Monday, October 5-Read John 14:1 These were Jesus' last moments with His disciples before everything as they knew it would change. Already, there had been mounting tension and confusion around Jesus' ministry, and that was nothing compared to the days they were about to face. When Jesus had His last chance to tell His disciples everything they would need to know to get them through the coming turmoil, He began with, "Do not let your hearts be troubled." God knows what youve been through, and He knows what is still to come and these words said to the disciples then are the words He says to you now. Regardless of your circumstances, His invitation today is to walk in peace by the power of the Holy Spirit. As you look around at uncertainty, frustration, confusion, loss, and change, remember that Jesus knows you; He sees you; and He loves you. Do not let your heart be troubled. What are you troubled about right now? What does it look like tod day to let Jesus lead through this heartache? How can believing Jesus at His word shape your life today? Take a minute to talk to Jesus out loud or in writing about what is weighing you down. Ask Him to help redirect your heart to what is true.
Tuesday, October 6-Read John 14:2-7 As Jesus prepared His disciples for His absence, He also offered them a promise: They would not be alone, He's coming back, and they will be with Him again. He also offered a decisive claim about who He is: the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through Him. He's not one path to the Father He's the only way any person can ever be reconciled to God. Regardless how unpopular or controversial that stance was, Jesus loved His disciples too much to let them think any other path would lead them to eternal life with God. Jesus offers that same comfort and reassurance to you. He's preparing a place for you in His Father's house. And He gave you the map, the directions, and the guide. You need only to follow Him. It might not be popular or convenient, but in the end, you'll experience life in the fullest way possible and live in a deep and meaningful relationship with God through the heartache of earth and through the hope of heaven. What ways, truth, and life have you looked for outside of Jesus? What's different about the way, truth, and life that Jesus invites you into? What comfort and reassurance have you felt in following Jesus? How can you walk in that different way, right now?
Wednesday, October 7 - Read John 14:8-14 Jesus had just told His disc iples that anyone who knew Him al so knew the Father. But Phillip needed a little more proof. "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus was understandably surprised. Everything He had done was to show them the Father. Did they still not understand? Jesus reminded His disciples that He'd been under the Father's authority throughout His ministry, and that His every word and action revealed His Father. His message was clear: if you know and follow Jesus, you know and follow His Father. Are you still looking for God in the wrong places? If you expect to find Him in good behavior, empty religion, a political system, or vain pursuits, you're bound to be disappointed. If you are casually following God, but constantly asking for more proof, you're missing the evidence already in front of you. Draw near to Jesus, through the Spirit, and you'll know the Father. What are some of the wrong places you looked to find God and were disappointed? How have you both known and seen God as a Father because of Jesus? Do you like Phillip, still want a little more proof and miss the evidence in front of you? Why do you think that is? What are some ways you can draw near to Jesus to know the Father?
Thursday, October 8-Read John 14:15-18 After Jesus explained that He reflected His Father by obeying His commands, Jesus shared that expectation with His disciples. It's not enough to know Him; obedience is the natural act of love. But Jesus knew that He was leaving, and the disciples needed help. So He asked the Father to send a Helper-the Holy Spirit, who would counsel, guide, and mediate. Just as Jesus' disciples knew Him and leaned on Him for truth, now they could know and trust His Spirit. Jesus didn't leave His disciples alone and He has not left you alone. Because of Jesus, you have the Holy Spirit, who helps you and stays with you. If your desire is to love and obey God, take heart in remembering that He has not asked that from you without providing an Advocate to lead you. You're not alone. You're not forgotten. You have not been abandoned. You have access to the very Spirit of God! Where do you need help when it comes to finding the way forward in this season? Why do you think God sent the Holy Spirit instead of Jesus physically staying on the earth? How has the Holy Spirit helped or comforted you in your life? What are some ways you can walk in the Spirit and in obedience today?
Friday, October 9-Read John 14:19-24 In this passage, Jesus walked His disciples through the connections between relationship, obedience, and love. Because Jesus loved God, He obeyed Him, and they lived in a constant relationship. Because Jesus' disciples loved Him, they obeyed Him, and they were connected to the Father through Him. This cycle of love, obedience, and relationship would also be how the disciples would reveal Christ to the world. The key to this connection is love. Jesus doesn't love you because you obey Him. You obey His teachings because you love Him, just as He obeyed His Father because of the love they shared. If you obey out of obligation, fear, or to earn a reward, you're missing the heart of God. On the other hand, if you claim to love God, but don't feel convicted to obey His teaching, your love is not rooted in the deeply connected affection between Jesus and the Father. The balance only makes sense when obedience is a natural overflow of love. Why does Jesus connect the ideas of obedience and love together? What relationships in your life involve a healthy balance of obedience and love? What does obedience communicate to the people you love in your life? How might God be calling you to walk in His love and obedience?
Saturday, October 10 - Read John 14:25-31 This chapter ends in the same way it began, with Joe rus offering His disciples peace in the uncertainty ahead. Even though Jesus knew He was about to face oppressors, death, and the very forces of darkness; He repeated His earlier command to "not let your hearts be troubled." He promised them peace in what was about to become the darkest moment of their lives-peace that was unlike anything the world could offer. Jesus offers you the same peace. He knows what you've been through and the struggles still to come. He knows there are circumstances that seem unbearable, and the darkness threatens to eclipse your hope. But just like Jesus knew and loved His disciples, and brought them access to the Father and the Spirit, Jesus loves you enough to offer you that same security. As you cling to His love and follow Him faithfully into whatever is coming next, take courage! Do not let your heart be troubled. Why do you think, of all the things Jesus could offer or promise you, that He chose to offer peace? What is different about the peace that Jesus offers you? How does peace help you deal with circumstances and times that are difficult? What peace do you both pursue and offer to others in hard times?


## 9:45 Contemporary Service AM <br> Sanctuary

## 11:00 | Contemporary Service

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Christian Life Center Gym
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1st Wednesday
Sanctuary
Bible Study
Sanctuary
Quline Campus
No matter where you are on Sundays, you can join us for worship on our Online Campus. Visit our online campus at covenantdothan.org/locations/ online for more information.

Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 \& 11:00 am Nursery \& Toddlers - Nursery Hall 2 year old - Preschool - The Treehouse K-2nd Grade - Children's Worship Center 3rd - Fth Grade -Fellowship Hall

## Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

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## Sundays at 5 pm <br> 6th-12th Grade - CLC Gym <br> Wednesdays

6th-8th Grade - 5:30-6:15 pm
9th-12th Grade - 7:00-7:45 pm
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## Welcome!

We are excited to welcome you back on campus for all worship services! Our online campus will continue as usual. Activities are available for children and students.
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Livestream: covenantdothan.online.church
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## October Sermon Series

Where Do We Go From Here? Jesus began a disruptive sermon with the calming words, "Do not let your heart be troubled." Despite the world changing a lot in the past few months, we know where we are going because we are following Jesus. Join us in October as we learn more about staying on our mission to be a Christ follower.

## A Note From the Finance Office

We are called to be cheerful givers. Even in times of uncertainty, tithing is meant to be a joyful expression of thanks to God, not an obligation. It comes from a heart of worship that recognizes everything we have and give already belongs to the Lord. God wants us to give because it shows that we recognize He is truly the Lord of our lives.
"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7
We offer many easy options to give and we would love to share more about them with you. Contact Annette Lovrich at annette@covenantdothan .org or 334.944.6208 for more information on how to give with online, text to give and automatic draft options. Thank you for your con tined support and generosity through this fall season.

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## 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.

## Rummage Sale Update

Our virtual Rummage Sale is off to a great start. Be sure to follow our new Covenant Celebrate Recovery Facebook Page (search Covenant Celebrate Recovery) to find out all the details and to learn more about our ministry. Please think of us as you are cleaning out as we accept donations all year. All proceeds will go to our Celebrate Recovery program to help with continuing education, resources and more. Contact Sherry Koogler at 793-4440 or sherryk@covenantdothan.org with questions.

## Celebrate Recovery

No hurt is beyond healing. No habit is beyond help. No hang-up is beyond hope. It takes courage to let others into our lives, but we were never meant to walk through life alone. Let us walk with you. We are excited to have resumed in person meetings on Thursdays at 6 pm in the Christian Life Center. Masks are required and social distancing will be in place. We will meet for large group worship as well as hear a lesson or testimony each week. Dinner will not be served at this time. Small groups will be based on need and make-up of groups returning. Childcare will be available by reservation only (masks will be required for children as well). Download the Church Center app on your phone to register your child.
Like our Celebrate Recovery Facebook page - search Covenant Celebrate Recovery - for up-to-date news \& information.

## Upcoming Opportunities to Serve

Harbor Serve Day Saturday, October 31 from 7:30-10 am - Our next Harbor serve day is quickly approaching. Here's ho w you can help:

- Prepare a breakfast casserole
- Provide pastries or fruit
- Help put together take-out boxes at The Harbor on Saturday morning beginning at 7:30 am (masked and safely distanced of course)
- Join the street ministry team on Saturday morning

Love Dothan Saturday, November 7 from 8 am-12 noon - You are invited to participate in "Love Your Neighborhood" - part of the City of Dothan's"Love Dothan" campaign. During this time we will be working in the Harmondale (also known as Lakeview) neighborhood. The coordination point will be Jerry Lee Faine Elementary School located at 1901 Stringer Street. Please bring your lawnmower, gloves, rake, shovel, weed eater, edger, or whatever tools you would like to work with so we can help our neighbors better care for their properties.
SARCOA Santa for Seniors 2020 SARCOA Area Agency on Aging will be doing their Santa for Seniors program differently this year. Rather than an open wish list, they will be providing specific items for the Senior Christmas boxes. Visit covenantdothan.org/connect/missions for the 2020 Request List. Donations can be dropped off on December $4 \& 5$ and December 12 between 9 am and 6 pm at the former National Guard Armory, 2755 Choctaw Street, Dothan. Volunteers are needed to wrap gift boxes and assemble cleaning buckets on Tuesday, November 17 from 8 am12 noon and 1:30-4:30 pm at the armory.
Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Packing a shoebox is a powerful way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children all over the world! Visit https://www.samaritan spurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ to learn more. Grab a shoebox at the church beginning on First Wednesday, October 7 or on Sundays in October. Return your packed shoebox to Covenant by Sunday, November 15.

## Door Hanger Paint Party

Ladies, join us for our fall paint party Tuesday, October 20 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You will have the option to create your own pumpkin or a Christmas design. The cost is \$35 per person. Email Wendy Hicks (wendy@covenantdothan .org) to make your reservation. Social distancing will be in place and we ask you wear a mask.

We are excited to welcome back our CovKids this month during our worship services. Please visit our website to stay up-to-date and to learn more about our hands free check-in app. Our weekly lessons are available on our website at covenantdothan.org/connect/covkids.
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COVSTUDENTS FALL SCHEDULE

## Sundays

Morning Worship - We encourage all students to attend Sunday morning worship services with family REFUGE-5-6 pm، CLC Gym A fun \& enlightening student worship experience tailored specifically for 6 th-12th graders.

## Wednesdays

TOPICKS
Jr. High (6th-8th Grade) - 5:30-6:15 pm Sr. High (9th-12th Grade) - 7-7:45 pm Age and gender specific small group experience for a more in depth discussion on Biblical truths. Jr. \& Sr. High will meet in the CLC Gym.

## Covenant News \& Happenings

Are you interested in receiving a weekly eNewsletter, Sermon Notes and 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@covenantdo than.org to sign up.

## Contact Information Request

Connection and interaction is essential during this time of uncertainty and it is important to stay grounded in God's Word and in community with others. We want to make certain that Covenant has current information so that we may stay connected with you. If you have not already, please visit covenantdothan.org/ contact-info to update your information or you can contact us at 793.4440.

## Covenant Concerns

Recent Prayer Concerns Virginia Hornsby, Dwight Jeffcoat, Gene Kearley, Paul Hall, Kenneth Arnold, Lori Lamb Weathington, Sharon Jenkins, Carrie Mathis Allday, Gianna Allday, Steve Morrell, Jennette Gayer, Ava Blackburn, 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, 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, Thomas Evans, Lucy Cline, Carolyn Benton, 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
Currently 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.

