Fall Guide

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2026



Letter from Jill Williams

Dear Covenant Family,

I hope each of you is well and that these summer months have provided an opportunity to dial back a little, recharge, and reconnect with what truly matters. It's so important to take stock from time to time and gain some perspective. I always welcome the summer pace and then, by August, find myself ready for fall and the eventual cooler autumn temperatures (hopefully!) and a return to some structure and regular routines.

We hope this guide will encourage your faith as we move into fall. This wonderful resource provides an overview of the opportunities available to get involved in the mission and ministry of Covenant this fall and to find community and ways to serve. There is an article about Mission Weekend, the new small groups study, Eaton Hall Café hours, an update on the pastoral transition and where we are in the process, and much more. Additionally, Covenant is beginning a seven-week series on the parables of Jesus in a teaching series entitled, "Parable People," a series that will invite us to reflect on how Jesus communicated deep truth through story and discover the excitement of living in the upside-down kingdom of God.

Please take this Fall Guide and use it as a resource to know what is coming up on our calendar, learn more about who Covenant is, and consider how you and your family might be called to participate in the life of this special community. We hold hopeful expectation for what lies ahead as we continue to encourage one another to follow Jesus wherever we live, work, and play.

With you on the journey,

Jill Williams





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A new sermon series beginning August 16

missionweekend

November 14 & 15

Saturday
November 14

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. – Noon | Family Service Project

Kick off Mission Weekend by serving alongside your family with Hope Austin. Help pack weekend meal kits for local children experiencing food insecurity. Open to families with children ages 5 and older.

7:00 p.m. | Songs & Stories of Justice

Experience an inspiring evening with acclaimed singer-songwriter Jon Guerra and International Justice Mission. Through music and powerful firsthand stories, you'll hear how lives are being transformed through the pursuit of freedom and justice around the world.

Sunday
November 15

Sunday Morning | Mission Sunday

Join us as Leo Akron of International Justice Mission brings the morning message during worship. Then explore our Mission Fair on the patio, where you'll meet Covenant's local and global mission partners and discover meaningful ways to get involved.





Ready for What's Next

With a thriving children's ministry, Covenant has long invested in the faith of its youngest members. This fall, as students take the next step into middle and high school, two new leaders are helping shape the next chapter of that journey.

Middle school and high school are seasons of tremendous change.

Friendships shift. Confidence grows and falters. Questions become bigger. Students begin discovering not only who they are, but who they hope to become.

At Covenant, those years aren't viewed as something to simply survive—they're an opportunity to help young people build a faith that will carry them into adulthood. As students make the exciting transition from Covenant Kids into Covenant Youth, they'll be welcomed by two leaders who know firsthand how meaningful caring adults can be during those formative years.

This fall marks an exciting new chapter for Covenant Youth as Owen Schutte, Director of High School Ministries, and Sam Garza, Associate Director of Middle School Ministries, begin serving together. After months of transition, the ministry enters the school year with a full team committed to helping students know Jesus, build authentic community, and discover a faith that extends far beyond Sunday mornings.

Although Owen and Sam come from very different backgrounds, their stories arrive at remarkably similar convictions.

Owen's Story

Growing up, Owen experienced significant transition. A move across the country during high school, followed by the isolation of the pandemic, reshaped many of the relationships and routines he had known. Looking back, he credits faithful adults—prayer partners, mentors, and youth leaders—who consistently showed up, prayed for him, and reminded him he wasn't alone. Today, those experiences shape the way he approaches ministry. He wants students to know they have a place where they are seen, loved, and encouraged as they navigate one of life's most challenging seasons.

Sam's Story

Sam's story begins on the Texas–Mexico border, surrounded by a close-knit family and community. One of her favorite childhood memories wasn't a birthday or holiday celebration, but a party held simply to celebrate life. That joyful perspective continues to shape the way she experiences faith today. For Sam, following Jesus isn't confined to Sunday mornings. She delights in finding God in everyday moments and hopes students will discover that same kind of authentic, everyday faith.



A Shared Vision

The people who invested in them also left lasting marks. Owen remembers mentors who faithfully prayed for him and remained present through life's transitions. Sam recalls a remarkable calculus teacher who intentionally created a classroom where every student belonged, questions were celebrated, and unlikely friendships flourished. Those experiences continue to influence the kind of ministry they hope to build at Covenant.

That vision feels especially meaningful as students move from Covenant Kids into Covenant Youth. Both leaders are excited to build on the strong foundation already established through the children's ministry, walking alongside students as they ask bigger questions, deepen friendships, and grow in their relationship with Christ.

Their hopes are simple but profound: that every student who walks through the doors of Covenant Youth feels welcomed, every parent knows their child is genuinely cared for, and the ministry becomes known as a place where students experience authentic community, lasting relationships, and a life-changing faith in Jesus.

Meet Covenant's Youth Team



Owen Schutte

DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRIES

Baylor University graduate

Enjoys music, sports, coffee, reading, and playing piano

Passionate about helping students know Jesus and build lasting community



Sam Garza

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRIES

University of Texas graduate

Loves books, movies, coffee, pastries, flowers, and meaningful conversations

Passionate about creating spaces where students feel welcomed, known, and free to ask questions

Meet the Pastor Nominating Committee

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was elected by the congregation on June 14, 2026, and has begun the important work of discerning God's call for Covenant's next Senior Pastor.

Representing a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and ministry experiences, these nine members have committed themselves to prayer, confidentiality, and faithful discernment throughout the search.



Susan Ashton



Daniel Campbell



Julie Ann Hartman



Kelly Dwyer



Michael Knisely



Jaeweon Kim



Gillian McLean



Rehm Maham



Emily Ross

Please continue praying for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek God's wisdom, listen for the Spirit's leading, and faithfully discern Covenant's next Senior Pastor.

The Journey to our Next Senior Pastor

STAY UPDATED
Follow the latest updates online at
covenant.org/pastoral-transition

2025

DEPARTURE
After more than a decade of faithful ministry at Covenant, Thomas Daniel accepted a call to serve as Senior Pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas. The congregation celebrated Thomas and Beth's ministry and sent them with gratitude and prayers.

TRANSITION BEGINS
Session appointed Rev. Jill Williams as Interim Head of Staff and established an Interim Task Force to guide Covenant through the early stages of the pastoral transition in partnership with Mission Presbytery.

CONGREGATIONAL INPUT
Over 600 Covenant members participated in surveys and conversations that shaped the Mission Study, helping define who we are as a congregation and the qualities we seek in our next Senior Pastor.

2026

PNC ELECTED
On June 14, the congregation elected nine members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee, entrusting them with leading the search for Covenant's next Senior Pastor.

CURRENT PHASE
Prayerful Discernment
The PNC is praying, building relationships, reviewing the Mission Study, and preparing to begin the confidential search process. This season often requires patience as the committee seeks God's wisdom before evaluating candidates. A Ministry Discernment Profile will be filed with PC USA during this time.
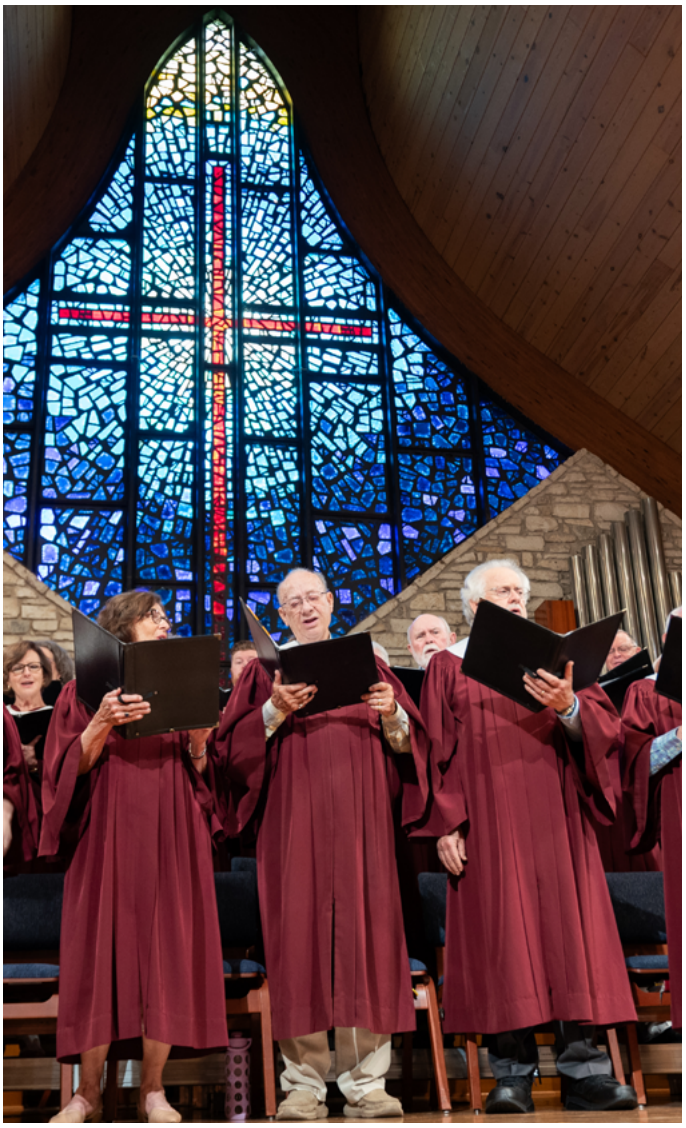
SEARCH
Guided by prayer and the Mission Study, the committee will conduct a confidential search, carefully reviewing and evaluating potential candidates.

CANDIDATE
When the committee unanimously recommends a candidate, Session will call a congregational meeting for a vote.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTE
The congregation will vote on extending the call to Covenant's next Senior Pastor.

WELCOME
The congregation will gather to welcome and celebrate the arrival of Covenant's new Senior Pastor.


Meet Your
Deacon







BIBLE 101

with

Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton

10/21, 10/28, 11/04, 11/11

DINNER 5:30 P.M.

PROGRAM 6:00 P.M.



LEARN MORE covenant.org/bible101

Meet the New Members

We are so excited to welcome the newest members of our congregation to the Covenant community! Learn about our mission, our people, and our community in our next Explore Membership class starting September 13. Details and registration at **covenant.org/membership.**



Jessica & Patrick Badolato



Katie Baker



Kathryn Benn



Eric Carter & Shannon Lewis



Barbara Deglomine



Michael Deglomine



Elizabeth Gilligan



Colin Gilligan



Alison Hern



Josh Fjelstul



Renée & Judson Kauffman



Kaley Lockridge



James Lockridge



Lezlie Morton



Buddy Overstreet



Haley Overstreet



Erin Russo



Jeannette Sledge



Erwin Wijaya

NOT PICTURED

Tom Kershner
Jill Kershner
Brian O'Reilly
Melissa O'Reilly
Katie Schonert
Andy Schonert
Jim Surratt
Liz Surratt

Interested in becoming a member at Covenant?

Our next Explore Membership class will begin September 13, 20, 27 and October 4 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Learn more at **covenant.org/membership** or email Amy Skaggs at **askaggs@covenant.org**













We're being formed and shaped all the time.

The things we prioritize, how we use our imagination, and the passions we pursue form us in big and small ways every day. As Christians, we confess that Jesus Christ is at the center of our formation. The gospels reveal a pattern of solitude, community, and service in Jesus' life that models a pattern for Christian formation. We invite you to use this guide to review the practices of solitude, community, and service available at Covenant this fall.

THE PRACTICE OF

Solitude

The practice of solitude provides time and space to be with God and with ourselves for the sake of rest and renewal. Here are a few Covenant resources that may be helpful on your journey to seek out solitude.

Covenant Library

The Covenant Library is tucked away on the first floor of FEB and hosts a rich variety of literature available for checkout. The library is open during business hours and for Sunday services.

Covenant Prayer Labyrinth

Located in the southeast corner of the church parking lot, the Prayer Labyrinth is a sacred space for meditation and prayer. Visit the Prayer Labyrinth any time.

Covenant Sermon Archives

Sermons and worship services are recorded and stored in our archives each week. Access to both video and audio recordings, as well as sermon discussion guides, can be found online at **covenant.org/sermons**

Covenant Daily Devotional

If you don't have a regular practice of prayer and scripture reading, we invite you to pray and read with us every day by subscribing to the daily devotional email. Monday through Friday morning, you'll receive an email with a guided devotional for prayer and study.

Sign up at **covenant.org/devotional**

God's Unfolding Story

The Bible is an intimidating book. It's thousands of years old, it's full of different genres, it was written by many different people who lived in different places, it was composed, edited, and compiled over hundreds of years, there are hundreds of different contemporary translations available, and frankly, it's very long. I find that even the most basic of questions like "Where should I start reading?" can be challenging.

Here at Covenant we believe that regular engagement with Scripture is an essential piece of faith formation. We want to provide you with tools and guidance to help you engage fruitfully with God's word, so we have created a year-long curriculum workbook that will take you through a number of significant scripture passages beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation. It is our hope that this resource will help you engage Scripture with your minds as you learn more about lesser known parts of Scripture and discover connections between different parts of the Bible. We also hope that this resource helps you to engage Scripture with your heart as you slow down with God's word and become attentive to the ways it challenges you and calls you into deeper faithfulness.

This resource is designed to be used in community, so we hope that you will use it in a small group, a Bible study, or with a friend. If you are not in a small group or are looking for a Bible study to be a part of, we would love to invite you to join one.

As we enter into this program year, let me leave you with a promise from Isaiah 55:11 "so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Peace,
Pastor Ben Davison

COVENANT.ORG/CLASSES

Studies, Groups, and Classes



KIDS *COVENANT.ORG/KIDS*

3 MONTHS - 5TH GRADE

Nursery

ONGOING

Nursery care is available for children 3 months to 4 years of age during Sunday services.
Sundays, 8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m. 2nd Floor, FEB
Katie McFarlane, kmcfarlane@covenant.org

Sunday School

ONGOING

Sunday School is available for children ages 2 years to 5th grade. Kindergarten - 3rd grade will experience large group time, play games, worship God and listen to stories from the Bible. 4th and 5th graders meet in small groups and walk through the Old and New Testaments, respectively.
Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Check-in on the 2nd Floor FEB
Elizabeth Moore, emoore@covenant.org

Wednesday Night

ONGOING

Childcare is available for our Wednesday evening programs for children 3 months to 4 years of age. To learn more, send a message to our childcare team.
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., FEB Nursery Hallway
Katie McFarlane, kmcfarlane@covenant.org

Joy Ministry

ONGOING

Does your child need extra support here at Covenant? Our Joy Ministry program matches each child with a volunteer buddy trained to help your child attend and participate more fully in Sunday school.
Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Katie McFarlane, kmcfarlane@covenant.org

Covenant Presbyterian Preschool

Covenant Presbyterian Preschool welcomes students ages 9 months through Pre-K for exemplary Monday through Friday programming. Learn more and register for the 2026 - 2027 school year at covenant.org/preschool.
Laura Hargrave, lhargrave@covenant.org

YOUTH *COVENANT.ORG/YOUTH*

6TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE

Youth Sunday School

ONGOING

Grades 6-12 are invited to join us on the 4th floor of the FEB from 9:30-10:30 each Sunday morning. This is a time where we'll hang out with friends and leaders, engage in Scripture and discussion, and worship together! There will be donuts, games, and great conversation with one another.
9:30 a.m., FEB 4th Floor
Owen Schutte, oschutte@covenant.org

Youth Wednesday Night

ONGOING

Grades 6-12 will gather on the 4th floor of the FEB from 6:00-7:45pm on Wednesday nights this fall! We will share a meal together, hang out, play games, worship and spend time reading Scripture each week! Come join us and our awesome leaders this fall as we encourage one another to follow Jesus!
Doors open 5:30 p.m. / Programming 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.
FEB 4th Floor
Owen Schutte, oschutte@covenant.org

YOUNG ADULT *COVENANT.ORG/YOUNG-ADULTS* 20s & 30s

Young Adult Brunches

ONGOING
Monthly brunch for young adults held at rotating homes near Covenant.
4th Sundays, 12:15 p.m. (except holiday weekends)
Aug 30, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 20
Kathryn Sedberry, ksedberry@covenant.org

ADULTS *COVENANT.ORG/ADULTS* ALL AGES

Explore Membership Class

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13
This class is designed for those interested in joining the church. In four sessions, you will have the opportunity to become familiar with our mission, connect with the pastoral staff, meet new people, and find ways to serve.

Fall 2026 Session:
Sept. 13, 20, 27 and Oct. 4 from 9:30 to 10:45am

Winter 2027 Session:
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 from 9:30 to 10:45am.
covenant.org/membership

Small Groups

ONGOING
New small groups are forming which will begin meeting the week of August 31, and will meet weekly. These groups will be invited to participate in a year-long scripture study entitled *God's Unfolding Story*, written and designed by our Covenant team. Curriculum and training will be provided. Leaders are needed to facilitate new groups. Sign up to be in a group or be a leader at **covenant.org/groups**.

Empty Nesters Sunday School Class

ONGOING
For married couples in their 40s/50s/60s who are approaching or already enjoying the empty nest stage of life. Provides opportunities for fellowship, book study, social outings, and Bible study while pivoting to the second half of marriage.
Sundays, 11:00 a.m., CO 208
Bethany Leffingwell, leffingwellbethany@gmail.com

Early Word Bible Discussion Class

ONGOING
Read and discuss the sermon discussion guide on the sermon preached the week before and the Scripture that will be preached in worship the morning of the class.
Sundays, 8:30 a.m., CO 208
John Fincher, jfincher5561@gmail.com

Kairos Class

BEGINS AUGUST 20
Fall series on the Beatitudes facilitated by Covenant member Don Zappone.
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., FE 107
Kathryn Sedberry, ksedberry@covenant.org

Wednesday Morning Prayer

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 2

A weekly online time of prayer following the liturgy for Daily Prayer from the Book of Common Worship. Bible readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary readings or as chosen by prayer leader.

Wednesdays, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Virtual

Bonnie Canizaro, bonnietexas@mindspring.com

Faith and Community

ONGOING

We are a "Sunday morning small group" journeying through life and faith together. We discuss Bible passages, recent sermons and great books on faith. We welcome new members and drop-ins!

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., EA 104

Royce Poinsett, royce_poinsett@hotmail.com

Koinonia Sunday School Class

ONGOING

Provides an opportunity for individuals to read and discuss books that enable them to follow the example of Jesus. We devote the first Sunday of the month to discussing a recent Covenant sermon. Visitors are always welcome.

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., FE 107

Michele Keeler, mkeeler@austin.utexas.edu

Exploring Scripture Class

BEGINS AUGUST 30

A year-long journey through Scripture which will cover significant scripture passages beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation. The class will utilize *God's Unfolding Story* curriculum, written and designed by our Covenant team. This discussion-style class is designed for anyone who is new to Scripture or who is seeking to read and apply the Bible in their daily lives. No prior work or knowledge is required, and all are welcome.

Sundays, 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. EA 103

Kathryn Sedberry, ksedberry@covenant.org

Pickleball

ONGOING

All ages and levels of play are welcome! Bring a friend, open to the community. Nets, balls, paddles, and music provided. Free to play, any donations made are used to support the Manos de Cristo Food Pantry, a Covenant mission partner.

Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

December – February: Fridays, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

FEB 4th floor Gym

Gina Lento, ginalento@gmail.com

Maria Raper, maria.r.raper@gmail.com

Melissa Mathews, jdmsocks@gmail.com

Parents of Teens Sunday School Class

BEGINS AUGUST 23

The teenage years are full of change, for adolescents and for their families. Join fellow parents of teens to learn, share, and be encouraged by each other as we seek to love our teens well, parent them effectively, and prepare them to live independently. Our study this year will be guided by "Boundaries with Teens" by John Townsend, interspersed with presentations by group members on other topics.

Sundays, 9:30am, EA 102

Jen Kost, jen@tashcorp.net

Walking the Mourner's Path

BEGINS OCTOBER 1

A Christ-centered, spiritually-directed grief support group for those mourning the death of a loved one. Grief can be transformed when shared with others navigating these same unfamiliar and often difficult paths in a safe and supportive space.

Fall Session

Thursdays, Oct. 1 – Nov. 19, 2026 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Parlor

Jana Harrison, jharrison@covenant.org

MEN *COVENANT.ORG/MEN*

ALL AGES

Men in the Word

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

Weekly men's study emphasizes building community and living lives guided by scripture. Fall study is Hosea and Amos.

Thursdays, 6:30 a.m., FE 200 and virtual

Mike Barnes, mkbtbarnes@gmail.com

Men's Lunch Bible Study

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

Men's lunch, fellowship, and Bible study discussion. Our one hour format is specifically designed to serve our men in the middle of a work day. Lunch can be purchased ahead of time through your RSVP and will be brought to the church for you. RSVP required.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m., CO 208

Maureen Crawley, mcrawley@covenant.org

Andrew Hawkins Men's Bible Study

ONGOING

Weekly men's Bible study with an informal structure geared toward a rich supportive fellowship. The course of study for a given period is discussed and agreed on by the members. The scriptures being studied are read aloud in a group setting each week and then discussed among the group. Members can attend in person or through ZOOM.

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., CO 202, or via Zoom.

Gene McKenzie, geno7218@gmail.com

WOMEN *COVENANT.ORG/WOMEN*

ALL AGES

Monthly Women's Bible Study

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

Monthly Women's Bible Study meets in small groups for scripture study, fellowship, prayer, and mission. The 2026-27 study is *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*. Paul's advice to the young Corinthian church concerns many of the issues with which we struggle today. Women are welcome to join at any time of year.

Meeting times and formats vary.

Registration and info at covenant.org/pw

Monthly Women's Lunch Bunch

ONGOING

Join women of all ages for fellowship, prayer and discussions on a range of topics. Bring your lunch if you want to eat. Feel free to bring a friend or co-worker too as new participants are always welcome.

1st Thursdays, 12:00 – 1:15 p.m., FE 104

Julie Morris, julestsu@yahoo.com

Lamplighters

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

Lamplighters combines an individual inductive study with a weekly podcast, small group discussion, and prayerful fellowship. We remain rooted in God's Word and connected to one another as we seek to grow as followers of Jesus Christ. The 2026-27 study is the Gospel of John. Women are welcome to join at any time of year.

Days/times vary, in-person and virtual

Registration at lamplightersbiblestudy.com

Moms in the Word

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

Moms in the Word falls under the umbrella of Lamplighters, and is a low-pressure weekly Bible study that provides fellowship for moms with free childcare available. Fall study is *He's Where The Joy Is - Getting to Know the Captivating God of the Trinity* by Tara-Leigh Cobble.

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., CO 208

Med Luckett, medluckett@gmail.com

Sanctuary Choir
Our Sanctuary Choir regularly participates in the traditional worship services. This choir sings a wide range of music and welcomes all singers, regardless of ability.
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Michael Shuman, mshuman@covenant.org

GraceNotes Choir
GraceNotes is Covenant's auditioned chamber choir singing sacred music from all styles and historical periods. Audition is required.
Rehearsals on Sundays, 10:45 a.m.
Michael Shuman, mshuman@covenant.org

Worship Band
The worship band leads the contemporary service in song during weekly 11 a.m. service and other gatherings. Audition Required.
Jerry Wise, jwise@covenant.org

Pro Musica Handbell Choir
Our handbell choir is a dedicated five-octave ensemble for new or experienced ringers, ages high school through adult. The group provides music for Sunday morning worship, concerts, and other church events.
Rehearsals on Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Elizabeth Gilligan, egilligan@covenant.org

Covenant Youth Band
The Covenant Youth Band is for grades 6-12. Lead the music for the youth in weekly gatherings and other services.
Jerry Wise, jwise@covenant.org

Journey Youth Choir
Journey Youth Choir is for students grade 6-12. Periodically participate in worship throughout the year and travel off-site to share their musical gifts.
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.
Jerry Wise, jwise@covenant.org

Children's Choir
Children's Choirs are for children in Pre-K through 5th grade.
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.
Elizabeth Gilligan, egilligan@covenant.org

Presbyterian Pickers
This diverse group of musicians spreads joy in our preschool and nursery classrooms during our 9:30 a.m. Sunday service. BYO instrument.
Jesse White, jcwhite16@gmail.com

Need help finding your spot?

We want to help you feel at home at Covenant. Whether you have a question, want to get to know us better, or get involved with community, our visitor coordinator, Amy Skaggs, looks forward to connecting with you personally.

Email Amy at **askaggs@covenant.org**



COVENANT.ORG/SERVE

Service Opportunities



First Impressions

WELCOME TEAM
Join us for just one Sunday a month as a welcoming presence to greet Sunday morning guests, answer questions, and direct them to where they need to go.
Amy Skaggs, askaggs@covenant.org

COFFEE BAR TEAM
Join us for just one Sunday a month as a welcoming presence at one of our coffee bar areas to serve up coffee and warm hospitality, creating a welcoming community space where meaningful connections happen every Sunday!
Amy Skaggs, askaggs@covenant.org

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEER
Serve as the friendly face at the front desk when extra coverage is needed to greet visitors, answer the door, and take phone messages. No technical skills are required, and training is available. This is an occasional volunteer opportunity—you can accept only the dates that fit your schedule.
Jennifer English, jenglish@covenant.org

Tech Team

SLIDE OPERATOR
Manage slides for worship services and special events. No experience required. Training is provided.
tech@covenant.org

LIVESTREAM
Support our online congregation by running cameras, operating slides, or managing the website portal for our Sunday livestream.
tech@covenant.org

AUDIO
Assist with audio during worship services and special events.
tech@covenant.org

LIGHTING
Assist with stage lighting for worship services and special events. No experience required. Training is provided.
tech@covenant.org

Congregational Care

CANCER CARE MINISTRY
Our Cancer Care Ministry offers God's hope and love to Covenant members newly diagnosed or in active treatment to face the challenges of cancer, reminding them with prayer, presence, assistance, and friendship that they are not alone as they journey with cancer. Volunteers help by providing meals, helping with yard work, writing notes of encouragement, or offering miscellaneous help.
Jana Harrison, jharrison@covenant.org

CARD WRITING
Come and join a ministry of sending handwritten notes or greeting cards to encourage someone in the Covenant family.
1st Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m., CO 208
Roni Divine, veronica.divine@gmail.com

MEMORIAL SERVICE RECEPTION TEAM
Volunteers care for Covenant families and provide support through set up, serving refreshments, cleanup, or baking cookies for on campus memorial service receptions.
Robin Moore, robinhm52@att.net

MEMORIAL SERVICE USHER
Volunteers provide support by ushering on campus memorial services.
Bretna Hackert, bretna@mail.utexas.edu

PRAYER TEAM
Uphold the congregation, its ministries, and the larger community in prayer at a place and time of your choosing. Requests sent over email.
Jana Harrison, jharrison@covenant.org

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Members knit and crochet baby blankets and shawls for those in need due to illness or loss, plus hats and scarves for homeless young adults. No experience is required.
3rd Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., SA 114
Nancy Bissell, nancybissell45@gmail.com

Worship Services

USHERS
Welcome guests, provide seating assistance, answer questions and support offering and communion.
Michael Shuman, mshuman@covenant.org

INSTRUMENTALISTS
Help to lead music in all services - whether as a solo instrument or in a group.
Michael Shuman, mshuman@covenant.org

LEAD VOCALISTS
Help lead music in worship in all services. Audition is required.
Michael Shuman, mshuman@covenant.org

WORSHIP SETUP
Help prepare the worship space for services such as communion, paraments, hanging of the green, etc.
Michael Shuman, mshuman@covenant.org

ALTAR FLOWERS
Give flowers for the sanctuary in memory or honor of loved ones. Arrangements are $45. Learn more at **covenant.org/flowerform** or email Becky Davis
Becky Davis, bdavis@covenant.org

Communications

WRITERS
Writers and editors are needed to support the production of devotionals, blogs, and stories.
MP Garcia, mgarcia@covenant.org

PHOTOGRAPHERS
Photography volunteers support coverage of Covenant events throughout the week. All ages are welcome!
MP Garcia, mgarcia@covenant.org

Small Groups

SMALL GROUP LEADERS
Small groups are intentional communities of 8-10 people who encourage one another to live out Covenant's mission through prayer and studying scripture together. New groups will begin meeting the week of August 31, and will meet weekly at the time and date of the leader's choice. Groups will have the opportunity to participate in a year-long scripture study entitled *God's Unfolding Story*, written and designed by our Covenant team. Curriculum and training will be provided. Sign up to lead at covenant.org/groups.
Kathryn Sedberry, ksedberry@covenant.org

Kids

KIDS LEADERS
Volunteers, who can commit to serve once a month, are needed to serve, nurture, and play with Covenant's youngest members! All volunteers will be trained to teach, assist and foster a welcoming and safe learning experience for our kids.
Christian Meyer, cmeyer@covenant.org

JOY MINISTRY LEADERS
Covenant Kids wants all children & families to feel welcome, known, and loved! Our Joy Ministry was created to provide all children the ability to experience community here at Covenant. We pair trained volunteers with children who might need special support or accommodations to create an environment for them to fully participate in our programming.
Katie McFarlane, kmcfarlane@covenant.org

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are needed to care for and play with Covenant's youngest members! All volunteers will be trained on nursery policies and paired with an experienced caregiver to provide a warm, inviting environment for children ages 4 and below.
Katie McFarlane, kmcfarlane@covenant.org

ESL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are needed to support the children of ESL students during their class times. Volunteers help provide a fun, engaging experience for children ages 4 and below alongside experienced caregivers.
Katie McFarlane, kmcfarlane@covenant.org

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ASSISTANTS
Volunteers are needed to spend time with our young singers during choir. No musical experience required, just a commitment to support our choir leaders with your presence and helping hands. Choirs are ages PK-5th grade and meets on Wednesdays at 5:00.
Elizabeth Gilligan, egilligan@covenant.org

Youth

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH LEADERS

Middle School and High School small group leaders meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30 to explore Scripture and participate in the lives of our students. Two leaders are assigned to each small group of students to create an environment where each student's name is known and story is honored.

Owen Schutte, oschutte@covenant.org

WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH LEADERS

Join us on Wednesday night to share dinner, play games, and worship alongside our middle school and high school students. Wednesday evenings are a wonderful time to connect with our students, and to encourage them in their walk with God.

Owen Schutte, oschutte@covenant.org

SERVE *IN AUSTIN*

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Families & Education

AUSTIN VOICES FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Serve your East Austin neighbors through AVEY's monthly food pantry distributions. Volunteers help welcome families, distribute groceries, and build meaningful relationships with members of the community. Through this ministry, AVEY supports families and helps children thrive.

Lynn Bell, lynnjbell53@gmail.com

MENTOR A 4TH GRADER AT PADRON ELEMENTARY

Covenant partners with Padron Elementary to provide one-on-one mentorship to 4th graders. Mentors commit to one Friday afternoon a month and will be led by partner organization Academy 4. This is an amazing opportunity for anyone looking to serve monthly with a large group of Covenant members. We are looking for mentors, substitute mentors and Spanish speakers.

Med Luckett, med.luckett@academy4.org

MANOS DE CRISTO

Support our neighbors by participating in Covenant's Manos de Cristo collections throughout the year. Donations of requested food and household items help stock the Manos food pantry and provide for families in our community. Through these collections, Covenant partners with Manos de Cristo, a longtime ministry serving low-income individuals and families with dignity, compassion, and practical care.

Melissa Mathews, jdmsocks@gmail.com

Vulnerable Populations

DRIVE A SENIOR ATX

Make a meaningful difference in the life of an older adult by serving with Drive a Senior ATX. Volunteers provide transportation to appointments, make friendly phone calls, and check in with seniors who often face isolation and loneliness. With flexible scheduling, this is an easy way to build relationships while supporting one of Austin's most vulnerable populations.

Shelly Frost, cafrosts@yahoo.com

Welcoming the Stranger

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Covenant, in partnership with Manos De Cristo, hosts ESL classes during the week. These classes, taught by Covenant volunteers, help non-English speakers learn language crucial for their ability to thrive in the US. We need assistant teachers and volunteer childcare support for parents attending class.

Jane Harris, jph802@gmail.com

Housing & Homelessness

COVENANT BUILDS – COMMUNITY FIRST! VILLAGE

Covenant is partnering with Community First! Village to help build our seventh home this September. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome to join this hands-on opportunity to help create a place of dignity and belonging for a new neighbor. For information on how to get involved, contact **Harry Evans, harryevansconsults@gmail.com**

CENTRAL MISSION AT CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Covenant has joined Central Presbyterian Church in their Thursday morning mission to serve breakfast to unhoused neighbors downtown. This opportunity is a great way to connect to see the needs of those who are unhoused.

Whitney Bell, wbell@covenant.org

SERVE *AROUND THE WORLD*

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CUBA

Covenant has faithfully partnered with Luyanó Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, since 1994. There are many ways to get involved with this ministry and partner with our friends in Cuba. For More information about our Cuba Ministry can be found at **covenant.org/cuba.**

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

Covenant is excited to partner with IJM's Ghana Field Office, supporting their work to protect people in poverty from violence and modern-day slavery. We come alongside their team through prayer, encouragement, and raising awareness here in Austin.

Kelly Dwyer at KDwyer@dmc-law.com

BELIZE

Covenant has been in partnership in Belize for over 10 years. Partnering with First Stone Church in Belize City as well as the Belize Central Prison, we take teams to serve alongside partners to build relationships and friendships. To learn more about this robust mission, contact Rusty Burnett.

Rusty Burnett, rburnett@matadorps.com

EATON HALL CAFÉ

NEW HOURS!



FREE SELF-SERVE COFFEE & TEA

Enjoy complimentary coffee and tea anytime during café hours.

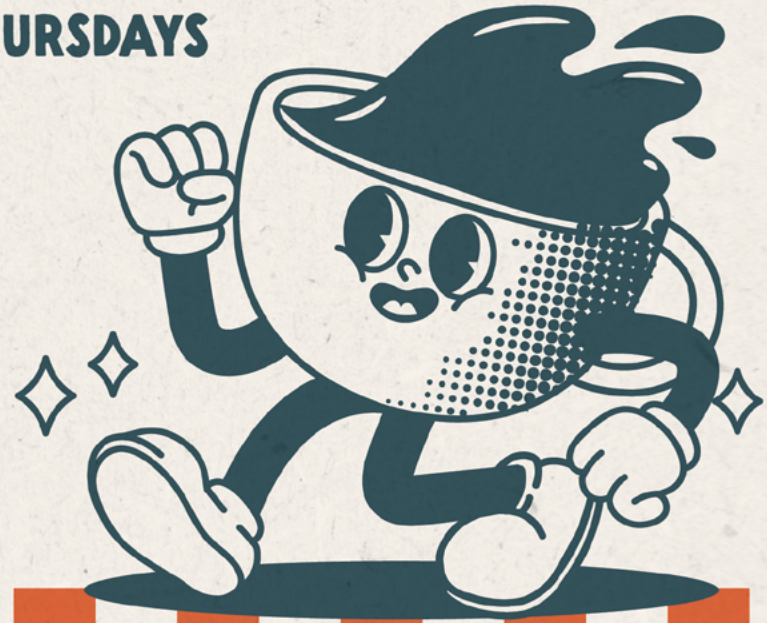
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9:00 AM – NOON

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

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Upcoming Events



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September

SUN 06	**Communion**	8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
MON 07	**Labor Day Holiday**	
SUN 13	**20-Minute Choir**	9:00 a.m.
SUN 13	**Explore Membership Begins**	9:30 a.m.
WED 23	**Church Dinner**	5:30 p.m.
WED 23	**Courageous Conversation**	6:00 p.m.
FRI 25	**Soul Care Silent Retreat**	Through 9/26
SUN 27	**Pledge Sunday**	8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.





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October

THR 01	**Walking the Mourner's Path Begins**	6:30 p.m.
SUN 04	**Meals with Jesus Series Begins**	
SUN 04	**Meet Your Deacon**	Between Services
SUN 04	**Communion**	8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
FRI 09	**Young Adult Retreat**	Through 10/11
SUN 11	**Worship as a Family**	8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
SUN 11	**Meet Your Deacon**	Between Services
WED 14	**Church Dinner**	5:30 p.m.
WED 14	**Tish Harrison Warren Book Launch**	6:00 p.m.
SUN 18	**20-Minute Choir**	9:00 a.m.
SUN 18	**Meet Your Deacon**	Between Services
SUN 18	**First Grade Bibles**	11:00 a.m.
WED 21	**Church Dinner**	5:30 p.m.
WED 21	**Bible 101 with Allen Hilton**	6:00 p.m.
SUN 25	**Meet Your Deacon**	Between Services
SUN 25	**Trunk or Treat**	5:00 p.m.
WED 28	**Church Dinner**	5:30 p.m.
WED 28	**Bible 101 with Allen Hilton**	6:00 p.m.

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November

SUN 01	**Communion**	8:15, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m.
WED 04	**Church Dinner**	5:30 p.m.
WED 04	**Bible 101 with Allen Hilton**	6:00 p.m.
SUN 08	**20-Minute Choir**	9:00 a.m.
SUN 08	**Kids Communion Conversation**	12:15 p.m.
TUE 10	**Joint Staff/Elder Meeting**	7:00 p.m.
WED 11	**Church Dinner**	5:30 p.m.
WED 11	**Bible 101 with Allen Hilton**	6:00 p.m.
FRI 13	**Youth Retreat**	Through 11/15
SAT 14	**Mission Weekend**	Through 11/15
WED 18	**Meals with Jesus Dinner**	6:00 p.m.
THR 26	**Thanksgiving Holiday**	
SUN 29	**First Sunday of Advent**	
SUN 29	**Kids Wreath Making & Dinner**	5:00 p.m.




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9:30 & 11:00 | Livestream Service
11:00 | Contemporary Service

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