



# Connection

MISSION COVENANT CHURCH

April 2025

## “With Him”

Many people have recognized the relationship between Elijah and John the Baptist. After all, Jesus made it plain: “John himself is Elijah who was to come” (Matt. 11:14). But just as the Bible parallels Elijah and John, so it also compares those that came after: Elisha and Jesus.

“Elisha” means “God is salvation,”  
and “Jesus” means “the Lord is salvation.”

Both, Elisha and Jesus, performed similar miracles: They multiplied bread, healed the leprous and defied gravity on water. Each raised a dead boy to life in the Jezreel Valley beside the Hill of Moreh.



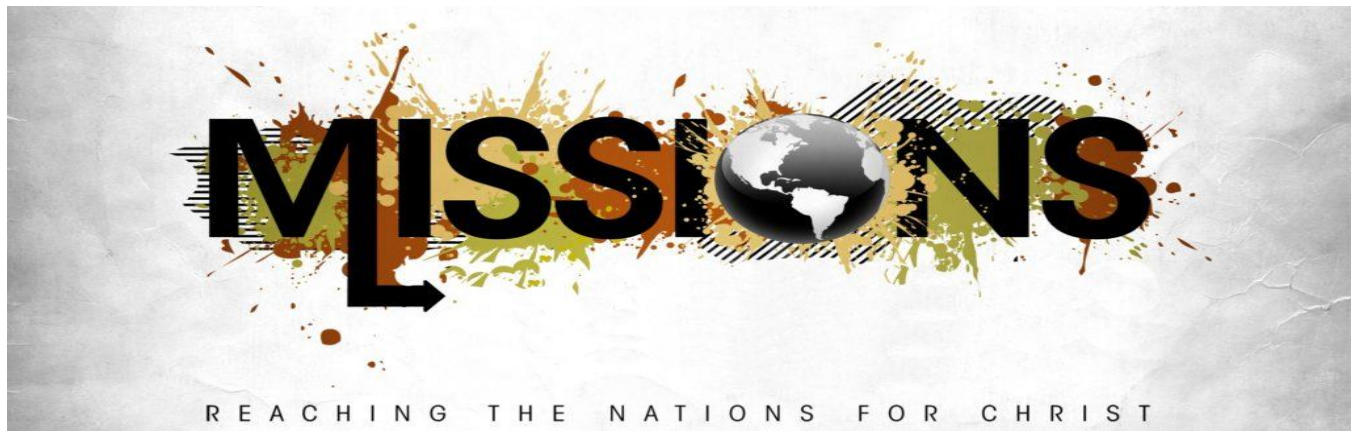
Even more remarkable, Elijah passed his prophetic ministry to Elisha after parting the Jordan River near Jericho. Tradition holds that John baptized Jesus at this same site, transferring the prophetic mantle once again. But this time, instead of the Jordan parting and the spirit of Elijah coming upon Elisha, the heavens parted, and the Spirit of God rested on Jesus.

God used names, prophecies, miracles and even geography to underscore what John cried out:

*“Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! . . . This is the Son of God” (John 1:29,34).*

All things point to Jesus... and to our need to walk closely... with Him.

In Christ,  
Pastor James Walsh



Here is the latest update from our Bahoncy Haiti Church project with Evens Paul - The community has come together for this build and are excited to be a part of it. The walls are being completed. Once the walls are finished, our gift will have been exhausted and Evens is in the process of securing further support to finish the project.

We knew that we were going to be able to support more than half of the costs of this church plant when we totaled the offering from last Christmas Eve. When we said "let's see what God gives" we didn't know that this was going to be the largest gift Mission Covenant has ever had, and for that we say thank you! Please don't take this update as asking for further funding. This is really meant as a celebration of what God is doing and how we get to partner with Him.

If you have a relationship with other organizations that might like to get behind what God is doing in Haiti, please let us know so we can present that opportunity.

Praise God for this community!









## Preschool Lessons

1. JESUS IS LOST!
2. JESUS CHOOSES HIS DISCIPLES
3. EASTER LESSON
4. JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE



## Elementary Lessons

1. THE WEDDING AT CANA
2. JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM
3. JESUS IS RISEN!
4. JESUS HEALS AN OFFICIAL'S SON

# MISSION KIDZ!

**Partnering with families to help children discover Jesus and learn how to live for Him**

Please be in prayer that the ears of the children are open so they can understand the true meaning of Easter!

Thank you to all of our wonderful small group leaders!

Bill Anderson  
Justin Bukovitz  
Hanna Coleman  
Jared Gehl  
Jessamyn Gehl  
Abigail Guehna  
Rhonda Hinkel  
Julie Lindsey

Terry Petzold  
Julia Polkoski  
Hannah Polkoski  
Lydia Polkoski  
Dan Schafter  
Jaimi Teal  
John Woodbury

Thank you!



Our children are collecting an offering to support our World Vision Sponsored child from Nicaragua, Itza Jahaira Rivera Mercado.

Yearly Goal: \$500

Offering total so far for 2025: \$102



**SAVE THE DATE!  
VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL  
JUNE 9-13, 2025!**

Mission Kidz! is a ministry for children 6 weeks through 4th grade. For parent's convenience, video of the services is livestreamed into the Mom's Room, located in a separate room in the nursery. Nursery (Ages 6 weeks-36 months), Preschool (3- & 4-year-olds), and Elementary (5-year-old through 4th Grade) children can be dropped off in Mission Kidz up to 10 minutes prior to the service time. If you have any questions or would like to serve in this important ministry, please see Cindy Nelson, Michelle Kephart, or Kris Westerlund. Check out our Facebook page!

# Financial Update

General Fund Actual Received through Feb: \$107,160  
General Fund Budgeted Received through Feb: \$86,090

General Fund Actual Expenses through Feb: \$107,249  
General Fund Budgeted Expenses through Feb: \$110,405

General Fund Actual Surplus through Feb: \$(89)  
General Fund Budgeted Surplus through Feb: \$(24,315)

Missions Fund Actual Received through Feb: \$13,1559  
Missions Fund Budgeted Received through Feb: \$18,182



**Thank you Mission Covenant!**  
**We raised \$770 for the**  
**Crossroads Mission Trip!**

## **Weekly Ministry at Mission... Come Join Us!**

### Men's Small Group

Authentic Manhood is a men's small group meeting  
Sunday mornings in Rooms 12/13 at 10:30 a.m.

### Ladies Bible Study

Women of *all ages* are invited to Morning Break Bible Study  
A time to come together, explore God's Word, and encourage one another.  
Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:15 a.m.

### Young Adult Ministry

Our Crossroads ministry is for high school graduates to age 28.  
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. at Pastor Sam's House.

### Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to join us for an hour of Bible study and Christ-centered fellowship.  
Wednesday mornings from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### All Adults

All adults are invited to play PICKLEBALL. We have the equipment, so come join the fun and bring a friend!  
Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Multi-Ministry Center.

### 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade or older Confirmation Classes

Two years of Bible learning through the Old and New Testaments  
Sundays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. or Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

### Youth Group

A space where youth can build relationships with others and with God  
by studying God's Word, building community, and having crazy amounts of fun!

Wednesdays: Elevate (Grades 6-8) @ 3:30-5:00 p.m. Vertical (Grades 9-12) @ 6:15-8:15 p.m.

**Please contact the Church Office**  
**with questions 715-364-2738 or**  
**[info@missioncovenantchurch.org](mailto:info@missioncovenantchurch.org)**



## April Sermon Schedule

Sunday, April 6: Pastor James Walsh  
"With Him...Caesarea Philippi" Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, April 13: Pastor James Walsh  
"With Him...Palm Sunday" Matthew 21:1-11

Friday, April 18: Pastor James Walsh  
"With Him...Good Friday" John 15:1-10

Sunday, April 20: Pastor James Walsh  
"With Him...Easter" Luke 5:1-11



## Good News Club- Update

Our last Good News Club will be April 16 with a pizza party.

Thank you to all who have prayed for us during this school year! Please watch your church mailbox for information concerning our upcoming fall dates. We always start in early October. Special thanks to Mission Covenant for being our sponsor church.

## Easter Flowers



Order forms for purchasing Easter flowers to honor and remember loved ones are available at the Information Table.

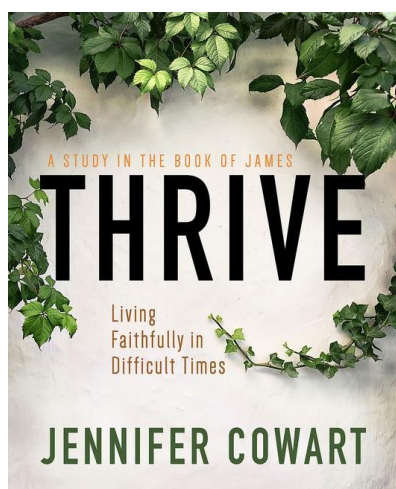
Orders will need to be placed by April 1.



## Sally Richards Memorial Scholarship

Sally was a missionary with the Evangelical Covenant Church to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire), where she worked as an accountant for a mission hospital. She also loved music and played trumpet in several bands. This Scholarship is set up by her family in her memory. The goal is to further the Lord's work, especially in overseas or cross-cultural missions. Applications and more information are on the Information Table. The deadline for applying for this scholarship is April 1.

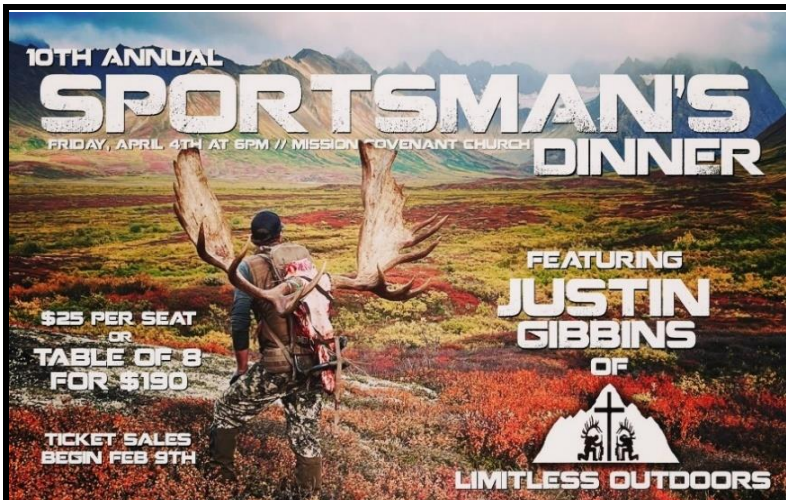
Ladies of all ages and stages are welcome to join us starting **Tuesday, April 1 @ 9:30 a.m.** for Morning Break Bible Study. We will be studying in the Book of James. **Marica Jamison** will be teaching this session. Childcare will be provided.  
**Cost \$15**



**Mission 101: Discovering Your Church**  
**Wednesday, April 2 & 9 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
Please sign up at the Information Table.

**Quarterly Membership Meeting**  
**Sunday, April 27 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Please let us know by April 25 if you would like to attend virtually.  
[info@missioncovenantchurch.org](mailto:info@missioncovenantchurch.org)



Friday, April 4 @ 6:00 p.m.



## Confirmation Graduation

**Sunday, April 13, 2025  
4:00 p.m.**

2025 Graduates  
Weston Burkhart  
Violet Fredericks  
Bailee Hildreth  
Keelie Loewe  
Hazel Landwehr  
Livi Deatherage

# Church Directory

Our church family is growing and we want you to feel connected!

So we're updating our church photo directory to help you get to know one another better.

Complimentary portraits will be taken Sunday mornings on April 6 & 13 in the Fellowship Hall.

Make sure to stop by and be part of this update!

Questions?  
Contact the church office or  
Shannon Hursh.



**7:00 p.m. Service  
in the Multi-Ministry Center**



***He Has Risen! Happy Easter***

*Sunday, April 20 Services at 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*



# Women's Art for Fun



Saturday, May 3  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Watercolor with Sis Zambori



**FUN  
FELLOWSHIP  
COFFEE  
TREATS**

Sign-up at Information Table  
\$5.00 at the door

COME JOIN US!

## "SPECIAL AGENTS ON A MISSION" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 9-13, 2025



Spread the word!  
Vacation Bible School online  
registration opens April 6!

### SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**2025 Coupon Code is "POP"**

**\$50 off for Mini and Adventure Camp  
(4th-6th grades)**

**\$100 off for Tb, JH, SH and Adventure  
(7th-Grad)**

### Camp Dates for 2025:

Day Camp (entering grades 1-3) June 30, July 1-2

Mini Camp (entering grades 2-4) June 30-July 2

Trailblazers (ent. grades 4-6) June 22-26, July 13-17

Junior High (entering grades 6-9) July 6-11, July 20-25

Senior High (entering grades 10) June 15 -20

Adventure Camp 1 (entering grades 7) Aug 4-7

SAVE THE DATE  
MCC Family Camp  
July 25-27, 2025

**FAMILY  
CAMP**



### Early Bird Discount

Ends - April 1

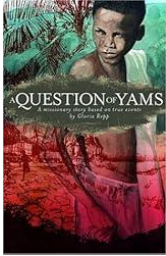
\$25 off full weeks

\$10 off partial weeks

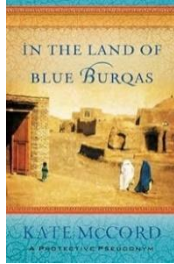


# Library Lines April 2025

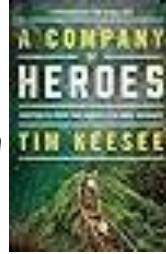
Our church library is so blessed by donations! More missions books in memory of Virgil Nelson include:



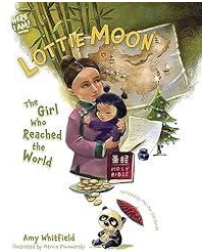
A missionary story based on true events, set in Papua New Guinea



A woman tells of 5 years of living among Afghan women



Portraits from the Gospel's Global Advance



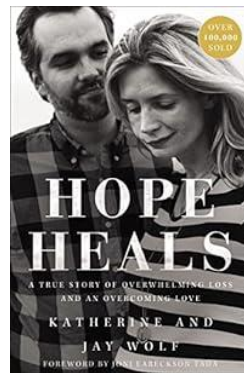
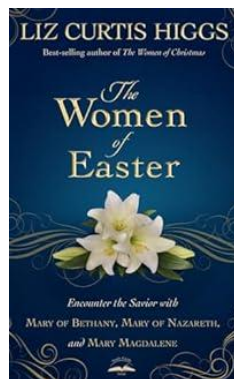
More of these new books are left of the main display shelf on the south wall.



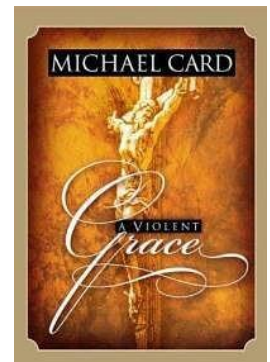
Other donations:



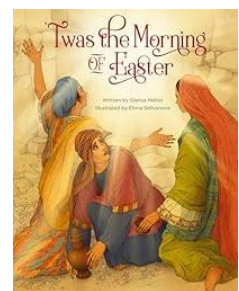
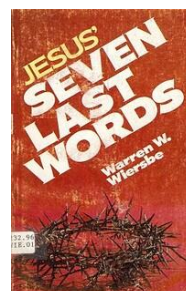
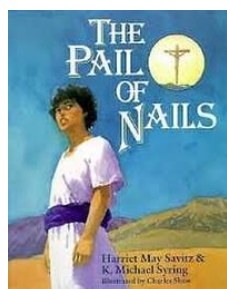
Written by our very own church member, Marcie Schulz!



A couple faces the wife's major stroke at 26



More Easter books:





# HAPPY

# Birthday

Al Tangen	April 1	Ana Kern	April 12
Carey Vik	April 1	Nora Navarro	April 17
Fred Youngstrand	April 1	Bill Anderson	April 19
Jacob Evans	April 3	Brian Johnson	April 21
Bailey Evans	April 3	Stephen Westerlund	April 21
Lindsey Evans	April 3	Hannah Wisted	April 21
Ava Anderson	April 4	Lydia Wisted	April 21
Robert Johnson	April 4	Timothy Gant	April 22
Richard Trebilcock	April 4	Angela Wisted	April 22
Payton Orme	April 5	Rocky Navarro	April 23
Perri Smith	April 6	Wayne Crozier	April 24
Mariah Hildreth	April 7	Violet Fredericks	April 24
Cheri Peters	April 7	Michelle Thompson	April 24
Brook Weiss	April 9	Jaelyn Johnson	April 25
Sydney Anderson	April 10	Thor Tuura	April 25
Barb Anderson	April 10	Patti Birdseye	April 27
Skyler Edquist	April 10	Adam Guehna	April 27
Sherry Staffrude	April 10	Randy Hardy	April 27
Ryan Burkhart	April 11	Rueban Riskey	April 27
		Cheryle Jardine	April 30
		Patrick Little	April 30

# Happy Anniversary

Tony & Kim	Mullozzi	April 4
Keith & Lenore	Holly	April 5
Mike & Sherrie	Burke	April 9
Richard & Dinah	Johnson	April 9
Bill & Katie	Tuura	April 20
Paul & Becky	Bourque	April 26
Joe & Alice	Csomos	April 26

\*\*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the church office.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		9:30am - Morning Break Bible 6:30pm - Crossroads	Youth Shed Hunt 7:30am - Men's Bible Study, F. Hall 9am - Pickle Ball, MMC	6pm - Worship Practice MMC	6pm - Sportsman Dinner	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am - Contemporary Worship 9am - Mission Kidz 10am - Directory Pic Update 10am - Mens Small Group, 12/13 10:30am - Confirmation 10:30am - Traditional Worship	9am - Pickle ball, MMC 6:30pm - Elder Board Meeting, MK	9:30am - Morning Break Bible 6:30pm - Crossroads	7:30am - Men's Bible Study, F. Hall 9am - Pickle Ball, MMC 3:30pm - Confirmation 3:30pm - Youth Group Elevate, 6:15pm - Youth Group Vertical,	6pm - Worship Practice MMC		
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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APRIL 2025

# CPBC NEWS

WHERE FRIEND MEETS FRIEND AND  
BOTH MEET GOD



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise Report: 174 students attended the All Night Blitz. Several made a first time or recommitment to Jesus as their Savior. Several students made a public declaration of faith in front of their peers by being baptized.

Campers and guests to experience and embrace the hope and salvation of Jesus during their time at camp. Camps this month: Quilt and Craft Retreats. Pray for strong attendance at summer camp.

Continued fundraising for Dining Hall Renovation phase 1 to reach goal of \$300K by Sept.

## SAVE ON SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION!

Save \$25 on Trailblazer, JH, SH and Adventure camps and \$10 on Mini Camp through April 1.

Day Camp June 30, July 1, 2 Grades 1-3  
Mini Camp June 30-July 2 Grades 2-4  
Trailblazer June 22-26 | July 13-17 Grades 4-6  
Junior High July 6-11 | July 20-25 Grades 6-9  
Senior High June 15-20 Grades 9-GRAD  
Adventure Camp August 4-7 Grades 7-GRAD

Invite a friend and get ready for an amazing time of building friendships, making memories, and going deeper with the great Light!

Scholarships are available.  
Register at [covenantpark.org/summer-camp](https://covenantpark.org/summer-camp)



## SAVE THE DATES

### Spring Quilt and Craft Retreats

April 2-6 | April 9-13

An unscheduled retreat to create, rest, and connect with other crafters.

### Work Days

May 3 and 17 | 9am-3pm

Come help us get camp ready for summer. Various projects for all skill levels. Lunch provided.

### Summer Getaway Weekend & Open House

June 27-29 | June 28 1-7PM

A great opportunity to explore and enjoy camp. Saturday afternoon will be a free time of activities, picnic dinner and evening chapel. Extend to a full weekend together.

**DETAILS AND REGISTRATION AT [COVENANTPARK.ORG/EVENTS](https://covenantpark.org/events)**



## GIVE A GIFT

Looking to give a gift to support the ministry at Covenant Park? All donations are tax deductible. You can give online with the link below or by mailing your gift to 3402 Covenant Park Rd Mahtowa, MN 55707.

1. Give towards the Dining Hall Renovation.
2. Staff Blessing Fund: We invite you to partner with us to pay our staff well and help keep camp costs low for everyone. We also believe this helps us retain quality staff.
3. Sponsor a full or partial scholarship to make camp accessible to everyone regardless of financial circumstance.
4. Check out our wish list items.

Check out details and give online at the link below.  
[covenantpark.org/give](https://covenantpark.org/give)

## SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Partner in ministry this summer and spend a week at camp!

Entering 9th grade and above:

Junior Counselors

Dish Crew

Work Crew

Spend a whole summer at camp developing your leadership skills as a program intern.

Open to high school students who have volunteered previously

Cabin Buddies for Senior High Camp, must be post high school

Medical professional volunteers needed for June 22-26, July 6-11, July July 13-17

Apply Online at  
[covenantpark.org/get-involved](https://covenantpark.org/get-involved)