



The Heartline

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"Where Hearts are Warmed"

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Covenant's High School Graduates

Covenant has been exceedingly blessed to have three high school graduates this year. Each of them have been a blessing to their parents and to Covenant, teaching all of us how to love, how to help, and when to let go. If it "takes a village" to raise a child, then it can also be said that a single child of God can change the world. We congratulate each of these amazing individuals for all of their achievements and wish them God Speed as they venture out into their futures in our wonderful world.

Joy Paulin was born on April 10th in Cleveland, OH, to Wendy Firman and August Paulin. She is the youngest of seven: her siblings are Bryan, Mary, Daisey, Violet, Sarah, and Johannah. Joy was an honor student at Gainesville High School, on their swim team, their Color Guard, and in their production of "Grease!" this year. She plans to attend Tri-C College Parma in Ohio, and eventually Bowling Green State University, to pursue a career in physical therapy.



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It's the season for dreams and transitions. School is letting out, our seniors are graduating, the littlest of the children in our children's program are growing taller.

Children aren't the only ones who are planning, dreaming, and spreading their wings. While many of us are looking forward to summer adventures, at least one dearly loved member of our community is looking past the joys of the summer and is preparing for the requirements of the coming year.

Brittany Roughton has been our music leader for nearly twelve years. During that time, she has brought much grace and joy to worship. Because of work and life changes that will begin in the fall, she's reluctantly come to the decision that she will need to step down as our music leader.

We are grateful to God for Brittany's many talents. Many of our congregation have watched her grow since her childhood; that connection and love will remain. We are grateful to Brittany for choosing to share her calling to music with the ministry and the people who love her at Covenant.

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Will Brown was born on April 8th in Gainesville to Paige Porter-Buhl and Rick Brown. He lived for a



while in California, along with his sister, Lyndal, and then returned to Gainesville, where he attended Talbot Elementary School. After middle school, Will enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program at Eastside High School. He plays alto saxophone, speaks Spanish, and enjoys computers.

He will be returning to California to attend the University of California at San Diego and study computer sciences.

Savanna Ebbs was born on November 18th in Augusta, GA, to Kay and John Ebbs. Her grandmother, Mabel Waid, brought Savanna and her sister Ceara to Covenant. Savanna attended Chiles Elementary, Kanapaha Middle, and Buchholz High. She enjoys travel, politics, and culture. At Buchholz, she achieved the rank of Major in JROTC. Savanna will be attending the University of North Florida in Jacksonville and hopes to become a pediatrician.



Fellowship

Our July 3rd CommUnity Dinner will be during the Independence Day weekend. We will be celebrating with a traditional menu of Steak, Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert.

As was noted last month, Debbi Alessi will be away from June 19 – July 31, and Bryan Paulin will be handling fellowship during that time. He still needs for people to volunteer to provide light snacks on July 10th, July 17th, and July 24th. See the sign-up sheet in the kitchen. Bryan will also need help for CommUnity dinner on July 3rd. Ice Cream will be in the freezer and Bryan will bring the cakes for Celebration Sundays on June 26th & July 31st.

The Fellowship Committee will be coordinating with Outreach and the Youth to provide a dinner for Ronald McDonald House during the summer. Even though there are five Sundays in July, there will not be a Youth fundraising meal.

Worship and Music

It was with deeply saddened hearts that the Session accepted and honored Brittany Roughton's resignation as our Music Director, effective July 1st. Naturally that put us all in a tailspin, but we have developed a plan and immediately began work so our church will not have any gaps in worship music.

Our first objective was to find immediate assistance; we called upon Kathy Broyard, formerly of Highlands Presbyterian Church. She is a singer and guitarist and has agreed to plan for the entire month of July. Working closely with John Tucker on music selection, guest musicians, and tapping the talents of Covenant folks, Kathy will lead the praise songs and hymns for the short term. As she works with the church through July, she will gain comfort

and confidence in understanding our needs and determine if she would like to continue in the longer term.

Be sure that our Session knows that Covenant's music program is important. If you have suggestions over the coming months, please share them with Pastor Paige, John Tucker, or Janis Bomar.

“Let our wisdom guide us
On our own personal journey
By listening to our hearts
Our soul will be alight
And let us be
All that we are intended to be”
Karen Hackel, *The Whisper of Your Soul*

Meditation Trail - Happy 4th of July

from Mike Hein, ASLC

This month, the garden montbretia (*Crocosmia crocosmiliflora*) in several places along the trail should be blooming (if they get enough sunlight), with 3' spikes of small red-orange flowers. Some of the maroon-flowered crinum lilies and the bear's foot plants (yellow composite type of flower) that started blooming last month may still be blooming through July. The American pokeweed plants (*Phytolacca americana*) near the sinkhole (Sign Post #7) and next to the cut-up tree between Sign Posts #1 & 2 should have small white flowers and also ripe fruit on them at mid-month.



Crococsmia

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By the end of the month, the peacock ginger plants (*Kaempferia pulchra* var. *masonii*) at each end of the bridge with railings will be blooming with pink or pale lavender flowers. Some of the *Aloe arborescens* plants near Sign Post #3 may also start blooming by then. Watch again for the devil's walkingstick plants (*Aralia spinosa*) at the end of the trail near CPC (and several other locations) to be blooming the end of July and into August. Look for the large terminal cluster of small white flowers at the top - but beware of the sharp spines on the stems and twigs!



American Pokeweed



Peacock Ginger



Aloe



Devil's Walkingstick

July 2016 Calendar

Th, 4 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30

Su, 3 - Worship at 10
- Fellowship at 11
CommUnity Dinner

Th, 11 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30

Su, 10 - Worship at 10
- Fellowship at 11
- Session meeting at 7

We, 13 - Heartline deadline

Th, 14 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30

Su, 17 - Worship at 10
- Fellowship at 11
- Harbor Chase Devotions at 2:30

Th, 21 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30

Su, 24 - Worship at 10
- Fellowship at 11

Th, 28 - Koinonia Small Group at 7:30

Su, 31 - Worship at 10
- Fellowship at 11

July Birthdays

7 - Jaylyn Alessi
10 - Norm Farmer

12 - Johannah Paulin

23 - Alex Alessi
29 - Bob Quigley

July Anniversary

20 - Barbara & John Peters

2016 Session

Moderator Rev. Paige Porter-Buhl

Debbi Alessi

Janis Bomar

John Ebbs

Larry Herrington

Susan Nimmo

Dorothy Spangler

John Tucker

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If you have a question about submitting an article for *The Heartline*, please call John Tucker.