletin board in the narthex for notes from church family members who have moved away. We've heard from Rick & Betsy Kloeppe, Bob & Lois Hirsch, John & Linda Norland, Gary & Patty Cole and Roy & Helen Olson.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Each Wednesday evening, beginning January 9th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, Pastor Dave will lead us in Bible study at the parsonage. We will begin with a study of angels. Mark your calendars, bring your bibles and come prepared to learn about God's timeless message to us in His Word.

COFFEE TALK WITH PASTOR DAVE

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00, Pastor Dave invites anyone to stop by to share a cup of coffee and talk. No appointment is necessary. Meet in the parsonage. This is a great way to get to know our new pastor, and for him to get to know you!

PASTOR'S NOTES

New Year Greetings

No new year in my memory has dawned with more possibilities for good or evil than does the year that now lies before us. As Americans we now live with the risk of our nation being under attack. How do we respond to the potential of such a new year?

Perhaps we can go on living our daily lives as usual. Perhaps we can resolve to make a difference by praying for each other, by helping each other. My wife and I are excited about the possibilities of being involved in such a caring church community. Yet, could we, the congregation of Country Evangelical Covenant Church, resolve to become even a more caring congregation this year by helping each other to a more caring relationship and a deeper faith.

As this year draws to a close, Beth and I thank you so much for your love, prayers and support. We are very thankful for our new church family. We were even more blessed by the wonderful breads, fruit basket and other gifts that we received from our church family. It made this Christmas season very special for us.

Thank you and Happy New Year.

Pastor Dave

11 DIGITS TO DIAL

Beginning January 5th, each telephone call that is placed must begin by dialing 1-(area code)-and then the number. The telephone company is adding another area code to the 847 area code by overlaying rather than splitting the coverage area. This new rule applies to every call initiated within the 847 area code, no matter whether you are calling your next door neighbor or your cousin across the country. For example, to dial the church, you will need to dial 1-847-464-5381.

CHURCH FAX NUMBER

We have a fax machine in the church office. The phone number is 1-847-464-5355.

ORGANIST NEEDED

Do you know anyone who plays the organ or piano and might be willing to provide music for our Sunday worship service? You may contact a member of the worship committee or the church council. This is a paid position. Of course, your prayers are always welcome.

COVENANT WOMEN MID-WINTER BREAKFAST

Date: 2/5/02 (Tuesday) Time: 7:00 AM
Place: Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL. Cost: \$13.50
Speaker: Leslie Brown
Topic: "Twice Pardoned"
If interested, contact Betty Landmeier.

JANUARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

1/6	Daniel Beckstrom
1/13	Mark Beckstrom
1/20	Joyce Cosman
1/27	Maki Coomes
2/3	Beverley Tasche

JANUARY NURSERY WORKERS SCHEDULE

1/6	Linda Matson
1/13	Linda Leach
1/20	Rebecca Cosman
1/27	Janet Washburn
2/3	Boly Turner

MEN'S RETREAT AT COVENANT POINT

All you men out there, mark your calendars for the weekend of March 8-10! That's when the annual Men's Retreat at Covenant Point takes place this year. Talk about a great opportunity to really get away from it all! All of the fun and hilarity of being a kid again coupled with the opportunity to draw near to God through prayer, worship, fellowship, Bible study and retreat in the beauty of God's Northwoods. Let off some steam, let go of some pressures, let God renew you by His Holy Spirit. If you've been to previous retreats, you know what fun you are in for, and if you haven't, well, isn't it about time you find out? Bill Orris, pastor of the DeerGrove Covenant Church in Palatine and a Covenant evangelism teacher, is this year's retreat leader. **CONTACT MARK BECKSTROM BY 2/10 IF YOU WANT TO GO.**

Wouldn't it be something if there were no guys at our church that Sunday because they all went up to Point for the Retreat?!

Hmmm...

If you are unable to teach Children's Church or serve in the Nursery on your scheduled day, please trade with someone else or call one of the subs. Please be sure to notify the church office (847-464-5381) of any changes by Friday noon so that they can be published in the bulletin.

WHO IS THAT KNOCKING AT THE DOOR?

A doctor on the pediatric ward was checking out 4-year-old David with a stethoscope. To put him at ease, after listening to his heart, he put the disk on his chest and the earpieces in David's ears. "Listen," he said, "what do you suppose that is?" David wrinkled his eyebrows, and apparently recalling a verse learned at Sunday school, answered, "That's Jesus knocking!"

Remember this? "Here I am, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me."

-Rev 3:20

POSITION WANTED

I would like a job as tutor, teacher and advisor to your family.
I will never take a vacation.
I will never be out of humor.
I have no vices or bad habits.
I won't borrow your clothes or raid your refrigerator.
I will be up in the morning as early as anyone in the household and will stay up as late as anyone wishes.
I will help solve any problems your children might have.
I will give you the satisfaction of knowing that no question your children ask will go unanswered.
For that matter, I will answer any of your own questions on subjects that range from, "How did we get here?" to "Where are we headed?"
I will help settle differences of opinion.
I will give you information that will help you with your job, your family, and all of your other interests.
In short, I will give you the knowledge that will insure the continuous success of your family.

I AM YOUR BIBLE.
Do I get the job?

SEEKING SECRET PALS

Ladies: If you would like to be/have a Secret Pal from Covenant Women this year, please contact Betty Landmeier or Bev Tasche to get your "application." You will then have all of 2002 to guess who is your Secret Pal. The "secret" will be solved next December!

THE BODY OF CHRIST

You know something -
We're all just people
 who need each other.
We're all learning
 and we've all got a long journey
 ahead of us.
We've got to go together
 and if it takes us until Jesus
 comes.
We better stay together.
We better help each other.

And dare I say
 that by the time we get there,
 all the sandwiches will be gone,
 all the chocolate will be gone,
 all the water will be gone, and
 all our backpacks will be empty.

But no matter how long it takes us,
 we've got to go together.
 Because that's how it is
 in the body of Christ.

It's all of us
 in love
 in care
 in support
 in mutuality
 we really do need each other!

-Rueben Welch

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