

COVENANT LIFE



Welcome to Covenant Life Church

We're glad you're here. We are a community of Christ-followers serious about helping each other take the next step in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Guests

Please help us get to know you by filling out the form on other side of this page. The form can be placed in the offering plate during the service or given to person at The Intersection. A gift is waiting for you at The Intersection for worshipping with us this morning.

Children

Our UpStreet children's ministry has child care and classes for infants through 4th grade during both services. A volunteer at the Children's Welcome Center can assist you with checking in and finding your child's classroom.

What's Your Next Step?

If you would like more information about Covenant Life Church, please visit The Intersection for our weekly newsletter, brochures, and a complimentary Bible.

Baptism

The next opportunity to have our member child(ren) baptized will be January 15. Please contact the church office at 616-847-2540.

More Information

Please visit The Intersection located in Main Street where a member of our Frontline team can answer questions or visit our website at www.ghclc.org.

Pastors

Bruce Ballast-Lead Pastor
Bob DeVries-Pastor of Discipleship

After Hours Crisis Care Line : 616-212-5663

Prayers & Praises

- Prayers that Shannon Schamback will be eligible for a clinical trial to help bring her to remission for the stem cell transplant.
- Healing prayers for Cec Bradshaw recovering from knee surgery.
- Prayers of comfort, peace and healing for Kathy Ronda, sister of Marie (Steve) VanAndel. Kathy is being treated for stage 4 non-hodgkin's lymphoma and the treatments have been very hard on her body.
- We thank God that Courtney Stahl had her last surgery in treatment of her cancer. Surgery was successful and she is home recovering.
- Thank you Route 101 students! They have contributed \$86.58 to our Brick & Mortar campaign to date. Keep up the effort and join our students in helping to complete the project.

Gift for College Students-Today

College students (or parents)-please stop by the 2nd floor balcony today to pick up your gift. Also, please give us your address, cell phone and email so we can update our mailing list. Either fill out the form by the gifts or email the information to info@ghclc.org.

Christmas Cards for Missionaries

We will be collecting Christmas cards at The Intersection today for the Caton's, the Vermaires and our missionary in Central Asia (name starts with J). We will mail the cards will to each missionary in time for Christmas.

Two Christmas Services

Please join us for either Christmas Eve, December 24 at 5:00 PM or Christmas morning, December 25 at 10:00 AM. The services will be identical so we are suggesting that you choose one of the two services to attend.

New Year's Day Service

We will have one service on New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan. 1 at 10:00 AM. Please note the new time. Communion will be celebrated on this Sunday. We will return to our 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM service schedule on January 8.

Holiday Office Hours-The church office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26th

Men's Breakfast- Sat., Jan. 7, 7:45 - 9:00 AM

The first of four Men's Breakfasts is planned for the first Saturday of the month beginning in January. Enjoy a great meal, meet a new friend, and share some great conversation. Open to men of all ages. Invite a friend! Sign up at ghclc.org/breakfast or at the Sign-up Table in Main Street so we know how much food to prepare.

Get Connected - Jan. 8, Room 5

Join others for the next sermon series. Come January 8 after each service in room 5 and we will help you connect into a group, Core 4 or accountability partnership. Questions? Jennifer Sellon (jsellon@ghclc.org)



COVENANT LIFE
CHURCH

A Weary World Rejoices

Sunday Services: 9:00 & 10:45 AM
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616.847.2540 • info@ghclc.org • www.ghclc.org

This Week at CLC -Dec.18-24

TODAY

UpStreet

9:00 AM | Infants-4th Grade
10:45 AM | Infants-4th Grade

Cross Roads - 5th-6th grades
On Break

Route 101 - 7th - 8th grades
On Break

The Walk - High School
On Break

TUE

Men's Fellowship Bible Study
6:15- 7:30 AM | Room 5

Tuesday Night Prayer Group
6:00-8:00 PM | Room 8

THUR

Bounce Around - Ages 0-5 with adult
10-11:30 AM | UpStreet

FRI

Friday Men's Crew
8 AM | Room 5

SAT

Christmas Eve Service
5:00 PM

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will be identical -please choose one of the two services to attend.

Upcoming Events

SUN | Dec. 25 | 10:00 AM
Christmas Day Service

SUN | Jan. 1 | 10:00 AM
New Year's Day Service

SAT | Jan. 7 | 7:45 - 9:00 AM
Men's Breakfast

MON | Jan. 9 | 6:30-8:30 PM
Grief Share -New Session Starts

TUE | Jan. 10 | 6:30-8:30 PM
Divorce Care & DC4K -New Session Starts

WED | Jan. 11 | 9:15 AM
Women's Wednesday Morning
& Mocha Mom's -New Series Starts
Entrusted by Beth Moore

THUR | Jan. 12 | 6:30-8:30 PM
Thursday Evening -Start New Series
Hosea by Jennifer Rothschild

TUE | Jan. 17 | 6:15 AM
33 Series for Men:
A Man and His Fatherhood-Starts

WED | Feb. 1 | 6:00PM
Merge

December 18, 2016

For Further Reflection

A Weary World Rejoices – The Angel’s Song - Luke 2:8-20

Behind the Music

The Setting: Shepherds _____
 _____ of God around
 fear _____
 An _____ message
 Good News _____
 Great Joy _____
 For all _____
 Today _____
 Town of David _____
 Savior _____
 Born to you _____
 Christ _____
 Lord _____

The Song:

Glory to God _____
 Peace on earth _____

What does this mean for us?

1. We _____ him.
 2. We can have _____
 Peace with _____
 Peace with _____
 Peace _____

Is he Savior to you?

Is he Christ to you?

Is he Lord to you?

1. Have you ever become aware that you were in the presence of God? (or that God was suddenly with you?) What was that like? Was your reaction fear, as the Shepherds expressed?
2. Imagine yourself as a shepherd. What do you think happened to your message as you waited and waited, and heard nothing more for 30 years? Do you think they lost faith? Do you think they recognized Jesus when he came? Did they keep telling people the news of the angel?
3. What does the fact that God gave this great news to the lowest of the low in the culture mean for us today? A related question would be, why is it so much harder for settled, prosperous people to respond to the good news?
4. Do you agree with the statement made in the message that we don’t have a good concept of sin in our culture? If we don’t have the sense, how does that change the message that we bring? Practice creating a message that is Good News for someone who is outside of the Kingdom.
5. Read Philippians 4:4-7. Have you ever experienced peace that goes beyond understanding? Why do you think God had this group of angels make the proclamation about peace? He could have chosen many aspects of the Bible’s message, but he chose to announce peace on earth.
6. Do you think the angels meant peace with God, or peace with each other, or internal, personal peace? Why?
7. The shepherds went and told the good news to everyone they came into contact with. Share with each other the names of some people that you might feel called to share with. Pray together that God will open up the door.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve - 5 PM

Christmas Day - 10 AM

The services are identical.
Please choose one of the two services to attend.

Gifts and offerings will be taken at both services.

Welcome Guest!

Please help us get to know you by filling out this form and dropping it off at The Intersection for a free gift card.

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

e-mail _____

Phone/Cell _____

Date _____ Attending 9:00 10:45

Comments/prayer requests:

Please Contact Me About:

- General Information
- Budget Counseling
- Infant-Preschool age
- Elementary age
- Middle school
- High School
- Bible Studies
- Small Groups
- Add me to your mailing list
- Send me the newsletter via e-mail
- I would like information on becoming a member
- I would like a pastor to contact me