

# WELCOME

Thank you for spending time with us today! We're praying that you feel welcome into our worship service and sense God's presence in this place.

## We'd love to hear from you!

Whether you are new or attend regularly, please use this card, which can be found in the pews and at the Welcome Desk, to introduce yourself, update your contact info, request information, or pass along a prayer concern. →



## Got Kids?

We have nursery and age-appropriate programs available for infants- 12th grade students (see inside for details). We also want you to know that children of all ages are welcome to be in our worship service.

## Need Prayer?

There will be spiritual leaders standing in the back of the Chapel after the worship service who would love to take the opportunity to pray with you.

### Want to Get Connected?

Here are some good starting points to consider:

#### Get in a Group

The Adventure (An Intro to Covenant)  
Adult Learning Communities  
Growth Groups and other small groups  
Men's Basketball  
Monday 8:00pm  
Men's Bible Studies  
Monday 6:30pm  
Tuesday 6:30am  
Thursday 6:30am, 7:00am  
Friday 6:00am, 6:30am, 6:33am  
Women's Bible Studies  
Monday 1:00pm  
Tuesday 11:00am  
Wednesday 9:00am, 9:15am, 6:30pm  
Thursday 9:00am, 9:15am, 9:30am

#### Start Serving

Greeters/Ushers  
Choir/Praise Team/Band  
Tech Team  
Teacher/Group facilitator  
Mentor  
Meals  
Bus Ministry  
Helping Hands  
Hospital Visitation  
New Focus Coach  
Childcare/Children's ministry  
Student ministry

For more information about these opportunities, check out our website at [www.covenantpc.org](http://www.covenantpc.org) or contact Brently Jordan, 463-7303, [bjordan@covenantpc.org](mailto:bjordan@covenantpc.org). We'd love to have you.

## Exploring a relationship with God?

Ultimately, this church exists to help you get connected to God. A relationship with God through Jesus Christ begins when we admit our need for God and commit our life into the care and supervision of His Son. You can become a follower of Christ by submitting to Him with a prayer like this:

"God, I need You. I'm sorry for all my sins, for the many ways I've lived my life for me rather than for You. I now put my trust in your Son, Jesus Christ. I believe that through His death and resurrection He rescues me, making me right with You, and I accept His gift of forgiveness and new life. I turn from a life lived for me, and choose a life lived for You. Lead me into the life You intend for me, Lord, and I will follow. In Jesus' name I pray this, Amen."

Thankful you're here,  
Pastor David Henderson and the Covenant Staff

# SERMON NOTES

February 19, 2012  
Winsomely Defending the Gospel  
in the Marketplace of Ideas  
Paul Copan - Preaching

# WORLD PRAYER

## EGYPT – Africa

- Only 3% of the land is arable and that is rapidly being lost to expanding cities.
- Upheaval this spring ousted the Mubarak government and replaced it with "temporary" military rule.
- Christianity has been present and at times a majority religion for over 2,000 years.



Praise that there is spiritual life in all branches of the church in spite of increased persecution in recent years. Pray for protection during this highly unstable time. Pray for a new government to be established which will be open, tolerant, responsive and committed to religious freedom. Pray that church leaders will walk closely with God and manifest grace and wisdom as they seek a voice and rights within their new circumstances. Pray that believers, both Egyptian and expatriate will take opportunities at this time to share the love of Jesus and the hope which He offers to their neighbors and friends. Pray for Egypt to become a model of stability and grace to the Arab world.

## LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Paul Copan - preaching; David Henderson - Assisting; Mark Molter - Worship Leader; Staci Lee Rice, Scott Freeman, Sam Wilson - Worship Team; Adam Myers, Mark Bell, Ryan Burnette, Noah Freeman - Instrumentalists

Sunday Worship ~ 9:00am and 10:45am  
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# COVENANT CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

February 19, 2012



## Almost Too Good to Be True

The Good News of Jesus Christ  
According to the Book of Romans

### GATHERING

JESUS PAID IT ALL

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONGS OF PRAISE

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

JESUS PAID IT ALL

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERING

WE ARE

### SERMON

WINSOMELY DEFENDING THE GOSPEL  
IN THE MARKETPLACE OF IDEAS

### ANTHEM

PRaise HIM!

### RESPONSE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### BENEDICTION

### PRaise ON THE WAY

Our guest speaker, Paul Copan, is the author of ten books including *Is God a Moral Monster? The New Atheists and the Strange World of Old Testament Ethics*; serves as president of the Evangelical Philosophical Society; and is the Professor and Chair of Philosophy and Ethics at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida.

# Growing followers of Christ reaching past ourselves

## ABIDING

CULTIVATING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
THROUGH A LIFE OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER

**February Congregational Prayer Gathering** - Monday, February 20, 7:00pm in the Chapel.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Michele Cornell – Lou Gehrig's Disease  
Jackson Nelson – leukemia  
Dewey Scheufler – pancreatic cancer  
Gary Blau – treatment is effective and tolerable for multiple myeloma  
Mary Alice Hull – MS  
Andy Bridge – severe spinal injury  
Michael Raisor Jr. - recovering from surgery  
Lisa Heinze – recovering from a stroke (daughter of Curt & Lois Smiley)  
Jenny Chalmers, car accident-broken sternum and other injuries  
Sharon Henderson- recovering from knee replacement surgery  
Michael & Teresa Stanifer – twin transfusion syndrome  
Dan Bollock - recovery from severe hand injury  
Our military personnel and leaders, Justin Ferraro, Gabriel Fleck, Nate Denson – deployed,  
Michael Albrecht - basic training

### DEATH

*We express sympathy to:*

Nancy Harmon, Ty, Amber, Elijah and Simone Harmon, upon the death of her mother-in-law,  
his grandmother and their great-grandmother, Kathryn Harmon, who passed away on February 10  
Roy and Jan Applegate upon the death of his mother, Anna Applegate, who passed away on February 15

## LEARNING

STUDYING THE BIBLE AND INTEGRATING ITS  
TEACHING INTO OUR LIVES

### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT LEARNING COMMUNITIES

**9:00AM**

**Parents with Teens** – Join us in Gathering Place 3 as we explore “Don’t Waste Your Sports!”, a look at the place of sports in the Christian life. This class led by Marshall and Terry Overley.

**Growing Deeper Into Romans** – Join us in the Office Conference Room where we’ll dig even deeper into this powerful, life-changing book. This class led by a team of teachers.

**The Teaching and Character of Jesus: How Our Lord’s Life Shapes Our Own** - Join us in Gathering Place 1 as we look at specific stories in the life of Christ to find practical lessons and seek to experience His transforming work. This class led by Kimberley Knochel and Rob Eyman.

**10:45AM**

**College Small Group** - This new, small group Bible study for college students meets in Room 205. We would love to have you join us as we drench ourselves in God’s Word and get to know each other better. Questions? Contact Christina Sutton, 421-4312.

### ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

**Christianity Explored** - Who is Jesus? Why did He come? What does it matter? Would you like to explore the claims of Christianity for yourself? We’d love to help your exploration on Thursday nights, 7:00-8:30pm, through March 22 in Gathering Place 1. Come by yourself or with a friend/neighbor/co-worker you’ve invited. Questions? Contact Brently Jordan, 463-7303, bjordan@covenantpc.org.

**Shadowing Peter** - The Thursday morning Be Still and Know study hosts Pastor David Henderson in a Lenten study focusing on the life of Peter. This five-week class begins this Thursday, February 23, 9:00-11am. A second class, with the teaching on video, will be Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, beginning February 29. Both classes are in Gathering Place 1. Come follow the spiritual progress of the disciple Peter, from his first awkward encounter with Jesus on the shores of Galilee to his final joyful reunion with the risen Lord on those same shores three years later. While these classes will be in the context of a women’s study, men are welcome to attend. Childcare available for the Thursday class only with reservations to Peg by the preceding Tuesday; call 463-7303.

## KIDS/TEENS

LEARNING GOD’S STORY  
FINDING IDENTITY IN CHRIST  
MAKING FAITH THEIR OWN

### YOUTH MINISTRY LEARNING COMMUNITIES

**Junior High** - (6th-8th grade) meets each Sunday in the Lower Level Retreat Center for Explore from 9:00-10:15am. Hang-Time 7:00pm Retreat Center.

**Senior High** - (9th-12th grade) meets each Sunday in the Upper Level Retreat Center for Explore from 9:00-10:15am. Journey 7:00pm Retreat Center.

For additional information about our Youth Ministries, please visit our website: [www.covenantpc.org](http://www.covenantpc.org). Questions? Contact Andy Koesters, 463-7303, akoesters@covenantpc.org.

### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

**Celebration Station** - (Babies thru 5th graders ) meet today from 9:00-10:15am, and 10:45am-12:00pm. Check at the Welcome Desk for room numbers. Questions? Call Peg Baugh or Rene’ Maule, 463-7303.

**Children’s Choir** - Rehearses from 4:00-5:00pm on Wednesdays. Children in 1st thru 5th grade are invited to join any time. Questions? Contact Sally Craw, 463-7303, scraw@covenantpc.org.

## RELATING

BUILDING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS OF MUTUAL LOVE  
AND ENCOURAGEMENT WITH OTHER FOLLOWERS

**Interested in Joining a Growth Group?** If you have questions or would like to become connected to others in the congregation through a growth group, please contact Rob Eyman, [reyman@covenantpc.org](mailto:reyman@covenantpc.org), or Jim and Lois Wilson, 572-2616.

**International Christian Fellowship** (ICF) – Sundays 12:00-3:00pm, in Gathering Place 2. All international undergraduate and graduate students are invited to join us for lunch followed by Bible study and fellowship. Questions? Contact Louis Tay, [louistay@gmail.com](mailto:louistay@gmail.com).

**February Man2Man** – Join us Tuesday, February 21, as we continue our journey in the Quest for Authentic Manhood. Every man has been through battles that have wounded him. Come hear Christian Steffey share on the implications of the wounded heart. Fellowship time begins at 6:00pm in the Gathering Place; dinner at 6:30pm, followed by worship and the program.

**Covenant Woman’s Retreat Deadline TODAY!** - We invite the women of Covenant to come and experience the joy of extended communion with the Father and each other. Today is the last day to register. Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary, the cost is \$115. Questions? Contact Nancy Sanson, 463-7303.

**MidLife and Beyond - Young at Heart** – Monday, February 27 at Westminster Village; 11:00am, Communion in the Cardinal Room; 11:30am-1:00pm, lunch and program in the Cardinal Room. Cathy Atwell, Director of Tippecanoe County Historical Association, presents “Lafayette-West Lafayette: The Early Days”. Lunch for non-residents is \$8.50. Make reservations with Sally McIntire, 538-3610, [mcintire@tctc.com](mailto:mcintire@tctc.com).

**Ash Wednesday Retreat** – All women are invited to the annual Ash Wednesday half-day retreat offered by “Joy in the Morning” Bible study groups, 9:00am-1:45pm, this Wednesday, February 22, in Room 203. Anella McFee will teach on “She Did What She Could,” the five affirming words Jesus said about Mary of Bethany after she anointed Him. Inspired by a book by Elisa Morgan of MOPS International, the study will include music, group discussion, and personal reflection time. Snacks and beverages will be available in the morning, concluding with a salad lunch. Questions or to register for the retreat, contact Anella, 743-8246, [wwmcfec@verizon.net](mailto:wwmcfec@verizon.net).

**Women’s Ministry Connect** – All women of Covenant are invited to hear Sally Downham Miller speak about “Grieving with the Friend” at 7:00pm, Tuesday, February 28, in Gathering Place 1. Continuing the series on friendship, this event includes chocolate fondue and costs \$5 per person. Register today or February 26 at the back of the Sanctuary, or call Nancy Sanson, 463-7303.

**Family Connections Spring Retreat** – This annual event for families with children through elementary school age is scheduled for April 20-22 at Brown County State Park. We’ve reserved family and rustic cabins, and rooms in the Abe Martin Lodge from which to choose. The theme “Family as First Community” will be explored, and there will be time for just enjoying each other’s company. Reservations required by March 20 to ensure room availability. Questions? Contact Steve or Heather Edwards, 463-0676, [theadwards@gmail.com](mailto:theadwards@gmail.com).

## SERVING

IDENTIFYING AND USING OUR GODGIVEN ABILITIES  
AND RESOURCES TO SERVE OTHERS THROUGH  
MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

### WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

**Adult Choir** - Rehearsal Thursday, 7:00pm, Gathering Place 3. New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Sally Craw, 463-7303, [scraw@covenantpc.org](mailto:scraw@covenantpc.org).

**Knitting for those in need** – A new knitting group will meet the second and fourth Fridays of each month beginning this Friday, February 24, from 1:30-3:00pm, at 35 Windy Hill Drive, Lafayette. The group will make prayer shawls for area nursing homes/assisted living facilities. Questions? Contact, Betty Bough, 477-1937.

## REACHING

BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS WITH THOSE OUTSIDE  
THE CHURCH AND SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS  
THROUGH WORD AND DEED

**Mentoring At-Risk Kids** - Can you make a difference simply by meeting with a child one time a week for less than an hour? Would you like to make a lasting difference in a child’s life? Call Denise Seagren, 447-6072, [dealsea@frontier.com](mailto:dealsea@frontier.com), or Anita McGaughey, 463-7303, with questions or to join us.

**Food Pantry Month** – Covenant supports the local Church Women United Food Pantry in February, so please consider donating. The current need is great. Look for a list of needed items at the cabinet near the Reception Desk, and drop off non-perishable food items there. Monetary donations by check should be made to Covenant Church with “Food Pantry” in the memo line. Questions? Contact Suzanne Caffee, 583-4137.

**Help Needed at Food Pantry** – Covenant supplies volunteers to work at the Church Women United Food Pantry in Lafayette during the month of February. If you are interested in filling a three-hour time slot at the food pantry, please contact Suzanne Caffee, 583-4137.

**Poverty 101 Resources** - If you missed the Poverty 101 Seminar on February 4, you can access a video of this paradigm-shifting event on the Covenant Web site, [www.covenantpc.org](http://www.covenantpc.org). Click on “Events”, then “Poverty 101”. The seminar is also available on DVD for \$5; request forms are available at the Media Desk.

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## COVENANT NEWS

**Congregational Meeting TODAY** – Please plan to stay in the Sanctuary between services from 10:10-10:40am, for our congregational meeting. This meeting will include a vote to approve new elders, a review of our current finances, and a report from the senior pastor.

**Have you LOST it? Well maybe we’ve found it...** items left at Covenant may be retrieved from the Lost and Found area located outside the Facilities Office on the lower level. If you are unable to find a lost item, you may contact Becky Steen, Facilities Team Leader. Items left beyond May 1 will be sent to Trinity Mission. Thank you!

**Scholarship Available** – Residents of Tippecanoe County who plan to attend one of three Christian Reformed colleges are eligible to apply for the \$5,000 Janet Andre’ Bootsma Scholarship. Undergraduates interested in Calvin College, Trinity Christian College, or Dordt College should apply by April 15 by going to [www.bootsmascholarship.com](http://www.bootsmascholarship.com).

Get more information...[www.covenantpc.org](http://www.covenantpc.org)