



Covenant Compass

"To know Christ and to make Him known"

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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Monthly Newsletter

August 2025

Enjoying Scripture: Context, Context, Context

Andrew Myers, Senior Pastor

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

In recent Compass articles, I have been exploring how we are to fruitfully read and enjoy the Bible. Paul's instruction in 2 Timothy 2:15 assumes what we all know—that it is possible to mis-read Scripture or to distort the teaching of Scripture, claiming it teaches one thing when its true meaning is something else. Sometimes we do this because we have a personal agenda. Sometimes we have our own ideas of what *must be true* and they come into conflict with Scripture. Sometimes we do it because we lack understanding or do not read carefully enough. However it may be, we end up missing out on the goodness and power of Scripture's real meaning.

One of the most common ways that we misunderstand and misapply Scripture is by ignoring *the context* of a verse or passage. Just like a realtor might say that the top three factors to determine a home's value are *location, location, location*. So, it is also true in Scripture, the most important three principles to determine a verse's meaning are *context, context, context*.

Have you ever heard someone take a single verse of Scripture and apply it to their lives and thought to yourself, "I don't think that verse means what you think it means" (Yes, this is a shout-out to the movie, *The Princess Bride*).

We often latch onto single verses or phrases which seem to contain an encouraging or endearing sentiment. We might be discouraged to find that their meaning is different when viewed in context. But the true meaning of God's Word is always richer and better—even if sometimes more challenging—than our

cheap substitutes.

To take some examples, it is common to hear Christians in our country refer to 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." This verse is often applied to our own nation as a promise of what God will do in response to nation-wide repentance. But attending to its original context reminds us that it was God's Word to Solomon at the completion of the temple. The passage is full of the language of God's covenant with Israel and the promise depends on that covenant. A proper application of the passage needs to follow the story of God's people from Old Covenant to New Covenant and recognize that God's covenant is not today with earthly nations but with the church as his people. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is best read as a call for *the church* to repent and to seek the healing of God's forgiveness.

Or, to take one more example, Phil 4:13 is the kind of verse that we love. It is positive and encouraging—"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." But if we read in context it is challenging. What is it that Paul knows that God will be strengthen him for? *He writes as one who is imprisoned*. And in verse 12 he says this: "I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need." The meaning of the verse, in context, challenges us rather differently than if we take it out of context and place it on the sneakers of a professional athlete.

What can you do to read Scripture in context? Here are a few quick tips:

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Enjoying Scripture: Context, Context, Context *(continued)*

Look for the subunits of a passage. We are prone to take single verses out of context, but sometimes with a whole chapter of Scripture we can struggle to see how it all fits together. Look for the subunits. Subunits are the smaller pieces that make up a large passage of Scripture. Its where one thought stops and another begins. Or, one scene stops and another begins.

In those parts of Scripture where we encounter teaching, like Deuteronomy or Paul's letters, a subunit might be a few sentences or it might be a paragraph. In poetry, it might be a set of two or four or six poetic lines.

Much of the Bible is story. Story creates flow in its own unique way that is helpful to understand. Often, they give us a *setting*. They may introduce the primary characters. Then, they create some kind of *tension* or *problem* in need of resolution. Typically, the tension will build toward a climax followed by resolution. Noticing how the scenes of a story develop along these lines can help us to understand the trials that biblical characters face and what God is up to in the midst of it all.

Whatever type of passage we are reading in Scripture, it can help us to find the smaller subunits that make it up and to ask ourselves how they fit within the bigger picture.

Second, look for repetition. Noticing the words or ideas or themes that are repeated in a passage is often a great help in order to see what a passage is about.

Third, pay attention to connecting words—words like: *and, but, so, for, therefore, however, although*. Ask yourself what kind of connection such words create. What logical connection do they imply. Sometimes the answer will surprise us. A favorite example of mine is Phil 2:12-13. Phil 2:12 says, "Work out you salvation with fear and trembling." Verse 13 says, "for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." We don't expect our work and God's work to fit together in that way. We tend to contrast things that we get *by our own effort* with things we get *by God's grace*. Paul shows us that with our growth in holiness, *God's grace enables* all of our *efforts*. Because we know God is at work, we should work.

The invitation to understand Scripture *in context* is an invitation to move beyond a superficial understanding of God's word. Sometimes we'll find that a verse does not mean what we thought it meant. But without fail God's Word is good, and a true understanding of his Word is what we need.



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News & Covenant Notes



Wednesday, Aug. 13
12:00 PM
Dining Room

If you are 55+ (Just Older Youth) plan to join us for faith, fellowship and food.

Guest speaker to be determined.

The meal will be herb roasted chicken, mac & cheese, mixed vegetables, rolls & dessert.

RSVP for the meal to the church office
(402) 498-9000 or e-blast by Monday, August 11.

You may also sign up in the Fellowship areas.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD. All the earth! Psalm 100:1



August 3 - Pastor Andrew Myers
Communion

August 10 - Pastor Andrew Myers

August 17 - Pastor Jed Mullenix
Neighborhood Festival

August 24 - Pastor Andrew Myers

August 31 - Pastor Andrew Myers



Diabetic Supply Kits

We have emergency kits available for use which include juice and crackers. In the upstairs Fellowship Area a kit is located in the buffet cabinet and on the lower level in the top middle counter of the kitchen.



Many thanks to all who contributed to Patriotic Sunday at Covenant! Thank you to the Deacons for setting up and serving the luncheon. A special thanks goes to Tom & Zack Kennedy for preparing and smoking the meat.

Staff Celebrations

~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~

Lanett Keller, *Media Coordinator*, August 19

~ HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ~

Kevin Boesiger, *Director of Music & Outreach*, August 1 (4 years with Covenant)

Linda O'Neill, *Business Administrator*, (3 years with Covenant)

Jesus has promised to come back for you, and you can carry His peace in knowing He always keeps His word.

Neighborhood Festival - All Hands on Deck!

Kevin Boesiger, Director of Music & Outreach

Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 is our Neighborhood Festival and Nudge Your Neighbor Sunday. This is a great time for us to reach out to our neighbors and friends to invite them to come with us to the events of the weekend. Who is the Neighborhood Festival for, you ask? It's for **ALL** of us. We hope to have visitors from the surrounding area, and we need your help, to welcome them and connect with them. We can't do it alone. We need everyone to come and be a part of this outreach ministry.

The Neighborhood Festival is designed to offer a safe, fun and engaging space for families to come and enjoy time together. There will be food trucks (with food available to purchase) from Sully's GastroBurgers & Fries, and Zemog's Cocina Mexicana. There will be live music, and activities for all ages. The evening will conclude with a foam party on the front lawn run by FOMAHA Parties. It will not only be fun to participate (if you choose) but also fun to watch. As the sun goes down the foam will switch from standard foam to glow in the dark foam and lasers. Glow batons and necklaces will be provided for the kids to add their own special touch to the party.

So, what does all that have to do with outreach and sharing Jesus? It allows us as a church family to connect with the visitors who may come that evening. A simple "thank you for coming" or "we are so happy to have you here," can go a long way in making someone feel accepted and loved. An invitation to come to church the next day where we will have a great time of worship with **one combined service at 11:00 a.m.** is another way to reach out to our visitors. We are privileged to have Jed Mullenix, CEO of Within Reach as a guest

preacher that morning. Following church will be an all-church luncheon where everyone is welcome. We are asking members to bring side dishes and desserts for the meal and sloppy joes will be provided. Members whose last name ends in A-M, please bring a side dish, and M-Z, please bring a dessert. If you invite a visitor to join you, be sure they know there is no need for them to bring food – simply be our guest.

Postcards for the Neighborhood Festival are at the welcome desk. Consider who you might like to invite and bring with you to this fun time for the whole family. **We cannot emphasize enough – this event is for the whole church!** We need your help, making visitors feel welcome AND you might have a good time as well!



SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY

Start at the welcome tent for schedule and to sign-up for the give-a-ways.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - Praise Band Performance

7:15 p.m. - Omaha Street Percussion

8:00 p.m. - FOMAHA Party

Activities throughout the evening:

Food Trucks (for purchase) – Sully's GastroBurgers & Zemogs Mexican

Disc Golf Tournament (score cards & FREE frisbees available at the Welcome tent)

Knockerball

Give-a-ways (every 20 minutes)

Free Ice Cream Treats in the dining room

TO RSVP FOR THE POTLUCK ON SUNDAY CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

The main course will be provided, but we're organizing a potluck-style meal for sides and desserts. We kindly ask each household to contribute based on the first letter of their last name:

A–M: Please bring a side dish

N–Z: Please bring a dessert

CLICK HERE TO RSVP

Deacon's Ministry

Barb Killham



August...a good time to take a breath and appreciate all that we have. God has blessed us with frequent rains, and we have enjoyed a lush summer. Flag Day and Independence Day have allowed us to appreciate our country's


history and freedoms, and it is the calm period on the calendar before school and other routines reconvene, to be quickly followed by football frenzy and then the approach of holiday hype.

Perhaps it is a good time to think of others who are

less fortunate. Covenant maintains a Deacon Assistance Fund for the purpose of assisting Covenant members when unforeseen financial crises strike. Applicants are vetted by Pastor Andrew and Cindy Waldo before their requests are submitted to the Deacon Board for approval.

Past requests have been to cover financial emergencies, such as car repair, roof repair, burial costs, plumbing repair, medical bills, etc. When unexpected circumstances arise for those on a limited income, the Deacons Assistance Fund is sometimes able to help.

Thank you for considering your donation to this fund. Look for envelopes in the pew racks and near the collection boxes in August.



August 17

Children's Sunday School

August 20

- Chancel Choir
- Kids' Konnection
- Children's Choir
- Youth Group

Sept. 3 - Men's Wed. night classes

Sept. 10 - Women's Wed. night classes

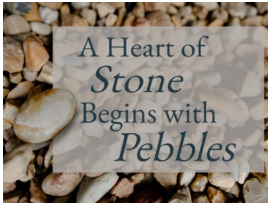
Finance



	June 2025	June 2025	YTD	YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Operating Revenues	\$52,063.45	\$85,223.34	\$435,835.67	\$511,340.04
Operating Expenses	\$96,209.50	\$92,564.39	\$544,602.79	\$582,447.04
Net Change to Operating Activities	(\$44,146.05)	(\$7,341.05)	(\$108,767.12)	(\$71,107.00)

Stephen Ministry

From the Heart of a Stephen Minister Christine Lind, Member



Peter once asked our Lord how many times he had to forgive someone. Jesus replied seven times seventy and immediately followed it with an illustration (probably because of the look on Peter's

face). The story illustrates that the point is not with the offender, but with the one being offended. As the offende, we can't control what others do; we can only control what we do. Good advice for that reason alone.

We forget we are sometimes the offender; thus, the Lord portrays the protagonist almost as an amnesic moron in the story. Since we have skewed memories about what we do and perfect memories about what others do, one way to improve our memory is to examine our own behavior every time we are offended. Opportunities abound, don't they? An opportunity to turn the tables on ourselves and allow another divine learning curve when we experience pain from another person. Sounds heartless that we need to learn a lesson when we're the one hurting, but what other time do we listen to God that intently?

I've been victorious at forgiving traumatic events in my life. With the help of a counselor, I was able to overcome the challenges of past traumas. This is a huge accomplishment. But what about the "garden variety" offenses or disappointments we need to forgive from our loved ones, friends and acquaintances? They are the real test: Lies said about us; friends who walked away when we needed them most. How about being judged, overlooked or taken for granted? So many

opportunities to shine the divine flashlight on ourselves.

Even when we say it doesn't bother us or it's not worth our time, we still plop a pebble in our heart. Our pliable fleshy heart, the only type of heart God can use, is growing stonier by the minute. And forgiving implies Calvary love; otherwise, our Lord would have commanded Peter only to forgive and forwent the story entirely. I can stoically forgive someone and feel superior like the Pharisee that I am.

The next time someone offends you—don't blow it away, don't say it doesn't matter—those are pebbles. Protect your heart where Christ resides. Keep it fleshy with short accounts with loved ones and friends. Confront in love if needed. Forgive and ask for forgiveness. Get counsel if issues are complicated and need sorting out from a third party who can assist in healing and moving forward.

In Ephesians, Paul writes in his letter to put on the full armor of God. We wrestle not with flesh and blood; we wrestle with the sin in others and the sin in us, with sometimes great fun and assistance from our real enemy the devil. Let God sort it out. He keeps his promises so you can keep your joy. He will never leave you or forsake you. Let his love flow through you once more, with your beautiful fleshy heart, pliable and useful in his hands.

If you have questions about Stephen Ministry or if you or someone you know would like to be connected with a Stephen minister, contact Cindy Waldo or Peg Bunger through the church office.

Youth Ministry *Tyler Bullie, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Leader*



We finished our summer camp not too long ago and were able to see God move in our students lives in big ways. Each

night at camp we saw our students take steps out of

their comfort zones and closer to Jesus. They were working on personal things in their own lives while also praying and helping other students around them. Our prayer is that God would cement those moments into our students' hearts, and they would carry that kind of passion with them into the new school season. We are looking forward to the impact these students are going to have on our youth group and their schools.

A Week of Worship

Chuck Tomek, Member

I'm on an all-night flight from Hawaii to Vegas. After a short layover, I'll be home in about 10 hours. I spent part of the afternoon swimming in the Pacific Ocean and my skin feels dry and tight from the high salt content in the water. I'm anxious to shower. Despite that, I feel amazing.

My wife was on call at the med center newborn nursery for a week. When she does this, I seldom see her, so I went to Hawaii and worked two 48-hour shifts in five days. 48 hours on, 24 off, 48 on, hit the beach, and then fly home. It's a common routine when she's in the nursery. The emergency rooms I work at in Hawaii are slow, and I can rest. But I still must be there. I love these gigs as I essentially dedicate the time to Christ.

I haven't watched TV in well over a decade and have no desire to do so now. I don't do social media. What do I do for 48 hours? I pray, read Christian literature and the Bible. I listen to Christian music. I journal. I walk around the hospital, constantly talking to my Savior. I tune out the world and tune in Christ. Non-stop. I raise my voice in praise to the Lord for the infinite blessings He has bestowed on me thus far and for His continued grace and mercy. Part of me believes the Lord can better hear my prayers when I lift them up while watching the sun rise or set over the ocean.

But it's not all praise I give my Savior. I struggle with temptations, anger, fear, pride, and countless other problems. I get upset with issues in my family, in politics, in America, in the world. Oftentimes during this week, I voice my anger and frustration with the Lord, shouting at Him, asking why He allows certain things to happen, wondering why He hasn't answered all my prayers. I tend to shed a lot of tears during these trips.

The night before my work started, a friend of mine invited me to join him for dinner at a Hawaiian monastery. I sat next to a monk from Nepal. The owners of the monastery said the monk spoke five languages, but he said very little during dinner. Part way through the meal he simply got up and walked away. I was told he was on month three of a 24-month prayer vigil.

I can't imagine ignoring all aspects of my life and praying for two years but I can say that worshipping Jesus Christ for a week straight changes me. It softens my hardened heart, makes me love people more, criticize less, and in a very small way, makes me more

like Christ. And most importantly, I feel so much closer to Him. How can you not? You dedicate your every day to Him. It's a feeling I so strongly strive for. Like an addict, I want more.

Then I come home and my old ways return. Frustration at poor drivers and road construction, the media reporting stories I can't believe or simply don't matter, impatience with activities that in my opinion should have been completed yesterday. The old Chuck returns with vengeance. I look back at the monk with envy.

I remember Isaiah 41:13 – "I am the Lord your God who takes your right hand and says to you, do not fear, I will help you." So badly do I want and need your help I reply.



Next month, I am returning to Hawaii to work 120 hours in one week and I can't wait. I want, I need, I must have time with my Father. Until then I will ask Him to help me with my imperfections.

Teach me to dedicate more time to him in Nebraska. One hour, one day, whatever it takes to allow me to be feel closer to Him again.

Eventually I hope to learn the peace of being with Christ here in Nebraska. I don't want to have to travel 4500 miles to experience it. My hope and prayer is the same for you. Start out small. Dedicate an hour a day to Him. Slowly extend it. Shut out all distractions. Know the peace of being with only Him and feel the Love that only He can provide. And become addicted!

Jeremiah 29:13 – "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Religion and Mental Health

Cindy Waldo, Congregational Care Coordinator

Finding a therapist or social worker is not as easy as getting a referral from your primary doctor. It's a tricky task that you are responsible for, unlike when specialists are needed and your doctor gives you recommendations. If you are looking for a religious practitioner, don't lose heart. You have someone right here on staff at Covenant. I am a licensed social worker and therapist, approved to offer my professional expertise to Covenant members at no cost.

When faith is central to your life, locating the right therapist becomes critical. For many individuals and families, particularly faith-based, it's not just about qualifications and experience. Those seeking a faith-based mental health professional might consider if the therapist is culturally aware; if they understand the spiritual dimensions of healing; whether or not they offer psychological tools as well as scriptural truths as they travel down the road to wholeness.

Many individuals and families seek a therapist who shares their faith, particularly if they are looking for culturally competent providers. Therapists integrate their beliefs in treatment, using biblical principles and evidence-based therapeutic approaches to help families lean into their faith as a source of strength while also giving them practical tools to address life's complexities.

For me, having a doctor and social worker who shared my Christian values was absolutely essential. At the July JOY group, I shared my testimony of spiritual growth through a traumatic, heartbreaking, and emotional experience watching my husband slowly die from cancer. Everything I learned and experienced is what I bring to you, to help you. I personally learned about social work, terminal illness, cancer, quality of life, and most importantly saw and heard God even more. And I learned more about the medical field, oncology, and medications than I ever cared to know. But I now can relate to you when you're in stressful situations and can't think – because I was there once too and had people guide me.

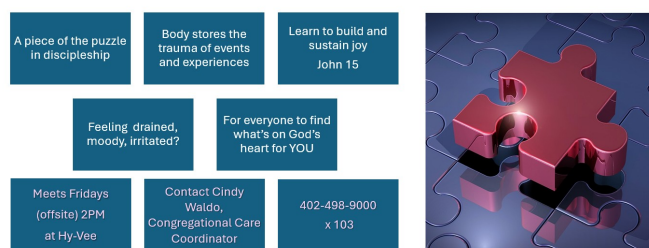
Sound biblical doctrine, the ability to hear from God and using scripture to facilitate transformation are all key in my profession. I must have stellar integrity and not compromise spiritual or professional principles. The Bible commands us to renew our minds daily and the support of a Christian counselor can only add value to that command.

I create safe spaces for vulnerability, emotional exploration, transformation and personal growth. I aid you in navigating life transitions, overcoming obstacles, letting go of the past, reframing unwanted behavior and upgrading the mindset. I integrate biblical wisdom with evidence-based therapeutic approaches to help individuals and families lean into their faith as a source of strength while also giving them practical tools to address life's complexities.

Everyone struggles with anxiety, depression, stress, and life changes during their life. I share my testimony to show you I am authentic and to combat the stigma and apprehension of coming to me for help. I've been deep in the depths of trauma, and experienced profound emotional pain. We all have at some point. Yours may be different from mine, but it's how we get through it with God's help that is the same story. Emotional growth and spiritual growth are closely connected. God wants us to be whole – spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. As a person grows psychologically and emotionally, it extends into their spiritual growth impacting their mental/emotional health and understanding of God and His presence. I am confident that my counseling has a tremendous impact on an individual's spiritual growth because we are mind, body, and spirit—and when one area grows, it extends into the others when holistic practices are in place.

When you talk with me, you'll notice I use faith-based therapy and biblical principles that align with your values. This approach offers a deeper layer of care that weaves faith and therapeutic processes into healing. Spiritual disciplines like prayer and scripture are paired with clinical insights such as self-awareness and coping strategies to guide you on holistic paths to transformation. Please come see me. Let's talk. Contact me through the church office, 402-498-9000, ext. 103.

Emmanuel Community



No Man Left Behind Men's Ministry Roy Phillips, Member

Proverbs 27:17 ESV *Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*



Living Life is Learning!

Biblical Thought: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" - John 11:25-26 (ESV)

August is the time for last-minute family vacations before it is back to school. The summer has flown by but not without its tribulations: from home to our friends, family and brothers and sisters in Christ. The flash floods in Kerrville, Texas highlighted how close disaster is. The Texas Lt. Governor summed up his message by saying that time is short but we will rejoin our loved ones in time because faith in Christ will get us through and then he quoted the above verse: John 11:25-26. Working at focusing our mind and heart on what pleases God will drive our actions.



In July, at Werner Park's Faith and Family Night, some professional baseball players and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) gave short testimonials after the game. Unfortunately, about 98% of the attendees had left but for the remaining few the messages were inspirational. My eye-opener was from a Pro who had just come to Christ. He said that we all have gifts and his gift is baseball. He believes that when he uses his gifts, it is a form of worship! God gives us opportunities to use our gifts; all we have to do is step out in faith...even a smile warms another's heart!

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

Men's Ministry Model: Building Godly Men: Our struggles shape us into the men we need to be.

Classes:

- **Men's Wednesday Night Class** is taking a vacation until September. Pastor Andrew is going to teach an eight week class beginning September 3. The topic is a surprise!
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** is the book of Romans. One chapter each Thursday.



Fellowship:

- **October 18** - Men's Ministry Breakfast: Guest speaker will be a familiar face. More details next month.

Special Events:

Check out the Weekly Blast for Current Study and then mark your calendars:

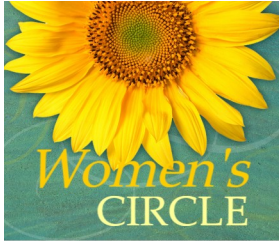
- **Wednesday Night Classes (will return September 3):** 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in the Dining Room.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study:** 7 a.m. in the Fireside Room & via Zoom, followed by breakfast at Hy-Vee.

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22 (NIV)

Women's Ministry



Building a caring community of women strengthening our church through support and discipleship, and bearing witness to the promises of God's Kingdom.



It was a beautiful summer day on July 17, when we came together for Circle. Our theme was the colors *yellow or gold*. Twenty-three ladies attended with most wearing yellow or

gold attire. Our hostesses, Debbie K. and Carole P set the tables in the dining room with yellow and gold, each having a sunflower and a marigold as a centerpiece. The lunch was meatloaf, mac and cheese, and steamed broccoli, followed by two yummy desserts: lemon cupcakes and chocolate Eclair cake. Fellowship and lunch was followed by prayer, singing hymns, recognizing our July birthday girls, and talking about things that are yellow and gold. Peg B. led us in Bible study of John, chapters 3 & 4.

Thank You to all who have brought in personal care items during the month of July for the Lydia House! We appreciate and thank you for your support.

Our next Circle is Thursday, August 21 at 11:45 a.m. in the dining room. Our theme is *Black vs. White*. Lunch will be salad and assorted pizzas. Cost has not yet been determined. RSVP to Renee Barbe. Watch the Friday e-blast for more details.

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold, I rather be His than have riches untold, is a poem written by Rhea Miller that led to the beautiful hymn by George Beverly Shea.



Ladies, you are invited to join The Women's Ministry *Chat, Knit, and Sew* group. **The first meeting of the season will be on Monday, August 25.** We meet in the Fireside Room on

the first and fourth Mondays of the month from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Making sleeping mats from plastic bags continues to be our service project. The mats are delivered to the Open Door Mission and provided to those in need. We are looking forward to welcoming new faces to the group and beginning a new season of service.

A big thank you to all who have provided plastic bags in the past year. We will be collecting bags again. If you have extra plastic grocery/shopping bags, please bring them to the church Fellowship area and place them in the designated collection container.

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study

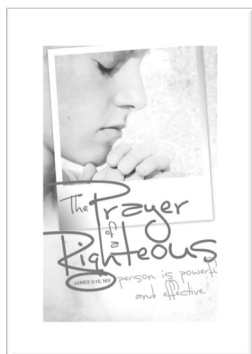
We are currently doing a four week study on three topics: Showing Compassion to Those Who Face Chronic Conditions; Are You a Gentlewoman of Christ? and Five Things a Storm Can't Destroy.

Our next Bible study will begin September 10.

Watch for more details!

Pray For Our Mission Partners

We at Covenant believe in the power of prayer!
Join us each month in intercessory prayer for three of our mission partners.



For the month of August please pray for:

Local - Cross Training Center

**National - Matt & Bekah Meyer, Intervarsity
Christian Fellowship, USA**

Global - One Child, Inc.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00am Celebration of the Arts- Gallery 10:00am Youth Ministry Meeting 2:00pm Emmanuel Community Joy Starts Here (Off Site) 6:00pm AA Primary Purpose Group	2 9:00am Celebration of the Arts- Gallery
3 Communion Sunday 9:00am Celebration of the Arts- Gallery 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service 10:00am Adult, Youth, Children's Sunday School 11:00am Blended Worship Service	4 GEPC Youth Group's "Mystery Trip" 12:15pm Hebrews Prayer Team 7:00pm AA - Women to Women 7:00pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Young Adults' Group	5 GEPC Youth Group's "Mystery Trip" 6:30pm Fresh Start 7:00pm Axtell Small Group	6 GEPC Youth Group's "Mystery Trip" 2:00pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal 6:30pm Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm Youth "Back 2 School" Bash	7 GEPC Youth Group's "Mystery Trip" 7:00am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Missions Committee Meeting 6:30pm Deacons' Meeting	8 2:00pm Emmanuel Community Joy Starts Here (Off Site) 6:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous - Primary Purpose Group	9
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