

Monday, June 8 – Read John 2:1-11; John 1:14; Mark 7:3-4 Jesus and His mother, together with the disciples, were invited to a wedding in Cana. During the wedding feast, the wine supply ran out. Nearby were six large stone jars. Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. When the jars had been filled right to the top, Jesus told the servants to scoop some out and take it to the master of the banquet. When the master tasted the water that had been turned into wine, he was surprised that they hadn't served this wine first, because it was the best wine he had ever tasted. This was the first miracle Jesus did and the first time He showed His glory to people. This made His disciples believe in Him even more. Jesus' first miracle was to help someone out of a tight spot—to save the bridegroom from being very embarrassed. Like the water in the jars, Jesus wants to turn the ordinary things in your life into something special and meaningful. Trust Him and obey Him. The servants did what they were told without question. Can you obey Jesus without question too? FYI: Water jars often stood at the entrance of a house so that people could wash their hands before eating (Mark 7:3-4).

Tuesday, June 9 – Read Luke 5:12-16; Matthew 8:2-4; Romans 5:8; Leviticus 13:45-46 In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with a terrible skin disease called leprosy. When the man saw Jesus he begged to be healed. "Lord, if You are willing, You can heal me and make me clean." Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" Straight away the leprosy left the man and his skin was clean and smooth. Leprosy was a very bad skin disease that could spread to anyone touching the person. Everyone knew that by touching those sores on the skin one could get leprosy too, and die. It is likely that no one had touched this man for a long time. Maybe the man longed for someone to care enough to touch him. Jesus did. In a way, our hearts have a terrible disease too – a disease called sin. Jesus, who is sinless and pure, came to earth to walk alongside us sinners to show how much He loves us. He was willing to take all our terrible sin and put it on Himself. He died so that we could be healed and live. Prayer: Jesus, please forgive my sins and make my heart clean. Amen. FYI: In Bible times, anyone who had leprosy would not be allowed to go near other people and would have to shout out, "Unclean!" (Lev. 13:45-46).

Wednesday, June 10 – Read Luke 7:11-17; Ephesians 2:6; 1 Kings 17:17-24 Soon after this, Jesus went to the town of Nain. The disciples and a large crowd went along with Him. As they neared the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out. He was the only son of a widow. When Jesus saw her, His heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry," He said. Then Jesus walked up to the coffin and touched it. Those who were carrying it stood still. Then He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. Everyone was amazed and praised God, saying, "God has come to help His people." The news about Jesus spread to the surrounding countryside. This young man was the first person that Jesus raised from the dead. Jesus didn't do this to become popular among the people or to show off His power. He felt a deep sadness and love for the widow. Jesus cares for us in the same way. When we are sad, He feels it; when we are hurt, He knows and understands. FYI: The first person mentioned in the Bible that was raised from the dead was also the son of a widow (1 Kings 17:17-24).

Thursday, June 11 – Read Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25; Psalms 89:9 Jesus and the disciples left the crowd and headed across the lake in a small boat. Suddenly a fierce storm struck and the boat was in danger of sinking. Meanwhile, Jesus was sleeping. The disciples woke Him up saying, "Lord! Save us, we're going to die!" Jesus said to them, "Why are you so afraid? You have so little faith." Then He got up and gave an order to stop the howling wind and raging sea, and it all became perfectly calm. The disciples were amazed and asked, "What kind of a man is this that even the wind and the waves obey Him?" Jesus showed His complete power over nature, and why shouldn't the One who created everything have the power to control it? Jesus created you too, and when it feels like there's a storm inside of you with waves of anger, fear or worry, all you need to do is call on the One who is always with you and brings peace.

Friday, June 12 – Read John 6:8-15; Matthew 14:17-21; Luke 6:38; Numbers 1:45-46 Andrew, one of the disciples, said to Jesus, "Here is a young boy with five small loaves of bread and two fish. But what good is that for this huge crowd?" "Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. Then He took the loaves and fish, and gave thanks to God. He broke up the loaves and passed the bread to the disciples who handed it to the people. He carried on doing this with the bread and the fish until everyone had eaten as much as they wanted. The boy gave all his food to Jesus not expecting to get any of it back. He gave all he had, not knowing that he'd bless over five thousand people. Even though Jesus was the One who supplied the food, He gave thanks to His Father for it. Jesus showed that it is right and good to thank the Lord for every meal He provides (even when someone else buys and prepares the food we eat). FYI: The Lord fed more than 603,550 people in the desert for forty years (Num. 1:45-46). So a meal for 5,000 wasn't a problem for Him!

THE COVENANT HAPPENINGS

WORSHIP AT COVENANT

06.07.20

Sundays

8:15 AM | **Traditional Service** Sanctuary
CovKids Main Building
Birth - 3 years old - Nursery Hall

9:45 AM | **Contemporary Service** Sanctuary
CovKids Main Building
Birth - 3 years old - Nursery Hall

11 AM | **Contemporary Service** - Collide
Christian Life Center Gym

Wednesdays

6 PM | **1st Wednesday**
Once a month
Bible Study
Weekly

Online

No matter where you are on Sundays, you can join us for worship on our Covenant app, on our website at covenantdothan.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/covumcdothan.

Covenant is excited about our plan for a *gradual* re-opening on campus beginning with worship services only. For your safety, we will have limited seating during each service and childcare for ages 3 and younger will be available (reservations requested). Children ages 4 and older as well as students will worship with their families. All of our services are available on our online campus.

Sundays 8:15 am, 9:45 am & 11 am Collide

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 pm

Livestream: covenantdothan.org/messages

Facebook Live: facebook.com/covumcdothan

Giving to Covenant

When you give to Covenant, you are providing a way for us to continue unleashing compassion. Now, more than ever, the church needs your generosity so we may continue to share the love of Jesus with our hurting world. If you haven't tried online giving yet, now is a great time to start. Visit covenantdothan.org/give on ways to give or contact Mike Bean at mike@covenantdothan.org or 793.4440 with questions.

Baptism

We believe baptism is an important step of obedience in our faith journey. It shows that we have personally trusted Jesus for our salvation, and just as Jesus was baptized on earth, we do this to follow his example. Your baptism symbolizes the new life you have found in Christ just as Jesus rose to life again. If you have questions about baptism or would like to be baptized, contact Rev. Kyle Gatlin at kyle@covenantdothan.org.

COVENANT growthtrack

We are excited to offer a virtual Growth Track class on Sunday, June 28. God still has a plan for your life, and Growth Track is designed to help you discover your

purpose! If you'd like to join our June class or have questions, contact Shawn Shirley at shawn@covenantdothan.org.

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It's Complicated

The unprecedented circumstances we have found ourselves in can be credited for causing harrowing fears, worries, and spiraling anxiety, just to name a few. As we struggle to balance work, children, household responsibilities, and the stress of daily life, it can take a toll on our relationships. Relationships are complicated and unpredictable, and navigating this journey of maintaining healthy relationships will require more than our effort alone. We thought you could use a refresher about healthy relationships right now, and we've uploaded some previous messages to our YouTube Channel (search Covenant Dothan UMC) for you to revisit! God is love, and He desires to be the guide of our lives and our loving relationships. Make time to listen to the inspiring messages from "It's Complicated." We hope they bless your lives, and your relationships come out of this season healthier and stronger than ever!

CovMissions - 2020 Mission Trips

As literally the entire world wrestles with these uncertain times, we find ourselves with no option but to cancel our short term mission trips for the remainder of this year. This will include the following mission trips:

Panama (medical mission)- July 18-25
Guatemala (village transformation)- Aug 29-Sept 5
Kenya (baby center)- Oct 24-31

This certainly does not mean that our outreach will stop. It just means that it will look different this year. In Guatemala for example, partnered with Hope of Life and World Help, we will use the CovMissions funds that were allocated towards sending a team to provide food bags for each of the 200 families in Cari Village. Each food bag will include rice, beans, corn, sugar, protein mix and oatmeal along with masks for each family member.

The need is great all around the world and we believe that God has given us international partnerships for such a time as this. Because we sent a mission team to Africa in October 2019, we were able to work through a group of Christian women our team met in Kenya to send food bags to families living in the slums of Nairobi at a time when people are literally starving. TOGETHER we can be the hands and feet of Christ. Please pray about supporting Covenant's outreach locally, nationally and internationally by giving to CovMissions.

CovGroups

New Study Do you desire a deeper relationship with God? Join us for an eight-session study examining scriptural realities that teach believers how to develop an obedient love relationship with God. "Seven Realities for Experiencing God" demonstrates how God uses ordinary people to experience Him in extraordinary ways and explores Biblical truths such as "God is always at work around you." This group will meet via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm, beginning June 24, and is great for new believers or those looking to deepen their relationship with Christ. Group will attend First Wednesday service together each month and meet on Zoom the remaining Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Wendy Hicks at wendy@covenantdothan.org.

Care Ministries



Celebrate Recovery Celebrate Recovery is a Christ centered recovery program for everyone who struggles with a hurt, habit or hang-up. Join us on Facebook at facebook.com/covumcdothan on Thursdays at 6 pm. For more information contact Sherry Koogler at 793-4440 or sherryk@covenantdothan.org.

Grief Support Grief Support is a safe, confidential, loving and Christ-centered environment for sharing one another's burdens. We begin with a short presentation on a topic connected to grief and then break into small groups for discussion and sharing. Grief Support meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month and is currently meeting via Zoom. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Jim Hicks at hicksje@graceba.net.

Stephen Ministry Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people.

If you are going through a difficult time, contact Kyle Gatlin at 793.4440 or kyle@covenantdothan.org. The care you'll receive is confidential, free and very helpful.



Stay connected with our CovKids! Be sure to check out everything CovKids has coming up on Facebook & Instagram - live devotionals, book readings, crafts & more!

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Instagram: instagram.com/covkids_



THE REFUGE
covenant and student ministry

Youth Encounter Are you ready for a time to worship and dig deeper into His word this summer? We are excited to invite our current 6th-12th graders to join us June 22-23 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary for a time of worship with our student band and a guest speaker. During the day, our 9th-12th graders will have the opportunity to serve in various places for our church and community. Contact David Burnham (davidb@covenantdothan.org) or JoBeth (Jobeth@covenantdothan.org) for more info or to sign up.

Facebook: facebook.com/CovStudents · Instagram: instagram.com/covstudents

Rummage Sale

Just a reminder that we have storage space available if you have donations you would like to give to the Rummage Sale. The Rummage Sale benefits our Celebrate Recovery program as well as other missions in the Wiregrass. Contact Sherry Koogler at sherryk@covenantdothan.org and she will set up a time to meet you to drop off donations.

CovTrips

Join us **October 18-24** as we set off for Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. This seven day, six night trip includes transportation, lodging, ten meals, admission to the Queen Esther Show, Gettysburg National Park, admission to the Amish Experience and Jacob's Choice at the F/X Theatre, and guided tours. The cost is \$659 per person (double occupancy). A deposit of \$75 will hold your spot. Contact Sherry Koogler at 793.4440 for more information.

Covenant News & Happenings

Are you interested in receiving a weekly eNewsletter along with other Covenant news by email? This is a great way to stay up to date on upcoming events, registration, prayer concerns and more. Email Courtney Hardy at courtney@covenantdothan.org to sign up.

Covenant Concerns

Recent Prayer Concerns Beth & Tom Sherrer, Ronnie Brannon, Molly Tew, Tom Renshaw Sr., Margaret Wilson, David Cunningham, Linda Griffith, Chris Smith, John Babinski, Tim Koogler, Linda Avera, Carrie Williams, Beverly Youse, Kathy Kerecman, Sandy Lisenby, Danielle Simmons, Tammy Reese, Family of Patsy Bowling, Johnathan Berry, Carla Lawrence, Wallace Family, JJ Price Family, Chester McKin, Alan Tidwell, Quinton Snellgrove, Terri Daughtry, Lori Burns, Dr. Bill Lies, Lisa Silcox, Natalie Faulk, Christy Goodwin Bullard, Mary Lisenby, George Stokes, Mark Arrington, William Brown, Peter Collins Jr., Jill Walden, Sue Reynolds, Hays McKay, Helon Scott, Jeanne Stringfellow, Dutch Holland, James Salter, Lois Axtell, Thomas Evans, Lucy Cline, Carolyn Benton, Kim McNeill, David Johnston, Yvonne Reid, Cher Hicks, Happy Fox, Pete Shelley, Lisa Henry, Karen Medley, Gayle Moores, Lamar Spence, Martha Jane Shannon, Jerry Dooling, Tipton Family, Kathy Clark, Wynn Arkle, June Granberry, Evie Riley, Tony Justice, Richard Duncan, Sarah Grantham, Charles Meeks, JoAnn Gamble, Laurie Axtell, Allwyn Nilsson, Trip and Haley Moseley & family, Avery Wells, Jeffrey Bostwick, Scott Berry, Jennie Lawson, Scott Brown, Angie Goodson, Janis Caddell, Shelby Clark, Kendrea White, Kelly Armstrong Smith, Bobby Simmons, Michael Buntin, Bernice White, Beverly White, Audrey Miller, Carolyn Thomley, Bob Drummond, Connie Moore

Recently Deployed Jerrad Anderson

Have a prayer request? If you have a prayer request you would like to add to this list, please email Kyle Gatlin at kyle@covenantdothan.org.