

## The Covenant

### COVENANT EXISTS TO SHOW GOD'S

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### Speaking Peace...

**Ever had a child or teen "get your goat?"** Ever find yourself faced with a tantrum or a melt down? Most importantly, have you ever allowed yourself to dream of being a better parent or grandparent?

Well, we're planning a limited – 5 to 8 weeks – learning and support group experience for any and all who want to be the best at what God has called them to. Beginning on Sunday evening, March 4th, 6 p.m., we're going to have a short course on children's care-learning. We have a set of DVD's, we'll have qualified child care provider, and each other to learn from, to better our skills, response and enjoyment of this highest of all callings: the nurture of children.

There'll be a few Sundays, one or two, that we'll not meet, e.g., Easter Sunday, April 8. But we'll develop support for each other, commitment to each other, and a developing sense of the critical importance of being our best for our children.

If you have a child in your sphere of influence, with a keen sense of humility, believing that we're never perfect or a complete nurturer of children, you're the one we're building this experience for. We'll have child care available for the hour of this Sunday evening experience. So bring your children—if there's no other way to have them cared for, and give yourself the gift of bettering your skills and your feelings of competence and love for that precious child.

I need this time with the greatest team of ministers God could have assembled. Look at your Sunday night calendars and save a few weeks for yourself.

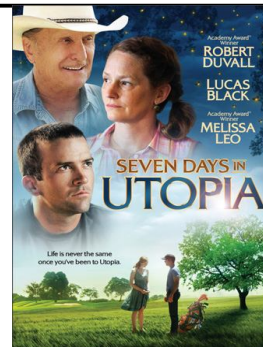
**Billy**

### **SEVEN DAYS IN UTOPIA**

**Right here at Covenant**

**Wednesday, February 29th**

It's our first Fifth Wednesday this year. It's popcorn and movie night, and also a covered dish fellowship meal. A 3 in 1 The meal is at 5:45 and the movie begins at 6:45. Popcorn & drinks will be ready and before the movie begins. Mark your calendars now, and plan to bring a covered dish, and enjoy the show! **Please sign-up for your covered dish you will be bringing.**



### **OPEN HOUSE**

**Friday, February 24, at 5:30**

Come join us for this time of fellowship & sharing. If you are thinking of becoming a member of Covenant, or if you are currently a member, we invite you to come as Billy shares with us some of what Covenant is about. Billy's tacos are on the menu, so come with an appetite. Please RSVP. We are looking forward to seeing you come to our Open House.

### ***Ralph's Reflections.....***

**Are you telling me that when Jesus went up on the mountain with Peter, James and John that His face actually shown like the sun?** No, I am not telling you that, but that is how the writer of the Gospel of Matthew described Jesus' appearance in the presence of God on the Mount of Transfiguration. I am not sure what the writer experienced, but he did see Jesus in a new way that day. We don't really know what Jesus looked like, probably rather ordinary with skin darkened both by heritage and daily exposure to the sun. The question isn't what Jesus physical appearance was before or after his metamorphosis (Transfiguration). The question is, how do we appear to those around us after our transformation? Do we look and act the same after being exposed to the brilliance of God's presence? Are we the same old guy or gal that we presented to the world before our encounter with the living God?

Maybe an analogy would explain it better. I have a watch, just an ordinary watch if seen in the daylight, but at night it suddenly becomes something special. It glows very much like Jesus face is described to us in our Gospel lesson this morning. But the story doesn't end there. My watch appears ordinary absence the presence of something special. For my watch it is as simple as being exposed to the sunlight for a moment or two. Isn't that very much like what happened to Jesus on the mountain that day? Don't you suppose it was the presence of God, that changed an otherwise unremarkable appearing individual to shine like the sun itself?

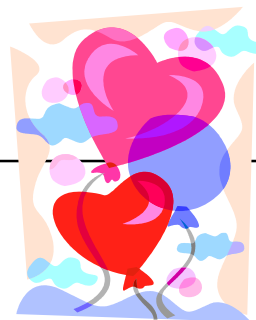
This coming Sunday in the early service we will explore this phenomenon called the Transfiguration from the viewpoint of what our own personal transformation does to us. Are we the same or are we changed in a very real way, do people see us as we were, or as we hope to be? To truly shine may require exposure to the Son. Actually, I'm sure it does.

*Ralph*



### **Photos for the Picture Directory**

See Ralph on Sunday's or Wednesday's in the front entrance (really, anytime he has his camera available). It just takes a moment or two to get your picture taken if you haven't already, or if you would like to have your photo updated.



### **February Birthdays**

- 15 Catherine Seams  
Sandra Brown
- 18 Tammy Nichols  
Jordan Storms  
Steve Moody
- 19 Wayne Fredrickson  
Rebecca Wagner
- 22 Wayne Cheek
- 23 Bette Wells
- 24 David Gardner
- 26 Winston Chaffin  
Mason Cobern  
Kim Merritt
- 27 Mike Romans

**Many of you have filled out & returned the Membership Information Sheet. Thank you so much for your response. If you haven't completed yours yet, please take a few moments to do so. Just put it in the offering plate or you can turn it into my office. We're getting closer to completing the church picture directory. Copies of the form are available if you need one. Thank you for your help in accomplishing this task.**

**Debbie**

## Youth Corner.....

### Hi Everyone

Wednesday night was a lot of fun, it was Karaoke night! Each of us sang songs, well I'm not sure what I did would have been considered singing, lol. I asked Billy for some lessons and he said it would take powers from above to help my singing. I'm teasing, I didn't ask him and he didn't say that. :o) But we did have a lot of fun.

Here is what the Kids studied this past Sunday:

Elementary; Luke 15:11-24, I remember those days of being in a far land.

Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 14:22-33

Junior High; Jeremiah 1-6, Catherine and I read different verses that jumped out at us. It was a lot of fun. :o)

High School; Micah 7:8-20, God loves and forgives us all.

What great lessons for our kids to study. What GREAT lessons for all of us.

May you all have a Blessed week,

Monty

### Upcoming Events

Photographs for Picture Directory  
Sunday's, Wednesday's—See Ralph

**Walk to Siloam—THIS WEEK**

Taize, February 22nd

**Friday, February 24th, 5:30pm**

**"OPEN HOUSE"**

Wednesday, February 29th, Movie Night  
6:45 & Covered Dish Meal, 5:45

**Sunday, March 4, at 6:00 pm**  
**Children/Youth Organizational Team**  
**Support Group**  
**Meets**



### Care Team Minister Needed

If you would like to be a part of this group of ministers, you may contact Curtis Ford, Care Team Director @ 443-7762, or just let one of the church staff know of your interest.

### Media Library News...



There's a brand new book in the media library: Get Healthy... for Heaven's Sake (613) Mor), The author, Lisa Morrone, P.T., says "The Bible tells us that we are the only part of God's creation that was made in His image. Integral to His creation are our physical bodies, with which we worship and bring glory to Him through performing good works—or as my Southern girlfriends would say, 'being Jesus with skin on.'" The she goes on to tell us how to be healthy to His Glory.

Elma Holden,  
Media Librarian

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### home group & Worship Schedule

#### SUNDAY

6:00 pm **HG** Calvin Fanchier—Place: Fellowship Hall

#### MONDAY

7:00 pm **HG** Billy Storms - Place: Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm **HG** Ralph Willis- Every Other Week  
Jerry & Pat Haldeman  
6109 Garden Court - 993-6323

6:00 pm **AA** Dave Klassen- SS Classroom

#### TUESDAY

7:00 am **HG** Mike Dixon - Men's Breakfast  
Place: Town & Country Cafe

7:00 pm Ralph Willis-Centering Prayer—Place: Prayer Chapel

7:00 pm **HG** Taco Tuesday - Mike Dixon  
Place: Acapulco Rest. Weber/Saratoga

7:00 am **AA** Don Fettig, Fellowship Hall

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 am Wild at Heart- Men's Reunion Group - Ralph  
Place: Youth Area

6:00 pm **Fellowship Meal ( Fifth Wednesday Month)**

7:00 pm Midweek Worship — Children & Youth Night

7:00 pm Taize - Every Fourth Wednesday

7:30 pm **HG** John & Julie Conway  
Place: 3113 Bimini - 510-8749

#### THURSDAY

2:00 pm **HG** Ladies Thursday Afternoon Group  
Place: Betty Perry  
6203 Hidden Cove- 985-2517

7:00 pm **HG** Karl and Joanne Arnold  
Place: 929 Coral - 852-5800

#### SATURDAY

8:30 am **AA** Eleventh Step Centering Prayer,  
Dave Klassen  
Place: Chapel

#### Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 am **HG** Billy Storms- Bible Study

**HG** Centering Prayer - Ralph

9:00 am Worship - Rev. Ralph Willis

10:00 am Worship - Billy Storms

Children/Youth Sunday School

**HG** Faviola Gardner's Bible Study Class

10:00 am Young Adult / College Class—Brad Peterson

11:00 am Worship - Billy Storms

6:00 pm **HG** Meet-Up Group — Place: Chapel

\*\*HG = Home Group

\*\*AA = Alcoholics Anonymous

#### Military Prayer List

Tiffany McMinn, C J McMinn, James McMinn, Elizabeth Nichols, David Nichols, Carolyn Owens, Kerry Buckle, Bryan Harris, A.J. Fitzgerald, Thomas Austin Brooks, Danny Ritchie, Kris Becka, Aaron Becka, Martin Vasquez, Kevin Dixon, Colton Long, Carrie Romans, Bryan Trinkle, Mark Jackson, Joe Richard Benavides, Jeff Vickers

#### Prayer List

Olon Smith, Ryan & Emily Beckman, Lil Grant, Dot Anderson, Shirley Kalenda, Don King, The McMinn Family, Bob Jarrett, Larry Spears, Mary Cox, Allyne Johnson, Irene Heslep, Mark Johnson, Charea Holz, Sue Tomlinson, Merle Goldreyer, Bud Smith, Teresa Becka, Johnny Reed, Cullen & Helen Reeves, Dora Silva, Christine Layh, Kerry Green, Kris Becka, Lupe Rodriguez, Vicki McMinn