



Pass It On

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To know Christ, to be like Christ, and to make Him known.

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Coming this Fall

August is already here, the last month of summer! While we want to enjoy and relish in everything good the summer season has to offer, it's also time to think about back to school and fall schedules. This fall we are going to try holding Pioneer Kids and Hi-League EVERY Wednesday night beginning on September 6. Pastor Erik will also lead a Wednesday night adult study out of the book *#Struggles*, which is about faithfulness in the digital age. Our Wednesday evenings will begin at 6:00 p.m. with supper provided for all. After supper we will split into our groups of Pioneer Kids, Hi-League and Adult Study.

We are looking for volunteers to help provide and serve the meals for these Wednesday nights. You can team up with one or more others and work together...you don't have to do it alone! We estimate serving approximately 100 people each Wednesday night. The Church will reimburse your expense! Keep your receipts and turn them in to our church treasurer, Dan Schluter, for reimbursement. There is a sign-up on the bulletin board for providing meals.

Beginning Wednesday, September 6

Everyone is invited to church for 6:00 p.m. suppers each Wednesday evening beginning on September 6. After supper we will break into our groups of Pioneer Kids (grades K-6), Hi-League (grades 7-12) or the Adult Study on *#struggles* being led by Pastor Erik. The evening activities should wrap up at 7:30 p.m.

The new roof is complete! The photo above shows the new steel roof added to the church building to match the new addition.

#struggles

Pastor Erik will be leading an adult study on the book *#struggles* beginning this fall. The study will be held every Wednesday night with supper served first at 6:00 p.m.

In *#struggles*, author Craig Groeschel shows all whose digital dependency is becoming unmanageable how to regain control over their lives. He walks through biblical values that are essential for a life of peace and true fulfillment in our maxed-out, social-status-seeking world.





Vacation Bible School

Day 1: Building your life without God will NOT work!

Day 2: God can build your life the right way through Jesus.

Day 3: Jesus can forgive you and give you a new, changed life.

Day 4: God's Holy Spirit gives power to transform us.

Day 5: We're on our way to the best home of all-with God!

All kids age 3 years old through those who have just completed 6th grade are invited to come to Fixer-Upper VBS! You can register online at dawsoncovenantchurch.org or pick up a registration form from the table in the church entry.

High-school and Adult volunteers are always needed! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to sign up to help in a specific area. Please let Phil know if you have any questions.

We hope to see you at VBS!

Open Gym Continues

In August we will have Open Gym on August 1, 8 and 29.

Please sign up (bulletin board in new addition) if you are able to assist from 6-8pm on those nights. Thank you to our volunteers!

PIONEER KIDS

You are invited to a Movie Night on **Thursday, August 10** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will be watching the movie Moana in the Youth Room! This event is open to all kids who have just completed K-6th grade.

HI-LEAGUE

Hi-League Hang Out will be on **Wednesday, August 9** from 7:00-10:00 p.m. We will be heading out in the bus to Monte for the evening. Please RSVP to Phil by August 7 if are planning to come.

Attention New Hi-Leaguers! We will have a gathering including NEW Hi-League members on **Thursday, August 24** from 7:00-11:00 p.m. This is open to all students going into grades 7 through 12. Come join us as we kick off the new Hi-League year in style at church. Lets get to know everybody who will be in our youth group now. There will be games, snacks and more at the church.

Community Prayer Service

The community is invited to a prayer service at Dawson Covenant Church on Tuesday, August 15 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Because VBS will also be in session that evening, we plan to meet in the fireside room.

Garden Abundance Table

Do you have a garden that produces more than you can use? Then you are invited to share in our Garden Abundance program. We have a designated table in the fellowship hall where you can leave your extra produce for someone who can use it. There will be a basket for free-will donations for those who take the produce. Donations received in the month of August will be given to the Food Shelf.



You are always welcome to join the Covenant Quilters! We will meet on Monday, August 7 and 21 from 10:00-3:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Come and go as you are able. Beginners are always welcome!

If you like to sew and would like a "mission quilt" project to work on at home, please talk to Eleanor, Diane, or Sue G. We'll fix ya right up with a "kit" including fabric, thread and a pattern.

Ice Cream Social

The 2017 Ice Cream Social was a fun success! Thank you to everyone who helped out before, during and after the event! All proceeds will go towards the building fund. Below are just a few pictures from the evening.





The Evangelical Covenant Church

Phil Tolbert recently attended the annual meeting of the Covenant Church which was held in Detroit, MI. Following are some points to share with the congregation regarding the Covenant denomination we are a part of.

- Credentials
 - 538 Registered Attendees
 - 333 Delegates from 171 churches
 - 205 non-voting
- Roster changes
 - 6 churches withdrawn from conference
 - 19 churches closed
 - 9 churches new membership
 - 23 church plants/signed agreements
- Voting
 - Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
 - Roger Oxendale
 - NPTS Dean of Faculty, Prof. of Homiletics
 - Rev. Dr. Dwight Perry
 - Seminary Full-Time Faculty Member
 - Hauna Ondrey
 - Dr. Elizabeth Pierre
- Ordination
 - 4 transferred ordination into Covenant
 - 1 consecrated to missionary service
 - 1 commissioned (counseling)
 - 5 ordained to Word/Service
 - 55 ordained to Word/Sacrament
- 5 Divisions of Covenant
 - Start and Strengthen
 - 18 churches started in last 12 months
 - 47 churches planters participated in training last year
 - Make/Deepen Disciples
 - 407 churches participate in NT Community Bible Experience
 - *Now OT is available in 5 different books
 - 2,840 people made first-time Commitments at camp
 - Love Mercy Do Justice
 - 10 homes provided as affordable housing to families in Dolton, IL
 - *Trying to provide 10-15 homes in Detroit for 2017
 - \$28,000 in disaster relief raised
 - Develop Leaders
 - 680 new pastors participated in Covenant Orientation
 - 99 new ministry licenses issued last year
 - Ex. Minister Mark Novak is stepping down this Aug.
 - Serve Globally
 - 116 missionaries served in 22 countries
 - *Covenant Kids Congo is now over 10,000 child sponsors
 - New ministry region: Middle East/North Africa (MENA)

Equip Campus Ministries - Luke Christie-Perkins

-Mission of the Month



Our mission for the month of August is Equip, the campus ministry mission at SDSU in Brookings, SD. Equip is led full-time by Luke Christie-Perkins. More than 13,000 students come to SDSU each fall, many of whom will eventually leave Brookings and spread into the world. What a ministry opportunity!

The following excerpt was taken from Luke's blog, which you can follow at

<http://equipsdsu.blogspot.com/>.

"Summer has quickly progressed, and we're already several hundred new incoming freshmen students during NSO (New Student Orientation).

It's proven to be a pretty significant time for us to do outreach and recruitment, especially for the Fall semester.

Please pray that God would grant us fruit at these. The goal is to get as many contacts as possible, so that we can then follow up with as many of them as possible later on, especially once they arrive in the Fall. Pray we'd get many names, but also pray that God would also grant a number of more personal interactions as well."

Luke is the son of Jill Christie. He and his wife Emma live in Brookings with their two young sons. Please pray for this ministry. There will be a basket at the back of the sanctuary for a special collection taken for Equip during the month of August.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

A reminder that as you go about your summer plans please be on the lookout for items for OCC. As we routinely buy at local stores there are children around the world that can't imagine that kind of plenty. It's a beautiful gift to share out of our bounty.

We especially need new school supply items such as crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, coloring books, pencils, pens, pencil pouches, erasers, sharpeners, kid scissors. Also look for new small toys and clothing. Place the item(s) in the OCC plastic bucket under the mission table area.

We would appreciate the items by mid-late August to ensure the OCC committee does the proper purchasing. We look forward to our 4th annual DCC OCC packing party! The goal is at least 128 boxes this year!

Remember that you can still pack your own OCC boxes and bring them to the church before collection week.

If you have any questions please talk with Bonnie or Lisa.



The summer camps are winding down, but the fall retreats are being planned! Visit the Lake Beauty website at lbbc.com to register for fall quilting retreats, the ladies retreat and the Trailblazer retreat as well. If you have questions you can also ask our camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson. For more information visit the Lake Beauty Bible Camp website at lbbc.com, call them at (320) 732-3218, or email them at lbbc@lbbc.com.

Motorcycle Rally to LaBolt, SD

Eight people participated in the motorcycle rally to Countryside Covenant Church, north of LaBolt, SD on July 16. They were Jim Robertson, Charles Herzog, Manley & Laurel Peterson, Dan Schluter with his granddaughter Abby, and Paul & Joyce Iverson. Dean & Joyce Pearson provided special music during the service at Countryside Covenant Church.

Afterwards, we enjoyed a potluck dinner and fellowship time with the congregation.



The Heaven Promise

The Heaven Promise Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of August. We will try to discuss two chapters each week.

Free Wi-Fi

To sign-in to the free wi-fi in the church building choose the "Church-guest" network. The password is "guest". To sign-in at the Youth center the password is "guest2255".

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would be willing to supervise the nursery on a Sunday during the summer. This is an important area of ministry that we would like to continue throughout the summer, but we need your help! Thank you to those who have volunteered so far! If you have any questions, please see Karla Perkins.

THIS MONTH'S birthdays

2	Dale Miller
2	Manley Peterson
3	Mitchell Myers
5	Zane Ehrenberg
6	Arlene Ulstad
11	David Pederson
14	Dean Pearson
16	Andrea Johnson
17	Kevin Rosendahl
18	Angie Sather
26	Ephraim Delp
26	Stan Nelson
29	Myrtle Anderson
31	Ethan Myers
31	Vanessa Ruether

Electronic Giving

Dawson Covenant offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering donations. To set up an electronic giving schedule, please complete the Automatic Payment Authorization Form, which can be found on the table in the entry, and place it in the Treasurer's mailbox or the collection plate. If you have any questions, please see Dan Schluter or Wendy Robertson.

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Erik & Phil's scheduled office hours are as follows:

Monday Off

Tuesday 8:30-2:30

Wednesday 8:30-2:30

Thursday 8:30-2:30

Friday 8:30-2:30

Other times they are available by appointment, and may be reached at church at 320-769-2255 or Pastor Erik's cell: 320-305-9304 Phil's cell: 269-547-7537

DAWSON COVENANT CHURCH IS ON-LINE AND ON T.V.



Did you know you can view our past worship services online anytime? Visit our website at dawsoncovenantchurch.org and click on the Worship tab.

Worship services are also shown on local cable t.v. in Dawson at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and in Madison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Like us on facebook to receive updates and reminders on your facebook newsfeed!

DCC BUS MINISTRY



Please keep this area of ministry in prayer as we consider how to best utilize the bus in the future.

Church Website has New Feature

The church website has a new password protected page where you will find things like Church Council Meeting notes and other kinds of information that we want to share with our church family but not necessarily post publicly on the web. The password will be given out at church once we have uploaded some documents to the page. The church website is:

www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org, then click on the "Members" tab.

PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the September *Pass It On* is Wednesday, August 23.

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PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl

Joel & Kim Delp

Covenant World Missions

Byron & Sue Bruckner-CYAK

Randy & Cheryl Bevis

Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins

Covenant World Relief

KICY Radio Station

Operation Christmas Child

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:00 Open Gym 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	7:00 The Heaven Promise Bible Study			
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