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to follow
Jesus
wherever we
live, work,
& play.

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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

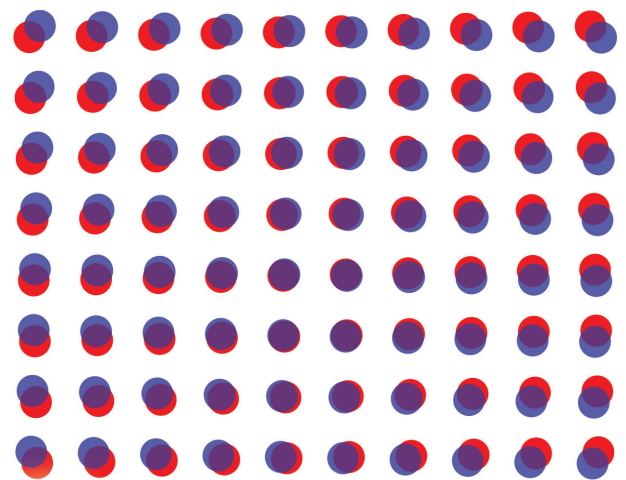
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**COURAGEOUS
CONVERSATIONS**

WITH Rev. Dr. Allen Hilton

10/5 & 11/16

THE PRACTICE OF *Solitude*

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 ministry guide to review the practices of *solitude, community & service* available at Covenant this fall.

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 to begin receiving your devo at covenant.org/devotional

Weekly Sermon Audio

Carry the message from Sunday with you throughout the week using our sermon audio archive. Visit soundcloud.com/covenant-presbyterian to review the most recent message or review messages from the last several years.

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 Labyrinth anytime.

THE PRACTICE OF *Community*

Sunday Mornings

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Come and join us for worship each Sunday. We have options for in person and online services including an **8:15 a.m. traditional**, a **9:30 a.m. traditional**, a **9:30 a.m. livestream**, and an **11 a.m. contemporary** service.

SUNDAY KIDS & YOUTH

Our Kids and Youth programs offer ways to engage the whole family. We have Sunday School for children from preschool through highschool at our 9:30 a.m. service. Childcare is available for our tiniest guests at our 9:30 & 11 a.m. service.

Small Groups

New Small Groups are forming now! Groups meet in homes or on the Covenant campus for fellowship, prayer, and study at the day and time of their choosing. Group leaders receive support, resources, and leader training. Sign up to join or lead a group at covenant.org/groups.

Explore Membership Class

This class is designed for those interested in joining the church. In four sessions, you will have the chance to become familiar with our mission, connect with the pastoral staff, meet new people, and find opportunities to serve. The next Explore Membership class begins Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m. Sign up today at covenant.org/membership.

One of the ways we stay engaged with our community is through studies & groups. We offer several options throughout the week to meet your specific needs and life stage. A preview of the studies and groups available can be found on the next two pages or online at covenant.org/study.

Lamplighters

WOMEN, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

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 2022-2023 study is "Addressing God, a Study of Psalms".

Days/times vary, in-person and virtual

Register at lamplightersbiblestudy.com

Women's Monthly Bible Study

WOMEN, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

Monthly women's study with an emphasis on fellowship, prayer, and mission. The 2022-2023 study is "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight."

Monthly, Tue. or Thu., in-person and virtual

CONTACT [Susan Holman, jaholman@swbell.net](mailto:Susan.Holman@swbell.net)

Monthly Women's Lunch Bunch

WOMEN, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15

Monthly BYO lunch study featuring fellowship, prayer, and discussion.

3rd Thursdays, noon, FE 107

CONTACT [Jill Jacobs-Tunks, jilljacobs47@gmail.com](mailto:jilljacobs47@gmail.com)

MoMs Group

WOMEN, BEGINS AUGUST 8

Monthly mom's group meetup offering fellowship, support, and advice.

2nd Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., FE 104

CONTACT [Emily Ross, EmilyLauraRoss@gmail.com](mailto:EmilyLauraRoss@gmail.com)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

WOMEN, ONGOING

Women's knitting and crocheting group dedicated to making prayer shawls for those in need due to illness or loss.

3rd Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., SA 114

CONTACT [Jean Westfall, shereads2much@gmail.com](mailto:shereads2much@gmail.com)

Moms in the Word

WOMEN, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

Low-pressure weekly Bible study that provides fellowship for young moms with free childcare available. The 2022-2023 study is "Better" (a study of Hebrews) by Jen Wilkin.

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., CO 202

CONTACT [Med Lockett, medlucket@gmail.com](mailto:medlucket@gmail.com)

Men in the Word

MEN, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

Weekly men's study emphasizes building community and living lives guided by scripture. This year's study is the Psalms.

Thursdays, 6:00 a.m., FE 200 and virtual

CONTACT [Harold Skaggs, hskaggs@gmail.com](mailto:hskaggs@gmail.com)

Sunday Night Men's Bible Study

MEN, ONGOING

Weekly on-campus men's study. The fall study is "Questioning Christianity" by Tim Keller.

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Covenant Library

CONTACT [Jack Kern at jackckern@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackckern@sbcglobal.net)

Downtown Men's Bible Study

MEN, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

Men's lunch, fellowship, and lively discussion. \$20, RSVP required.

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Headliners Club

CONTACT [Maureen Crawley, mccrawley@covenant.org](mailto:mccrawley@covenant.org)

Andrew Hawkins Men's Bible Study

MEN, ONGOING

Weekly men's Bible study with an informal structure geared toward rich fellowship.

Mondays, 6 p.m., FE 102

CONTACT **Gene McKenzie**, geno7218@gmail.com

Young Adult Brunches

YOUNG ADULTS, BEGINS AUGUST 28

Monthly brunch for young adults held at rotating homes near Covenant.

4th Sundays, 12:15 p.m.

CONTACT **Kathryn Sedberry**, ksedberry@covenant.org

Early Word Bible Discussion Class

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

Read and discuss scripture preached in worship that morning.

Sundays, 8:15 a.m., CO 202

CONTACT **John Fincher**, jfincher@corpinvest.com

Koinonia Sunday School Class

ONGOING

Discuss the sermon and books that explore contemporary issues of the Bible.

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

CONTACT **Michele Keeler**, mkeeler@austin.utexas.edu

Monthly Book Share

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

Co-ed group welcoming all book-lovers to share favorite books through informal discussion.

2nd Fridays, 11 a.m., virtual

CONTACT **Lynn Bell**, lynnjbell@gmail.com

Wednesday Morning Prayer

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

Weekly 30-minute time of prayer following the Revised Common Lectionary.

Thursdays, 9-9:30 a.m., Virtual

CONTACT **Don Davis**, dgdavis@ischool.utexas.edu

Kairos Class

SENIOR ADULTS, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

Video lesson and facilitated discussion

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m., FE 109

CONTACT **Beth Daniel**, bdaniel@covenant.org

Armchair Travelers

SENIOR ADULTS, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

Monthly travel presentation designed to help you explore the world without leaving your seat.

1st Thursdays, 7 p.m., FE 200 and virtual

CONTACT **Marv Hackert**, m.hackert@utexas.edu

VISIONS Presentations

SENIOR ADULTS, BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20

Monthly presentation featuring a guest speaker and refreshments.

3rd Tuesdays, 10 a.m., FE 200

CONTACT **Suzanne McFarlane**, smcf2222@icloud.com

Walking the Mourner's Path

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 29TH

Christ-centered, spiritually-directed grief support group for those mourning the death of a loved one and experiencing the pain of grief.

Thursdays, Sep. 29-Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m., Parlor

CONTACT **Roni Divine**, rdivine@covenant.org



Kids 3 MONTHS - 5TH GRADE

Covenant is a great place to be a kid! We want Covenant kids to know who God is and how much He loves them. Learn more at covenant.org/kids



Youth 6TH - 12TH GRADE

Covenant's Youth Ministry provides a place where students can come with questions, struggles and doubts to wrestle with faith together. Learn more at covenant.org/youth



Young Adults 20'S & 30'S

Connect with other young adults for fellowship and spiritual growth during the formative years of your 20s and 30s. Learn more at covenant.org/young-adults



Visions SENIOR ADULTS

Covenant's senior adults take part in monthly outings, meetings, special events and ongoing churchwide programs. Learn more at covenant.org/senior-adults



Women ALL AGES

Join women of every age and every stage of life as you grow in your faith and friendships through Bible study, fellowship, and outreach. Learn more at covenant.org/women



Men ALL AGES

Find a community of men seeking to grow in their relationship with God and with each other through Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Learn more at covenant.org/men

Music ALL AGES

We offer many opportunities to get involved in music ministry including **choirs for all ages**, a live band in contemporary worship and instrumentalists in the traditional service. Learn more at covenant.org/music

Kids

KIDS LEADERS: Volunteers are needed to serve, nurture and play with Covenant's youngest members! All leaders will be trained to teach, assist and foster a welcome and safe learning experience for our children.

CONTACT: emoore@covenant.org

Youth

YOUTH LEADERS: Middle School and Highschool Small Group Leaders meet weekly and facilitate a safe & healthy environment for our youth.

Leaders specialize in building friendships, mentoring kids, praying for one another, and having fun!

CONTACT: Jplueneke@covenant.org

Congregational Care

MEMORIAL SERVICE RECEPTION SUPPORT:

Volunteers provide support through making refreshments or serving refreshments as a host for on campus memorial services.

CONTACT: jwilliams@covenant.org

HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM: Offer presence and prayer through visits to area hospitals and rehab facilities. Care opportunities are also available over the phone.

CONTACT: jwilliams@covenant.org

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 or phone.

CONTACT: jwilliams@covenant.org

First Impressions

FRONT DESK COORDINATOR: Provides occasional backup support for our front desk receptionist. Duties involve answering phones & welcoming guests.

CONTACT: jenglish@covenant.org

WELCOME TEAM: Join us for just one Sunday a month as a welcoming presence to great Sunday morning guests, answer questions, and direct them to where they need to go.

CONTACT: askaggs@covenant.org

Tech & Communications

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

CONTACT: rtorres@covenant.org

AUDIO: Assist with audio during worship services & special events.

CONTACT: jwise@covenant.org

LIGHTING: Assist with stage lighting for worship services & special events.

CONTACT: jwise@covenant.org

SLIDE OPERATOR: Manage slides for worship services & special events.

CONTACT: jwise@covenant.org

Small Groups

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: We would love additional small group leaders this fall. Leaders choose their group's meeting day and location. No experience is required, and we will provide leader training, resources, and support.

CONTACT: covenant.org/groups

Worship

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Help to lead music in worship - whether as a solo instrument or in a group.

CONTACT: mshuman@covenant.org

LEAD VOCALISTS: Help lead music in worship at the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. services. Audition is required.

CONTACT: mshuman@covenant.org

CHOIR MEMBERS: Help lead worship on Sundays and for special events. No audition is necessary.

CONTACT: mshuman@covenant.org

READERS: Read scripture, a call to worship, or other element during a worship service or special event.

CONTACT: mshuman@covenant.org

USHERS: Welcome guests, provide seating assistance, answer questions and support offering and communion.

CONTACT: mshuman@covenant.org



Need Help Finding Your Spot?

Our visitor and new member coordinator, Amy Skaggs, would love to help! Shoot her a message at askaggs@covenant.org

Housing & Homelessness

TEXAS REACH OUT: Texas Reach Out needs volunteers to serve as mentors for their residents who have been recently released from incarceration. To find out more, email Allison Laymon at alaymon@swbell.net.

MOVIN' AND GROOVIN: Movin and Groovin need support with Saturday morning deliveries and pick-ups. This is an excellent opportunity for a small group or a family with teens! For more information, contact movinmission@gmail.com.

STREET YOUTH MINISTRY: Looking for volunteers available from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, contact Whitney at Wbell@Covenant.org.

Families & Education

AVEY: Austin Voices needs mentors for students this fall. They also offer service opportunities with their food pantries each month. For more information, email Lynn Bell at lynnjbell53@gmail.com.

NORTHEAST AUSTIN YOUNG LIFE: NEAYL is thriving! As they grow, they need more volunteer support. If you would like to mentor a young life leader, host a meal or participate in their ministry, contact Sharon Nabhan at sharonnabhan@gmail.com.

Vulnerable Populations

FOSTERING HOPE: Covenant is excited to launch our partnership with Fostering Hope, a Foster Care support ministry, this September. An info session will be held on September 25 after the 11 a.m. service. For more information, contact Whitney Bell at wbell@covenant.org.

DRIVE A SENIOR ATX: DAS ATX is a fantastic organization that serves our aging population in Austin. Support by driving seniors or just calling and checking in. To get connected, email Kit Chenault at cchenault@austin.rr.com.

Welcoming the Stranger

COVENANT'S REFUGEE MINISTRY: Our refugee team is always looking for folks willing to help with newly arrived families. Contact Emily Dove at ebrizzolaradove@gmail.com for info on how to get involved.

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 & volunteer childcare support for parents attending class. For details, contact Jane Harris at johndandjaneharris@att.net.

Service SERVE THE WORLD

Cuba

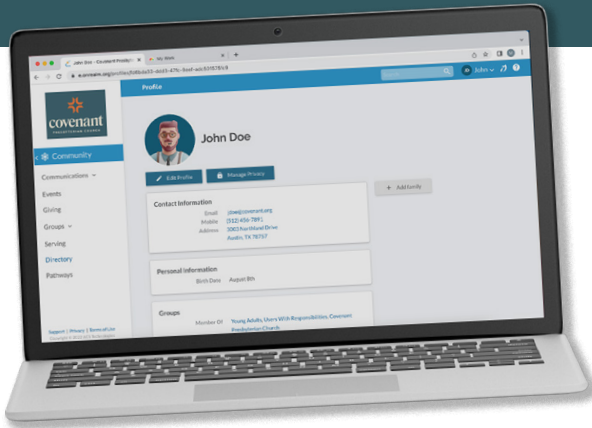
Covenant has faithfully partnered with Luyanó Presbyterian Church in Havana, Cuba, since 1994. We're resuming mission trips to Cuba this fall and would love your prayer and support. Learn more about our Cuba ministry at covenant.org/serve-world.

Belize

Covenant, in partnership with The Word at Work, brings families to visit our sister church in Belize City each year. Together we serve, celebrate, sing and grow in relationship. Learn more about this partnership at covenant.org/serve-world.

Formation Cohorts

Formation Cohorts dedicate a year to establishing rhythms of spiritual and missional practice within the context of biblical community. Each cohort consists of 15-20 individuals who commit to quarterly retreats, monthly video calls, and short weekly spiritual practices. Registration is now open for our January cohort at covenant.org/formation-cohorts.



Realm

Our church directory is hosted through an online program called Realm. This tool is an invaluable resource for connecting with other members and registering for programming and events. Have a question or need assistance with Realm? Reach out to Maureen at mcrawley@covenant.org, and she'd be glad to help!



Churchwide Dinner

Join us for a churchwide dinner on **Wednesday, September 7, from 5-7 p.m.** We'll serve dinner buffet style and eat together in FE200. All Wednesday night programs will be up and running that night, including youth, children's choirs, adult choirs, small groups, and childcare. We look forward to seeing you there!



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