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The Unstoppable Early Church

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Outdoor Worship Service

August 28, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Time

Passing of the Peace

Greeting

Invitation to Worship

*Opening Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

*Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Dedication

*The Blessing

The Lord Bless You

*Song

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Giving and Living Out of Our Abundance

Choral Offertory

The King of Love (Paul Christiansen)

Scripture Reading

Acts 28, taken from *The Message*
Jill Weiss and Oscar Lund

Message

"The Rest of the Story" Paul (Harvey)
Pastor Anne Vining

Prayer of the People

*Closing Song

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (English, Spanish)

*Sending Words

Postlude

*All who are able are invited to stand

**Because of our outdoor worship today, please find Pastor Anne
if you need prayers for healing and wholeness.**

TODAY

This morning Aaron and Becky Bryant bring their sons, Theodore William and Abraham John, to the Lord in a service of dedication. We praise God for these new lives!

10:30am

Summer Outdoor Worship with potluck following

Weather permitting, we are having worship and a potluck meal on the south lawn today. In case of rain, we will move everything to Upper Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to stay, whether or not you were able to bring food today.

Nursery Care (for birth through age 3) is available from 10:15-11:45am, *Rooms 105 and 106.*

Youth Group Music Lessons will not be meeting today. The next lesson will be September 18.

12:30pm

Back-to-School Celebration Event Registration Training, Lower Fellowship Hall

This training is for those who are volunteering at the Back to School Celebration on August 31. Please see Judie Ramsey with any questions.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Worship and First Covenant Church Annual Meeting, Sunday, September 4

10:30am Worship, Sanctuary

11:35am-12:15pm Annual Meeting, Upper Fellowship Hall

On this important day we have the opportunity to gather to worship and reflect on the life of our church over the past 12 months. We will share stories of lives touched and the impact our church has had within our congregation and on our local and global missions. After the worship service we will hold a business meeting to review a financial summary for the last year as well as:

1. review and approve the proposed budget
2. elect new leadership team members, financial secretary and treasurer
3. ratify the new constitution and by-laws
4. affirm new members

Your presence on September 4 will help us celebrate and further pursue the work of the church.

Welcome Sunday, September 11, 10:30am

Please join us for our fall kick off Sunday, with Worship at 10:30am in the sanctuary, and an outdoor BBQ/Potluck following.

Fall Schedule Begins, Sunday, September 18, 9:30am Worship

Worship start time will go back to 9:30am, with Spiritual Growth Hour for all ages starting at 11:00am.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Stay connected: Stop by the Welcome Center to order a CD of any worship service at no charge. Weekly worship bulletins and podcasts can be found on the church website under the Worship and Arts tab.

FCC September/October Calendars are now available at the Welcome Center.

If you have questions about infant dedication/baptism, there is information available at the Welcome Center.

Helping the Louisiana flood victims

40,000 homes damaged. 30,000 water rescues. Disaster declarations have been made in 20 of Louisiana's 64 counties. Respond today to the Louisiana Floods - the biggest U.S. natural disaster since Hurricane Sandy. Your gift will allow Love Mercy Do Justice (LMDJ), in collaboration with other ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church, to respond immediately to domestic disasters. In partnership with Covenant World Relief, Covenant generosity enables an immediate response to victims of the Louisiana Floods of 2016. Your generous support will aid and assure a loving and immediate response to those who are devastated during domestic disaster. To donate, or for more information:

<http://www.covchurchgiving.com/p-1799-lmdj-domestic-disaster-response.aspx>

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Sanctuary Choir: Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, beginning on September 7.

Worship Team: Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, beginning on September 8.

Handbells: Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 4:30-5:45pm, beginning on September 14.

Gospel Choir: Rehearsals are every other Thursday, 6:00-7:00pm, beginning on September 15.

All are welcome, no experience is necessary. If interested in joining any of these groups, please contact Richard Voth, richard@first-covenant.org.

FCC SUPPORTING THE PETERSONS

Karl, Sue, Zachary, and Jonathan Peterson, missionaries to Mexico City, are living in the Twin Cities for their one year home assignment and need our assistance in getting settled. There are two very practical ways that you can help:

1. Providing pantry items to help stock their kitchen and household. Stop by the Welcome Center to see the list and check off what you'd like to buy for them. Just drop off your item(s) in the boxes behind the Welcome Center by September 11. Questions? Contact Beth Norris, beth.norris@comcast.net, or 651-486-7556.

2. Helping to move Petersons, **tomorrow, Monday August 29th 5:00- 9:00pm** We will be loading a truck in Shoreview and moving everything to a house they are renting in Plymouth. We are looking for individuals to help with the loading, unloading, or both. Contact Bryan Norris at Norris.Bryan@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Values Back-to-School Celebration Event, Wednesday, August 31, 4:30-7:30pm *Bruce Vento Elementary School, 409 Case Avenue, St. Paul*

This event includes free school supplies, community resources, haircuts, games, food, and more. **Children must be present to receive school supplies.** A donation box is by the Welcome Center where you can donate new school supplies. Please bring them in by Wednesday. (See back page for needed supplies). Thank you to all from FCC who have volunteered to help with registration. Volunteers are still needed for cleanup after the event. If you can help, please e-mail Judie Ramsey at: judrams@yahoo.com. More information about the event is at: www.familyvaluesforlife.org.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, September 3, 8:00am-9:30pm *Upper Fellowship Hall*

Start the fall off by joining our monthly men's study. We will eat together, study a text from the Bible, share and pray. For more information, contact Aaron Bryant, aaronpbryant@me.com.

Training for all FCC Children and Youth Volunteers, Wednesday, Sept. 7, 4:45-7:45pm *Upper Fellowship Hall*

This mandatory training is for those volunteering with Nurseries, Children's Church, Sunday School, Wednesday After School Program, and Wednesday Children and Youth Programs.

The schedule for the evening:

4:45-5:45pm - After School volunteers

5:45-6:30pm - Dinner and training for all volunteers

6:30-7:45pm - Children and Youth volunteers

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Makosky, Donovan DeGaetano or Chrissy Thomas.

Adult Bible Study, Starting Wednesday, September 14, 9:30-11:00am *Upper Fellowship Hall*

This fall, Dick and Barb Johnson will be leading us on the Book of Acts. All are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings for coffee and treats, singing, Bible Study and prayer.

Community Bible Study, Thursdays, 9:15-11:15am (new class beginning on September 15) *First Covenant Church*

You are invited to join a year-long study of the Book of Matthew. Matthew wrote to prove that Jesus's life and ministry fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah:

Jesus is indeed the long-awaited Jewish Messiah, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

Immanuel, God with us! CBS is for everyone, regardless of age, denomination, gender or

Bible Knowledge. Contact Jill Weiss (StPaulCBS@gmail.com) for more information, or pick up a postcard at the Welcome Center.