



**PUMPKINS,  
TREATS & FEARS**

Another Horizon Ministry  
where heaven touches earth

# Pumpkins, Treats and Fears

This is our Horizon Ministry that was introduced for the first time last year. The response was overwhelming and we are excited as we look toward this year's event.



**Pumpkins** — This is the pumpkin patch that will be located just across Ronald Reagan Blvd. We met so many people from our community last year. There will be lots of activities as well as lots of pumpkins. Invite those you know to drop by and check it out. If you would like to help run the patch that would be greatly appreciated as well. Our students will be taking most evening and weekend shifts, but if you are available during the day, we would love the help.

The pumpkins arrive Friday, October 14 at 4:00 and we need at least 30 volunteers to unload the semi. Watch for more details and keep this date open. The Patch will be open from Saturday, October 15—Monday, October 31 from 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. (with extended hours as the holiday draws near).

**Treats** — This is our famous Trunk or Treat. This year we will only host Trunk or Treat one evening, Sunday, October 30. We ask that you decorate the trunk of your car and buy lots of candy. (Please keep the themes fun, not scary).



**Fears** — This is Face the Fear. A chance for people to come face to face with things many find fearful. This is not a haunted house or anything bloody or gory. We simply put you in an environment where you may jump and scream, but at the end laughing and having a fun time. This is designed for older children and adults. We will once again hand out a disc that will have valuable teaching about healthy ways to deal with fear.

Be in prayer as we are in the beginning stages of putting much of this together as well as what your involvement will be. We need you as we seek to reclaim this holiday and touch and change our community with the love of Christ.

*Wired News for Students  
(7th—12th grade)*

## **THE PUMPKIN PATCH – OCTOBER 15 – 31**

The pumpkins will arrive Friday, October 14 at 4:00. We will unload and begin set up. If you can, you need to be here Saturday, October 15 as we set up the patch for business. This is the ONE and ONLY fundraiser for you. So you need to be involved if you want money to help with camp, ski trips, Live Wires, etc.

Here is what you need to do to earn the highest amount

- Work at least 2 shifts at the patch with your Mom/Dad or legal guardian
- Make a poster to inform people about the patch
- Decorate a pumpkin to look like a story book character (this was a HUGE hit last year)

These are easy things to do and hopefully if you participate at all levels you will earn at least \$100.



## **Short Circuit to Disney Quest November 4 - 5**

If you are in middle school and would like to have a GREAT time, join us in November as we head to Disney. We will spend the evening at one of the value resorts. We will play in the pool, game room, etc. and then get up and spend all day Saturday at Disney Quest. This is a kickin' virtual reality experience. You can design and then ride your own virtual rollercoaster, become a pirate on the high seas, ride a magic carpet, row a raft down some incredible rapids and much more. The total cost is \$75 and a \$20 deposit is due Sunday, October 2 if you plan on going.

## *Covenant Cyber Café*

We are excited to announce that some major changes are taking place in the Café. Beginning Sunday, October 2 the Café will have a different look and not only will you find coffee, sodas and water, but a variety of goodies will also be offered. Pam Fen-off and her team will be providing home made as well as store bought goodies for you to enjoy FREE of charge. However, coffee and other beverages will still be provided for 50 cents. It will open Sunday mornings from 8:40—9:00 and then from 10:00—10:15. Stop by and check out the changes as well as enjoy some great eats and a cup of coffee.



If you are interested in being a part of this ministry team, please contact Pam at [pfenoff@cfl.rr.com](mailto:pfenoff@cfl.rr.com) or 407-332-7396.



## *Splash for Women*

Don't forget we meet Friday, October 14 at 6:30 to make up bags for the Hubbard House. When we have finished with the bags, our own Karen Guilfoyle will introduce us to Party Lite. This is a "home party" of sorts. She will bring an array of candles for us to "oooo" and "ahhhhh" over. This is a great opportunity for you to get started on your Christmas shopping. She will have great ideas for teachers, family, friends, etc. Karen will give the proceeds from the night to Covenant and any hostess gifts will be put into the Covenant Christmas Store.



## Covenant Kids Ministry Update

### K.I.C.K.Start

This is a great rotation to invite a friend to our midweek ministry for kids grades K – 4. K.I.C.K.Start has rolled into yet another great year of ministry with some familiar faces and a brand new Game Leader in John Behling. Our new format includes, worship, high-energy Bible study, game time and snack. If you know of a child who needs to be a part of this ministry let someone on the K.I.C.K.Start ministry team know. We will be happy to send them an invitation.

### FireWire

FireWire is back up and running into year two of its existence. This unique ministry provides a ‘pre-youth group’ experience for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The October FireWire calendar includes Bible Study, Go Carting, and a Horizon Ministry. If you know of a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grader not involved in church, FireWire could be the perfect opportunity to plug them in.



### Children’s Ministry Calendar for October

Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FireWire Family Lunch (after Church at CiCi’s Pizza Sanford)
Wednesday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	FireWire Lil 500 (6:30 – 8:30)
Wednesday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	K.I.C.K.Start Pizza and Movie
Saturday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	FireWire Trunk or Treat Car Decoration (noon – 2:00p)
Sunday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Trunk or Treat (FireWire to take Car shifts)

Your K.I.C.K.Start/FireWire Team is:

Patty Dixon  
Karen Behling  
Gretchen Simmonds  
John Behling  
Michael Simmonds

The Amazing Moms and Dads who get their kids here week after week.

# Are you rested and yoked???

"How's everything going?"

"Fine."

That's how the exchange used to go. Now it's more likely to be along these lines:

"How's everything going?"

"Really busy."

For the Christian, the ideal honest response to the question of "How's everything going?" is this one: **"Rested and Yoked."**

Are you rested and yoked???

The Bible says, *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* (Matthew 11:28-30) These are vacation verses in the Bible. Never heard of that, well here is what I mean.



There are two kinds of vacationers. There are those who pack a pair of shorts, a swimsuit, and a stack of books. These vacationers are committed to doing as little as humanly possible for an entire week. Read, sun, loll, noodle, nap, eat, drink, and sleep. These are vacationers who rest literally by resting.

The second type of vacationer tries to pack as much into their days off as human possible. They sail, fish, hike, shop, museum-crawl, and horse-race through their week. Anything out of their ordinary routine is explored, experienced, and enjoyed. These are vacationers who rest by doing new things in new places.



Both types of vacationers are celebrating their time of rest in the way that suits them, relaxes them, fulfills them, and restores them.

One of Winston Churchill's most famous speeches was in the early years of World War II. Churchill called the people of England to rise up and save their country and their families with these words: "We shall fight them on the beaches. We shall fight them in the fields and in the streets. We shall fight them in the hills."

When asked to comment on these words in a classroom discussion, one high school student said, "It sounds just like our family vacations." Hopefully your vacations are more restful.

In both cases this rest involves an emptying-out and a re-filling or re-fueling. A vacation empties-out our stuffy stockpile of routines, rat-races, and regulations. But a vacation – whether luxuriously languid or jam-packed and jack-hammered – fills our heads with new dreams, our hands with new activities, and our hearts with renewed relationships.

What kind of rest do you crave? What is your ideal resting place?

The New Testament offers the classic distinction between these two types of souls in the examples of Martha and Mary. Who could offer such different dimensions of discipleship as the images of the sitting Mary and the stirring Martha? For Martha fulfillment was found in a round of activities that took care of and served the needs of Jesus – and in listening while doing. For Mary fulfillment came from soaking up and soaking in the sheer presence of Jesus, observing and internalizing all that Jesus did and said. Now Jesus had to slow Martha down a bit because she had a tendency to get things a bit jumbled up, but you understand the personality types of these two friends of Jesus.

In the passage above Jesus' invitation to new disciples combines the experiences of the sitting Mary and the stirring Martha. In fact, Jesus presents a rhythm of discipleship that combines both sitting and stirring. Both contemplation and action must dwell in the disciple's heart.

Notice which comes first. To all who are weary, to all who feel the weighty burden of strained faithfulness, Jesus offers rest. The offer of rest comes first.

Jesus promised that rivers of living water would flow from the hearts of his disciples (John 7:38). In fact, "The water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life" (John 4:14). But if we ourselves aren't rested, renewed, revitalized, refreshed, we can't share that water with others. Only if your bucket is filled can you joyously draw water from the springs of salvation (Isaiah 12:3).



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That's one reason in the Jewish tradition each new day begins at sunset – after the day's work is done and it's time for home and bed. Each new day begins with rest. Likewise the true Christian Sabbath begins a new week as the sun sets on the old, and starts that fresh week with a specific directive to rest. So it is that Jesus' first offer to new disciples is that of rest – of a break from our old lives and of freedom from the burdens we tried to bear alone.

Yet rest isn't all that discipleship is about. Jesus is offering here a vacation with a vocation. "Rest," Jesus says, by taking up "my yoke," a yoke that will enable followers to learn from Jesus, to hear and understand his words and mission with a clarity and confidence that not even the pious, educated Pharisees could match.

Jesus offers us a paradox. When we come to him, we receive unqualified rest through a life of yoked service.

A yoked disciple is BOTH a sitting Mary and a stirring Martha – a soul simultaneously at rest and at work for the kingdom. The discipleship to which Jesus calls us is a life where there is no distinction between work and play, labor and rest, action and contemplation. For in Christ both are joyously the same.

We all need to take the occasional vacation from our jobs. Even Jesus had a rhythm of contemplation and action. He periodically came apart to the mountains, the desert, or the water. We too need to "come apart so that we don't come apart" (as many have put it).

But a disciple need never take a vacation from the vocation of Christ's yoke of love, sacrifice, fulfillment, and grace. Our work is our play – our identity as Disciples of Christ is our rest from a world of weighty burdens, and our work for the continuing incarnation of the kingdom of God and love of Christ brings the joy of play.

**The life of faith is finding the unique personal rhythm of sitting and stirring. It will be different for all of us.**

## AFTER THE STORM SURGE!

This past month an “away” team from Covenant once again was out in the field touching and changing the world with the love of Jesus. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, a Disaster Relief team from CCC comprised of John Barber, Mark Bowman, Chris Chung, Chris Fenoff, and Jeff Dixon traveled into the storm damage for a week of ministry. Working in conjunction with Disaster Relief for the Southern Baptist Convention their assigned destination was Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Imagine a 7-foot high wall of water, extended for miles and miles, surging ashore powered by winds in excess of 120 miles per hour. After the storm surge the damage that was left behind was overwhelming. Lives were forever changed for those who lived in this region of the Gulf Coast of the United States. Our team delivered resources and



supplies that were provided by many of you to the hurting people of this area. The ministry of CCC has provided relief in the form of contributions to the North American Mission Board Disaster Relief fund. We have helped to dig out, mud out, and clean up the homes of people in an attempt to help them begin to rebuild their lives.



Continue to keep the displaced, the disillusioned, and the disheartened in your prayers. This ongoing recovery effort is bigger than can be adequately described. Thank you for being a part of this important Horizon Ministry, where Heaven touches Earth and makes a difference in the lives of people.

If you visit our website you can find some pictures, updates, and even a Celebration Worship event called RELIEF!



## A Note from Michael

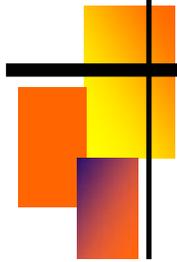
Last night on "Tonight" Jay Leno actually said something funny. (As a person with a 'Letterman' sense of humor that pains me to say.) He said of the recent destruction of Hurricane Katrina and the threat of Rita, "With all these storms around do you think now is the time to be taking 'God' out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

It seems I've been around a lot of people who don't mind talking about God lately. Whether it be discussions about the mistreatment of atheists (they hired a lobbyist to represent their interests in Washington last week) or the vengeance of God in the form of floods in 'The Big Easy', or wars and rumors of wars, many in the culture seems more than willing to engage when the topic is God. What an incredible opportunity for you and I that is; the opportunity to shine the light of Jesus into a dark world. In so many places the conversation has already been started, we just have to take wander though the open door and tell of the hope that is in us with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15 mds paraphrase)



Let today be a great day to leverage those relationships we've been building and to share with family and friends the love of Jesus. They really are listening.

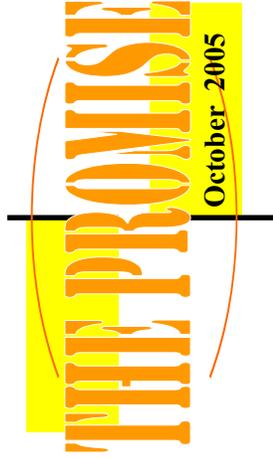
On the journey with you,



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9	10	11	12 Mid-week	13	14 Pumpkins Arrive Splash at 6:30	15 Pumpkin Patch
16 Drive for Men 8:30 Pumpkin Patch	17	18	19 Mid-week Concludes	20 Ron Martoia Conference at CCC	21	22
23	24	25 Innovative Mix FBC at CCC	26 Family week	27	28	29 Face the Fear
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