

Kansas State Fair September 5 - 14, 2025

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September 2025
Newsletter

September Events

Monday, September 1—Labor Day

Church Office Closed
in observance of the holiday

Tuesday, September 2

4:00 pm, Worship Meeting, Library

Wednesday, September 3

6:00 pm, Deacon Meeting, Library
7:00 pm, *Choir Rehearsals Resume*

Sunday, September 7

11:45 am, Fellowship Potluck—theme:
Red, White & Blue (think State Fair ribbons)

Tuesday, September 9

1:30 pm, Lydia Circle, Library

Wednesday, September 10

6:00 pm, Missions Meeting, Library

Thursday, September 11—Patriot Day

7:00 pm, Session Meeting, Library

Saturday, September 20

6:00 pm, Scripture Singles @ Beth Oliver's

Wednesday, September 24

1:30 pm, Kneedles & Hooks, Promise Room

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

Son-Rise Guys will NOT be meeting during
the month of September





A Word from the Pastor

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

Normally, I devote my monthly newsletter article to share with you some theological subject that may be on my mind. And, at times these subjects can be rather abstract; they can be challenging to describe and, in essence, hard to grab hold of. For example, talking about the hypostatic union of Jesus Christ - that of Jesus being both fully God and fully man all at one and the same time. Or, talking about the Trinity, a subject that can often be hard to comprehend. These are heavenly subjects that I try my best to explain.

Well, this month the subject I wish to share with you is far more down to earth. This month's subject is far more concrete. Actually, not concrete, but asphalt! I want to talk to you about our parking lot. And how you can help.

You may have noticed how the asphalt parking lot on the west and north sides of the church has been looking a little rough over the last few years. There are many cracks, with lots of weeds and grass growing up through those cracks, and even some spots where the whole surface has become completely disintegrated. At different times over the years we have treated those cracks and other areas to keep things from getting worse, but sealing is, really, nothing more than a band-aid.

At our last Session meeting we made the decision to hire a company to do a complete overhaul of the parking lot, which will include removing the old surface and reapplying a brand new surface. As you can imagine, this is an expensive undertaking. But, letting it go will only lead to the parking lot getting worse and worse until it gets to the point where there won't be any more parking lot, and all of our members and visitors will wind up parking on a dirt field. And, also, the longer we put it off, the more expensive the job will become.

The cost for redoing our parking lot will be \$116,000. Now, we are blessed that we have the reserves to pay for the work. But, paying for this much needed maintenance will put a severe dent in those reserves. So, we're asking for your help.

I know that all of you are very generous with your financial giving to New Covenant. You have greatly taken to heart the call from God found in His Word to *"Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God," (Heb. 13:16)* and that your giving comes from a heart that believes in and worships Jesus Christ who *"gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5:2)*. We give in response to what He, first, gave for us. But, would you be willing to do a little bit more for your church?

Starting this month you will find envelopes in the pews and available on the tables in the narthex that will be labeled for this special "Parking Lot Project." You can put any additional gifts you wish in those envelopes and then put them in the offering plates during the collection. And, of course, you don't need to use an envelope at all, so long as you mark on the memo line of your check that it is for the parking lot project. If there are other ways you would like to contribute, you can also speak with a member of our Finance Committee (Phil Mathews, Dan Power or Kerry Robinson).

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A Word from the Pastor, Continued

I know we're asking a lot of you with your additional financial support for this much needed capital improvement. But, it is an improvement that will benefit everyone involved with New Covenant Church. For those of us who have called New Covenant our home and our family for years, seeing this newly improved parking lot will remind us how we want to give nothing but our best to God, because that is exactly what He has first done for us. And for those new people and visitors that we are blessed to see come through our doors pretty much every week, this parking lot will be for them their first impression of what will be greeting them when they come inside. What do we want our visitors to see when they first enter our parking lot? A bunch of cracks and weeds poking through or a beautifully maintained lot that shows we take great care in giving only our best to God and to anyone who we are blessed to come and worship with us?

As I said, my message this month is a little more 'down to earth' than my usual 'heavenly' subjects. But it's something that I felt I needed to speak to you about. And, as we see included at the top of this article, just like the psalmist wrote of how God's Word is our lamp to (and under) our feet that gives us the support we need on which to stand in life, so, too, I ask that you will please pray about the asphalt that is, also, under your feet, and how you would want to take part in supporting this upcoming project.

God bless and – see you in church (and maybe even in the parking lot!)

Pastor Craig

A Note From Janet

Churches around the world owe a debt of gratitude to Lillenas Publishing Company. Lillenas has provided a vast amount of music for churches including hymns and songbooks. Haldor Lillenas was born in Norway in 1885. His family immigrated to the United States when he was a child. In 1906, Lillenas' mother passed away, and soon after her death, he became a Christian and devoted his life to Christian service. Lillenas wrote many songs during his life, and in 1924 he organized his own publishing company in Indiana in addition to preaching. Today Lillenas Publishing Company is one of the largest church music publishers in the world.

In 1917, Mr. and Mrs. Lillenas built their first home in Olivet, Illinois. When it was completed they had scarcely any money left to furnish it. He found a "little wheezy organ" at a neighbor's home that he was able to purchase for \$5.00. It was on that organ he wrote a number of his songs, including the "*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*." Then he sold that soon-to-be-famous hymn for \$5.00 – just enough to pay for the organ on which it was composed. "*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*" was copyrighted in 1918, but was not published until 1922, when it appeared in the Tabernacle Choir Book.

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus" is hymn number 198 in our Red Hymnal.

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to...

Pastor Craig & Julie Waetke, on the birth of their grandson Frederick "Freddy" Wayne.

If you know of any information that should be included in the newsletter, please notify Julia in the church office.

Deacons Corner

Deacon Meeting: We are on break for the summer—our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025, at 6:00 pm, in the Church Library.

Deacon Greeters for September

Linda Gilliland Linda McCowan
Shirley Power

Called to
Serve

September Ushers

Al & Jan Lindwall
Harry Moyer
Patsy Triffet

Upcoming Missions Events:

Saturday, October 11 – Open Door Health Services will be holding a Fall Family Festival. The fundraisers that they have had in the past were not as financially helpful as needed for Open Door, so they are looking forward to reaching out to the community with this new event.

Sunday, November 9 – New Covenant will have a Missions Fair during the Sunday School hour, much like what we did two years ago. We hope to have representatives from many of the organizations that we support here with us that day.

NEW COVENANT WOMEN'S NEWS



**Lydia Circle
begins Tuesday, September 9
at 1:30 pm, in the Library
"The Stories of Women"**

Ladies, you are invited to join us for Bible Study. We begin our study on Tuesday, September 9, at 1:30 pm, in the Library. We will be studying "The Stories of Women," which takes a look at various women in Scripture from six different books of the Bible. Julie Waetke will be teaching these studies. The hostess for September is Lynette Peterman.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**** Please Note ****

Son-Rise Guys are taking the month of September off. Take some time to rest, relax, and enjoy the State Fair if you get a chance!

Kneedles & Hooks

**Wednesday, September 24
At 1:30 pm
In the Promise Room**



Do you like to knit or crochet? Well, we have LOTS of yarn to make warm scarves and hats for those in need. Please join us in making items to keep local schoolchildren warm.

Last year we were able to donate more than 120 hats and scarves. We're trying to surpass that number this year!



September 2025 Mission Prayer Notes



Murray & Kathy Trim— TEAM—Japan

Pray for wisdom and guidance for Murray and Kathy as they go about the work the LORD has led them to do in Japan, teaching and sharing GOD'S message of salvation with the people HE brings into their lives.

Pray for health, strength and safety as they go about the work the LORD has called and given them to do.

Please pray for their elderly mothers, Murray's in Nebraska and Kathy's near us in Pretty Prairie, both are in their 90's.

Shelly Zadina – Medical Ambassadors – Albania & the U.S.

Pray for Shelly as she has a busy work schedule here in the U. S., she continues to do a lot of long distance work for the mission, also some traveling, meeting with people and churches here in the U. S. and helping care for her parents.

Pray for her mom and dad. Her dad (John) is still in a nursing home facility in Salina, continuing to recover from the stroke he had a couple ? of years ago, and her mom with her physical needs and her own continual health concerns.

Pray for the youth in Albania, who went to camp in August; the things they learned and decisions they may have made for their walk with the Lord. **Pray—**The lady who was working with the women's group in Vashtemi, Albania, got her visa and has gone to Germany. **Pray for** a new group leader to work with the Women's Group in Vashtemi.

Fredy and Djana JAVIER – Modern Day Missions—Macedonia

Pray for the Javier's - We do not get updates on their work, but know they are working with a project they started there last year. Business as Mission is a plan called (SKYWAY), it provides an opportunity of giving remote (call center) assistance to the freight sector (Like a Freight Broker Agent). They have a desire to share the Gospel message with those working with them, as they hire and give training to locals who are already very fluent in English to do this job. Through this project they can provide jobs and have the opportunity to create a new work culture based on Biblical principles.

PRAY for their children, **JAVI (Shavi) and SHARON**, and the needs in their young lives.

The New Jerusalem / Children of Hope—School in Haiti



They are still on (summer) break. Some of the families live up in the mountains and are very poor. In summer's past, **VOLVICK** has purchased groceries and delivered to these families.

My most recent information is that the gangs have moved into the area closer to the school and are VERY active. Haiti continues to be a VERY DANGEROUS place.

Pray for the teachers, school staff and students **when** they are able to return to their classrooms and school begins again. Because of the danger, it is not sure when the schools will begin this

school year. **Pray for VOLVICK** (principal of the school), as he continues to live and work in Port au Prince to support and help with some of the financial needs of the school and its families. **VOLVICK** was able to spend some time in the Verrettes area in April and May, he was able to deliver some food to the families and talk with people there. Both the elementary school, out in the countryside, and secondary in town have a principal at the school. **Pray for VOLVICK'S** day-to-day safety in Port au Prince, as everywhere there is **very dangerous**. Gangs are still very active and seem to be growing in size. **PRAY for the safety of all of the people living in this country.** I believe New Covenant is the only church helping to support the school, so **let's keep VOLVICK, the students and teachers in our prayers** during this very difficult and dangerous time.

LOCAL MINISTRIES

SOUP KITCHEN & CIRCLES OF HOPE—We are not currently serving at these organizations, to minister to people and families in need in our community, we can continue to pray for those who work with these organizations and the work they do. (Many others in the community are helping with the preparation, serving and delivery of the meals.)

LOADS OF LOVE—**THANK YOU** for the laundry supplies and personal need supplies that you have put in the **LOADS OF LOVE** basket in the hall under the coat rack. If you have a question about something that might be usable, ask

Shirley Power. Remember as you travel or have opportunities to get personal care items any place, you might think about picking them up for **LOADS OF LOVE**.

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LOCAL MINISTRIES (continued)

OPEN DOOR HEALTH SERVICES – Invites you to their Fall Family Festival. It will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 2:30-4:30 pm, at 315 W. 1st Ave, Hutchinson. There will be food, drinks, games, inflatables, and fun for the entire family. This is a fundraiser for Open Door. Please continue to pray for their ministry.

FOOD BANK – **THANK YOU** for your generous giving to the **FOOD BANK**. Your contributions continue to be substantial and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity as we use this opportunity to minister to those in need in our community. **THANKS** again to Carl and Jean Sidebottom and others for faithfully delivering items to the **FOOD BANK** for us.

YOUNG LIFE – From our Mission Budget, we help support our local **YOUNG LIFE** program. **YOUNG LIFE** works with young people in the community. They have activities and are involved with young people during the school year and have special activities for them in the summer.

PRAY for those students who went to camp this past Summer 2025 and for the adults going with them. **Pray** that as God speaks to the young people that need to hear His message, that they will hear and respond. Please, **Pray** also for the adults who help with the activities and minister to the young people in all of their activities. **PRAY** for **Grant Luttrell**, the local **YOUNG LIFE** leader and the other adults in the Hutchinson area who work with young people and provide activities and build relationships and share the Gospel message with them. We look forward to having **GRANT** visit New Covenant in the near future and share more about the work they are doing with young people in the Buhler and Hutchinson areas.

STERLING COLLEGE – **PRAISE GOD** for the GOOD MISSION trips the **STERLING COLLEGE** students had this summer. We are looking forward to having some reports from them about their trips. We have heard from one lady as to how the trip changed her life for the better. There are more Mission trips planned for the upcoming school year. New Covenant was involved in an activity on **August 16** on the **campus at Sterling**. We had the privilege to visit with students and let them know about our church. We are a distance from Sterling, so let's begin to **PRAY** and ask GOD to lead some of them, faculty and/or students to come and share in our ministry here. We are very thankful for the opportunities we had in the past school year to be involved with special activities involving students and staff at **Sterling** and look forward to ways GOD will provide more opportunities in this current school year. **PRAY** for the faculty, other staff and the students as they have begun a new school year, first day of classes was August 30th.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FIRST CALL FOR HELP – **THANK YOU**, each and everyone who shared generous contributions of **SCHOOL SUPPLY ITEMS** - provided to **FIRST CALL FOR HELP** for those students needing help getting these items for school this year. When the school supplies were delivered to them, **FIRST CALL FOR HELP** commented that New Covenant is a very giving church.

THANK YOU EVERYONE who shares your **generous contributions** to all the organizations we help support. Let's continue to pray for those that we support financially. You can see all of these on the Mission Bulletin Board in the hallway going to the Fellowship Hall.

OTHER MISSION INTERESTS & CONCERNS

Zach and Ellie Robson – **PRAY** for Zach and Ellie as they go about the ministry where GOD has led them to work. **PRAY** for the contacts and relationships that GOD puts into their lives. **PRAY** that people will hear and respond to the message they are sharing. **PRAY** for their boys Roman, and River to be healthy and grow strong, both physically and spiritually. **PRAY** that they will be an asset to their parent's ministry, as they attract people, babies and young children have a way of doing that.

Family of Interest– Please continue to **PRAY** for their families who are still in their home country, as they are in **very dangerous** situations. **PRAISE GOD** for the little one who is growing each and every day, and is a healthy sweet baby. Cute, too!! **PRAY** for the older child who has successfully started another school year. **PRAY** for strength, wisdom, PEACE OF MIND and GOD'S GUIDANCE and PROTECTION for this family. And as we come to fall – we think of leaf raking, then comes Christmas and putting up decorations, then SNOW and scooping!! If you would like any help with these tasks, please contact Pastor Craig.

THANK YOU for all of your prayers for all of the missionaries we support.



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Fellowship Footnotes

September Potluck

September potluck theme is Red White and Blue – is that patriotic or is it for the ribbons earned at the state fair? Don't worry, your dish doesn't need to contain all three of these colors, but it will be interesting to see the beautiful tablescape created by the variety everyone brings. We'll see you around the table on Sunday, September 7, at 11:45 am.



Looking Ahead

Our October potluck will celebrate international foods in honor of World Communion Sunday. Do you have a special international food that you enjoy and would like to share with us? Maybe something from your childhood, or a recipe you've learned as an adult? Our potluck will be Sunday, October 5, at 11:45 am. See you there!

Fix for Six

Begins this month—if you missed the deadline to sign up, don't worry, just talk to Beth—she'll find you a spot.

Kansas State Fair

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BUTTER SCULPTURE

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CARAMEL APPLES CORN ON THE COB

FERRIS WHEEL WAFFLE CONES COTTON CANDY

CHEESE CURDS PRONTO PUPS GRANDSTAND

GIANT SLIDE FUNNEL CAKE KETTLE CORN

TURKEY LEGS DOLLAR DAY PIG RACES

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SHUTTLE SKY RIDE