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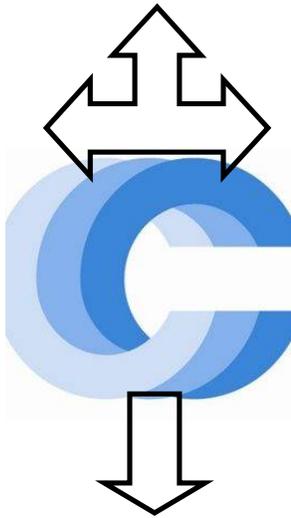
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Covenant, Communion and Commission



By Carl Peters
Senior Pastor



Will it ever return to normal? This question has crossed all our minds as we move into year three of the pandemic. Most people wonder if we will ever return to times when masks are not needed, gatherings are not distanced, hugs are accepted, and handshakes are common. These years of bizarre disorientation and forced change have caused all of us to reassess what we value most. For many, there has been a reawakening to worship and work. We missed the gathering of God’s people when we couldn’t come together. And, while Facebook is very helpful, we all know that is not a long-term substitute for our joining in person which we love.

We also realize, with a renewed sense of urgency, that life is precious and fleeting and we need to, “work for the night is coming, when man works no more.” It has become a priority to share the story of God that saves with those shaped by a secular

story that enslaves.

As this new year emerges, we will make much of this moving of the Spirit and the renewed interest and emphasis in worship and work. Therefore, our ministry vision for 2022 is called, “Covenant, Communion and Commission—3 Cs.”

Covenant speaks of our restored relationship with the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Communion** expresses our need to connect with the Lord and with each other as we join in corporate worship. **Commission** focuses on our calling to, “Go and make disciples.”

Covenant is the restorative tool used by God to bring us back into relationship with Him. The New and Everlasting Covenant is offered exclusively through Jesus. When we are united to Jesus, we come into a Covenant relationship with the Father. We become what we were

intended to be – God’s children and joint heirs with Jesus!

Worship has been called the “purpose” of the church! In John 4, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that God the Father is seeking worshipers. In both the Old and New Testaments, God calls His people to gather to renew the Covenant with Him. In Hebrews, we are instructed to “forsake not the assembling of yourselves together.” We will stress the need for gathering to worship as the Body of Christ.

Finally, our Commission is to live out God’s story in our lives, taking up our cross daily, denying ourselves and following Jesus. Our lives will give credibility to our message as we go forth from worship, renewed in our covenant relationship, to share the story of God’s redeeming acts to save us. Covenant leads to Communion which leads to our Commission. I am looking forward to an exciting year of growing and going in 2022.

Children and Youth News and Views



By Daulton Peters
Youth Ministry

Thank you all for your prayers and support for both Savannah and Oakley as they had COVID over the past few weeks. It seems like they both have recovered and are doing very well! I had several of our youth reach out and check on us! You’re concern and support is much appreciated! One of my favorite parts about our church is the genuine concern and willingness to

help! There are not many places I can think of with as friendly and kind people. I am hoping to restart our usual in person Bible studies and programming for children and youth in the next few weeks. It has been a challenge being away from the kiddos and youth since the Covid numbers started climbing but I am so excited to start having more in person interactions! The next big

event will be an online cake auction instead of our normal Valentine’s Banquet. I will make announcements on Sunday. We will have cakes at Anchor and we will do a live video auction and have a team of delivery drivers to take the cakes to the winning bidders! Please send me any questions you might have and also let me know if you are willing to make a cake! Thank you.

Church Family Information—February

Birthdays:

1	Martha Jo Holbrook	26	Tyra Hart
	Neville Lyons	27	Nanette Steele
2	Jackie Littrell	28	Claudia Thomas

6 Linda Weddington

8 Abigail Ross

9 Don Adams

10 T Harris

14 Caleb Landolt

17 Sam Tipton

18 Kathy Day

21 Lori Drake

Daniel Landolt

22 Meredith Burns

24 Karen Covington

Greg Ruber

Annette Wagoner

Anniversaries:

19 Neville & Pamliya Lyons

21 Larry & Sandy Fite

27 Larry & Nancy Etherton

Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary has been missed. We would like to acknowledge all of our members' special occasions!



February 14, 2022

Our annual Valentine Banquet has been cancelled this year due to COVID

**Online Cake/Dessert Auction
Details announced soon!**

Senior Ministry Update



by Paul Jorgensen

I LOVE MY CHURCH! Yes, I appreciate the building in which we meet, but the church is so much more than the building. The church is a group of people who have been called out of the world and separated unto the worship of the Almighty God, and I love this group of people with whom I worship.

When I am introducing our church to people, I describe our church as a place of authentic worship and meaningful community. I love the corporate worship that we offer to God. I

also love the sense of community and care that our church gives to other people. I love the real care and concern that is expressed by our church as members sincerely pray for each other and seek to encourage one another through life's difficult times. Truly, as the old song claims, in this Family of God, "When one has a heartache we all share the tears and rejoice in each victory in this family so dear."

As a church, we can only love each other with the love of our Redeemer. Thus, we seek to share the greatest love with all people. This is why we have such a strong emphasis on praying for the lost and taking the Gospel to every home in our community. To help us with our evangelistic efforts, we are attending

the REACH Conference hosted by the KBC and WMU in Elizabethtown, KY, on March 14-15. This will be a time of encouragement and instruction to help us share the Gospel more effectively. We will continue our efforts this year to take the Gospel to 11,000 homes in our area.

To show the love of God to each other, we continue to care for our seniors as well as we can through prayer, Helping Hands and social activities. Though COVID has prevented many of our normal social gatherings, we still care for the needs of one another as well as possible through people available to run errands, make small home repairs and pray for each other. We have also started a new men's Bible study on Sunday nights to give men a place to

fellowship and find encouragement as we embrace the difficulties facing us in these strange times. This, also, is a way that our church is showing love to the community, by embracing people where they are and offering encouragement and hope for people in a fallen world.

There are many ways that you can share the love of Jesus with others. Whether you are baking cakes for the Grace Kitchen for the Hungry or donating clothes and toys to the WMU Back of the Track ministry or sharing the Gospel with a neighbor or new acquaintance, these and many other opportunities abound at Anchor to share God's love. Ask one of your pastors or your deacon how you can be more involved this year in loving God by loving others.

Media News

The focus this month in Moorings is sharing what we love about Anchor. What do you love about Anchor Baptist Church the most? There are so many things that we can look forward to each week at Anchor. Sometimes I feel our natural tendency as human beings is to always start by focusing on what we don't like or love about something or someone or specifically Anchor Baptist Church. I believe wholeheartedly as born-again Christians we should be the most thankful people in the world. Gratitude should be our calling card. I personally am so grateful for the people of Anchor. That is my #1 favorite thing about Anchor. I look forward to working with our volunteers, Larry, Katrina and Dee Dee each week on the sound and streaming video on Facebook. I enjoy leading the singing and seeing the people of Anchor sing out their praise to Jesus.

What I love most about Anchor is having so many wonderful friends that are so encouraging and often share a kind word with me. I think of Rev. Jones who is such a positive minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His encouraging words are so important to me each week. I look forward to his Christlike nature each time I talk with him. That is the way we should be as Christians. People we know should want to seek us out and want to confide in us. Trust us.

I remember a story of Abraham Laboriel, one of the most famous bass guitar players in the world both in the Jazz and

Christian music world. Not only was he an incredible player worldwide in secular and Christian Worship Music but people would pay to have him just come into the recording studio even if he wasn't playing on the session. Why you ask? Because he carried such a positive Spirit with Him wherever he showed up. So much so they even paid him to just be in the studio. He simply would show up and the room atmosphere would change and make all those recording that day relax and have fun. He was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the great encourager. We are filled with the greatest encourager of all as believers. God's Holy Spirit. We can either ignore it each day and do our own thing or we can choose to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to bless those around us at church and in our everyday walk. Again, my personal answer to what we love about Anchor Baptist Church would be the people. Remember the old Sunday School Children's



thing we did with our hands? Here's the church, here's the steeple. Open it up and see all the people. People surely need the Lord. That is our #1 duty at Anchor Baptist. That is our chief end duty. The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

We are to love on people in every stage of their life. Some are strong Christians. Others are babes in Christ. Some are seeking Christ for the first time ever in this stage of their life. First and foremost we are to tell them about the Love of Jesus Christ. Tell them the Truth about what it means to be saved for today and eternity. Secondly, we are to love on them and walk with them as friends through their good and bad times. We are to be faithful servants filled with gratitude for what He has done for us. We are to be full of GRACE. I would be certainly lying to you if I said everyone at Anchor Baptist has always been encouraging these last 6 years. There certainly have been a few times when unkind words have been spoken to and about me. I am guilty of the same thing



*By Phil Jackson
Music and Media*

over the last 6 year I have been here at Anchor. If I could put a percentage on it I would say 99% of things said to me or spoken to me have been encouraging. Of course, as is always true in life, we remember the 1% of the unkind things that people say to us at church and life more. My prayer this year is that we focus on being thankful and encouraging each other. There are times when we need to speak the truth in love but always done with kindness and the spirit of reconciliation. Let's make 2022 the best year yet in ministry at Anchor Baptist Church.

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