



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019**

Please take a minute to complete the Worship Response Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. This helps us record your attendance and show our appreciation for your presence. It also is an easy way to sign up for upcoming events.

Prayer requests may be submitted on your Worship Response Card, online under the "Connect/Care" tab or to Parish Nurse Mary Mattiacci (Mary.Mattiacci@covenantpresby.org).

## 2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our campaign stands \$419,900 short of our goal of \$2,975,000 and we need your pledge so that our annual budget can be finalized in the coming weeks. We intend to invest strongly in music, children, youth and local outreach -- and your support is crucial to make it possible. Please consider returning a pledge card available in your pew. You can also use the scannable QR code at right via your smart phone or visit [CovenantPresby.org/pledge](http://CovenantPresby.org/pledge).



**Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, Jan. 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to present the annual budget, vote on any proposed changes in terms of call and elect members of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

## TODAY

### BIBLE, VIOLENCE & GOD'S CONCERN FOR VULNERABLE

Winter Convocation with Dr. Brennan Breed

Dr. Brennan Breed will speak at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and join the 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall service for a dialogical sermon with Jessica Patchett. Dr. Breed is Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary.

### LEARN ABOUT REYNOSA MISSION TRIP

Informational coffee is 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Library

A few spots remain for our next mission trip. We'll take medical and construction teams to the U.S.-Mexico border March 10-16. LeAnne Stipp and Scott Roehrig will lead our group. Please apply by Wednesday. Payment plans and scholarships are available. To learn more, write "Reynosa" on your WR card and a team member will contact you.

### YOUNG ADULTS HOST FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH

12:30 p.m. at Bad Daddy's on East Boulevard

Meet us at the restaurant or gather in front of Fellowship Hall after 11 a.m. services. All are welcome for this un-programmed time of fellowship - it's a great way to plug into our young adult community. No RSVP needed.

### DEEP DIVE: HOW TO MAKE, KEEP RESOLUTIONS

7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall 203

Once you make a faith-based resolution, how can you stick to it? Join Senior Minister Bob Henderson for tonight's Deep Dive Questions, a monthly series led by rotating speakers. Afterward, we'll head to Dilworth Neighborhood Grille. All are welcome!

### CHECK OUT NEW, IMPROVED REC WING

Hoping to step up your workouts in 2019? The Rec Wing has new cardio and training equipment, including a rowing machine and spin bike. Take a tour and see the facility. To learn more, write "Rec Wing" on your WR card and a staff member will contact you.

*Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.  
Audio-induction hearing loops are installed for use with hearing aids.*

## THIS WEEK

### SMALL GROUPS KICK OFF NEW STUDIES

A new year is a great time to connect with small groups and Bible studies. Visit [CovenantPresby.org/smallgroups](http://CovenantPresby.org/smallgroups). Here's a look at three opportunities:

**Uptown Bible Studies:** Tuesdays or Thursdays noon to 1 p.m. at Foundation for the Carolinas led by Jessica Patchett, Ben Mallicote, and Ian Clark.

**Southpark Bible Study:** Thursdays noon to 1 p.m. at Union Presbyterian Seminary led by Jerry Jernigan and Robin Goodson.

**January Book Club:** Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at the home of Debbie Enna. Our book is *Children of the Stone: The Power of Music in a Hard Land* by Sandy Tolan.

### SISTERS IN SPIRIT WELCOMES SALLY BREWSTER

Tuesday at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Women of Covenant are invited for breakfast and a talk by Sally Brewster, owner of Park Road Books, who will offer book suggestions. We meet on second Tuesdays every month. To reserve a meal, please write "Sisters in Spirit" on your WR card.

### OPEN TABLE RETURNS WEDNESDAY

You're invited for dinner in the Fellowship Hall from 5 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a special, one-night-only program for all ages at 6:30 p.m. Full schedule resumes Jan. 16.

- Open Table Kickoff Night on Wednesday: Come play trivia, hear stories of life-changing mission experiences and taste food from regions of the world.
- Embracing Jesus' Ways of Peace. Three-part speaker series on Jan. 16, 23 and 30.
- Make or Break: Resolutions for a Healthy New Year. Series begins Jan. 16.
- Covenant Choir: Rehearsals are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Peek Music Room.

Reservations helpful but not required: Visit [CovenantPresby.org/OpenTable](http://CovenantPresby.org/OpenTable)

### NEW GROUP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

Sunday, Jan. 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

A new discussion group for parents called *Making Sense of Middle School* will meet at the same time as youth fellowship to explore topics relevant to your family. We'll also meet on Feb. 10, March 17, April 7, and May 5 for speakers and gatherings. Contact [Perrin.Tribble@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Perrin.Tribble@covenantpresby.org) or write "Middle School Group" on your WR card.

### NEW SERIES FOR PARENTS OF EMERGING ADULTS

Sunday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

Covenant's College Council invites you to explore your changing relationship with your emerging adult. We'll study the book *How to Really Love Your Adult Child*. Our first gathering is at the home of Fielding and Rusty Williams. Contact [Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org) or write "Parents of Adult Children Group" on your WR card.

### GRIEF & HEALING: TAKING THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Parlor

Covenant's care ministry offers a 7-week discussion and support group for adults who have experienced the loss of a spouse, parent, sibling or friend. Contact [Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org](mailto:Susan.Ferone@covenantpresby.org) or write "Taking the Journey Together" on your WR card.

### LIFT UP STUDENTS, TEACHERS AT HIGHLAND

Covenant partners with Highland Renaissance Academy, a CMS school north of uptown, to lift up children and support educators. Here are two ways to serve:

**Read one-on-one with a kindergartner:** Join us Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. A training session is Tuesday, Jan. 15. To learn more, write "Kindergarten - Highland" on your WR card or contact Betty Graybeal at [Betty.Graybeal@gmail.com](mailto:Betty.Graybeal@gmail.com).

**Contribute to a teacher brunch:** On third Mondays every month, we deliver a brunch spread. Please bring items to the collection point near the Fellowship Hall kitchen prior to Monday, Jan. 21. Write "Highland Brunch" on your WR card.

### CURRENT JOB OPENING AT COVENANT

**Director of Operations:** Oversees technology, property, recreation and food service.

*To apply, visit [CovenantPresby.org/news/current-job-openings](http://CovenantPresby.org/news/current-job-openings)*