A LOOK AT THE BOOK: MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE
FALL WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
10:30am
Gospel Choir
Be the Light: Combined Annual Meeting + Worship Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
10:30am
Labor Day Weekend
Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10:30am
Welcome Sunday
What the Bible IS and IS NOT
Genesis 32:22-31; Luke 1:1-4
Welcoming New Members
BBQ Potluck following worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
9:30am
Bless Our Schools Sunday
It’s All About The Story
Prayer Partner Meet-up at 10:30am

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
9:30am
Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning
II Kings 25:1-21

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
9:30am
Marathon Sunday
Reading the Old Testament Through the Eyes of Jesus
Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25
Pastor Ted Nordlund, preaching
Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
9:30am
It’s All About the New Testament
John 1:1-4, 14, Galatians 1:1, 6-9, 2:15-16, 5:13
Gospel Choir

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
9:30am
The Synoptic Gospels & John

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
9:30am
Reformation Sunday
Dr. Morgan, guest preacher
(Executive Director of Union Gospel Mission)
Ministry Highlight: UGM Thanksgiving bags
## WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

### THE NEW FALL SCHEDULE

**Tuesday schedule (begins on September 15):**

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* Our Worship Team rehearsals will alternate between our Intergenerational/Intercultural Teams (eligible for grades 9 through adult), and our Gospel Choir (all ages welcome). If you are interested in participating in either of these groups please contact Brandi Sanders or Richard Voth.

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### WEDNESDAYS EAST SIDE THRIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (1ST-12TH GRADERS)

Starting September 23, 4pm - 5:30pm, **First Covenant Church of Saint Paul**

East Side Thrive After School Program is returning this Fall with lots of new things to offer. This year’s programming includes study hall, junior achievement, arts and crafts, hip-hop dance, and acting/improv workshops. The kids will have the opportunity to sign up for one of the three workshops per semester. There will be a $10 registration fee ($5 for each additional student for families with multiple students), and space is limited, so sign up quickly. If you have any questions contact Leslie X. Sanders, Program Manager at leslie@eastsidethrive.org.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR EAST SIDE THRIVE

Wednesdays starting September 23, 4pm - 5:30pm, **First Covenant Church of Saint Paul**

If you have ever considered how you could give back, please consider serving with the East Side Thrive After Schools Program. It’s an awesome opportunity to connect with families in the church and the greater East Side. We are in need of 25 volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities. If you have any questions or interest in serving, please contact Leslie X. Sanders, Program Manager at leslie@first-covenant.org, for more information.
WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAYS FOR CHILDREN

East Side Thrive (K-12th grade) – after school program
4pm – 5:30pm, Youth Wing
See description on previous page.

Little Big G’s Neighborhood (pre-k)
6pm – 7:30pm, Room 106
Little Big G’s Neighborhood is a place for our pre-k’ers to call their own. In Little Big G’s the kids will hear Bible stories, do arts and crafts, and enjoy time of free play. Little Big G’s will start with an opening of singing and fun in the Graffiti Room. The children need to be checked out from the Game Room at 7:30pm.

Big G’s Neighborhood (grades 1-4)
6pm - 7:30pm, Graffiti Room
Big G’s Neighborhood is a place for our 1st - 4th graders to come together and enjoy being with old friends and meeting new ones. The kids will learn about the Bible and the amazing love that God has for them through stories and crafts.

We begin together with a large group opening with Little Big G’s Neighborhood, in the Graffiti Room, before dividing into smaller (age appropriate) groups for the Bible story or crafts. All the G’s will be dismissed at 7:30pm from the Game Room.

Super G’S (grades 5-6)
6pm - 7:30pm, Room 201
The older we get, the more challenging it can be to “make wise choices” so it is important we have the right tools and great people supporting us along the way. In addition to meeting weekly at church, this group will also be working on building community through service projects during the Fall. Super G’s will begin in Room 201 and be dismissed at 7:30pm from the Game Room.

Nursery Care (birth – 2 years old)
6pm – 7:45pm, Room 105
WEDNESDAYS FOR YOUTH
East Side Thrive (K - 12th grade) – after school program
4pm – 5:30pm, Youth Wing
See description on previous page.

Singin’ in the Rain” (7th – 12th grade) Fall Musical First Rehearsal and Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 16, 6pm – 7:30pm, Lower Fellowship Hall
Subsequent rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings as part of regular programming. Workshops will be offered again during rehearsal times for those students who are unable or not interested in being part of the cast. Auditions will be held on Saturday, Sept 26 at 2pm in the Graffiti Room.

WEDNESDAYS FOR ADULTS
MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Starting on September 16, 9:30 - 11am, Upper Fellowship Hall
Come and enjoy coffee, fellowship, worship, and a study of the Gospel According to John, led by Dick and Barb Johnson.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY
Starting on September 23, 6pm – 7:30pm, Conference Room
Our Executive Pastor, Tom Cameron, will be leading an adult bible study on accountability. For more information please contact Tom at tom@first-covenant.org

JUMP START TO THE NEW YOU
See page 10 for the full description.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
This fall we will are excited to announce an opportunity for Spiritual Direction with Jane Hutchins-Peterson, Certified Spiritual Director with a Masters of Divinity degree from North Park Theological Seminary. Spiritual Direction is a ministry of listening, discernment, and prayer in a confidential setting of encouragement and compassion. For more information contact Jane Hutchins- Peterson at hutchpete@comcast.net.
SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (Begins on September 20)

Children’s Church (pre-k – 2nd grade), Room 104b
Children will worship together through age appropriate biblical teachings, songs, crafts, and other age appropriate activities. Children will meet the Children’s Church leaders in the back of the sanctuary immediately following the offertory; and rejoin their families during the closing song.

Infant Nursery (birth – 2 years old) Toddler Nursery (2 & 3 year olds)
9:15am – 10:30am, Room 105 9:15am – 10:30am, Room 106
Our toddlers will enjoy hearing Bible stories, singing, crafts, and play time.

Sunday School
11am – Noon
Opening - All grades in Room 104a
Pre-k & Kindergarten - Room 106 Grades 1 & 2 - Room 104a
Grades 3 & 4 - Room 104b Grades 5 & 6 - Room 201 (upstairs)

Pre-k - 6th graders will join together for our Sunday School Opening. We will sing songs, learn the memory verse for the month, and watch the lesson video. Each class will then head to their classroom to begin their journey through the New Testament, learning about Jesus and what it means to be part of the Kingdom of God. Parents are encouraged to keep updated on what their children are learning through the use of our interactive Sunday School website. Parents and caregivers can access their child’s curriculum and Sunday School calendar by creating an account at https://sundayschool.sparkhouseonline.org (use the Church ID: Biggsneighborhood). If you have any questions please contact Donovan DeGaetano - donovan@first-covenant.org.

Singin’ in the Rain” (7th – 12th grade) Fall Musical
Sunday, September 20, 11am, Lower Fellowship Hall
Workshops will be offered again during rehearsal times for those students who are unable or not interested in being part of the cast. Auditions will be held on Saturday, Sept 26 at 2pm in the Graffiti Room.
SUNDAYS FOR ADULTS

Adult Spiritual Growth
Beginning on September 20 at 11am, Upper Fellowship Hall
Spiritual Growth Hour on Sunday mornings will focus on the broader Fall theme: A Look at the Book – Making Sense of the Bible. We will be using a six session DVD study by Adam Hamilton based on his thoughtful, informative, and balanced book, “Making Sense of the Bible”.

LifeGroups
This Fall, Life Groups will be incorporated into the Spiritual Growth Hour on Sundays in a different way. The Life Groups will be the discussion groups for the six part DVD series, “Making Sense of the Bible”. There will also be a few specific Life Group challenge activities suggested for the Sundays not scheduled for the DVD series. We encourage Life Groups to meet outside of Spiritual Growth Hour to keep those connections strong. For more information on LifeGroups, contact life-group@first-covenant.org.

LOCAL OUTREACH

EAST SIDE SALVATION ARMY
Each week we continue to collect bags of non-perishable food items to help local families in need. Please place your donations of non-perishable food on the white shelves in the east entry. Did you know there's a faithful team of volunteers who serve a hot meal the last Thursday of every month at the East Side Salvation Army? If you would like to help serve, please contact Jim and Jan Chelgren: james.chelgren@gmail.com.

ALLEY SHOPPE
Alley Shoppe, a ministry of Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, provides free clothing and household items during the school year to eligible families in Ramsey County. Beginning September 13, First Covenant Church will once again partner with the Alley Shoppe by collecting needed items in the large wooden box in the east entry. For more information in donating or receiving: info@ahlc-stp.org.
CALLING DRIVERS!
Drivers make our children and youth ministries GO! Without drivers helping kids get to and from church, youth group, or musical practices many of our children and youth cannot attend. We need you to help out. Volunteers are paired with kids needing rides who reside in their general area. Contact the church office at office@first-covenant.org to sign up for a weekly or substitute spot as a transportation volunteer or sign up at the Welcome Center.

CHURCH EVENT/MEETING REQUESTS
If you are planning to schedule a meeting at church, please contact Judy Kline: judy@first-covenant.org, as far in advance as possible, to ensure room availability and access to the building.

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE
The Governance Transition Task Force has worked through a process to transition First Covenant Church-Saint Paul from a Modified Council model of governance to a Leadership Team model. This model is recommended by the Northwest Conference for its efficient and flexible decision-making process, and because it empowers people to serve where they are most gifted and passionate. A Nominating Committee has sought and recommended the following candidates to be members of the first Leadership Team: Keith Turnquist, Kathy Johnson, Rachel Hanks, Jason Como, Sharla Scullen, Dave Brand, Carolyn Lokensgard-Wallace, Josh Holm, and Manuela Martinez.

CHANGES IN THE MUSICAL SCHEDULE
We are moving back to one musical per year. Now that the musicals are well established, we realize that more spiritual growth time is needed for our children and youth and to ease the hectic pace for all our volunteers. This will allow Richard Voth to devote more time to his role as Minister of Worship & Creative arts, such as directing the Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir, as well as other pastoral roles.

NEW WORSHIP POSITION
We are thankful for the two years Keyla Spahr was with us as Assistant Worship Director. Starting this fall, Brandi Sanders, will be our new Worship Associate, leading the Worship Teams by creating intergenerational teams as well as continuing leading the Gospel Choir.
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
Saturday, August 29, 9am - 12pm, Upper Fellowship Hall
If you have volunteered in the past or would like to volunteer in Children or Youth & Families Ministries this coming year, this includes - Nurseries, Sunday School, Wednesday Nights, Musicals, Children’s Church, and East Side Thrive, you will need to attend a mandatory training. The training will cover policies, procedures, and best practices, as well as other topics vital to these areas. There will be also be a time for area specific training. Light snacks will be served. If you have any questions or are not able to attend the training please contact either Donovan DeGaetano - donovan@first-covenant.org or Pastor Leslie X. Sanders – leslie@first-covenant.org.

FAMILY VALUES FOR LIFE BACK-2-SCHOOL CELEBRATION EVENT  
Wednesday, September 2, 4:30 - 7:30pm, Bruce Vento Elementary School (409 Case Ave, St. Paul)
Family Values For Life (FVFL) is hosting their 5th Annual Back to School Celebration! This event gives students on the East Side of Saint Paul the opportunity to get free school supplies, free haircuts, and gives low income families the opportunity to connect with many community organizations & resources they can use throughout the year. Last year FVFL gave away over 2,000 backpacks, helping over 800 families. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Alfreda Flowers at familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com or call 651-774-6663 for more information or if you are able to help.

FALL CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES AND EAST SIDE THRIVE OPEN HOUSE  
Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 - 7:30pm, First Covenant Church of Saint Paul
Families with children or youth who plan on participating this Fall in Wednesday evening programs - East Side Thrive, and all grade levels of Big G’s Neighborhood, are invited to attend our first Fall Open House. Families will have the opportunity to hear from the leaders of the Wednesday programs. Time will be allotted for parents to fill out and turn in all needed Parent/Guardian Release Forms, and any other program related materials. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Leslie X. Sanders – leslie@first-covenant.org or Donovan DeGaetano - donovan@first-covenant.org.
SEPTEMBER EVENTS

JUMP START TO THE NEW YOU
Fall Registration: September 16, 6 - 7:30pm
Workshops: Wednesdays beginning September 23 through December, 6 – 7:30pm, First Covenant Church of Saint Paul
Family Values For Life Jump Start To The New You program will be combining with East Side Thrive for an Open House on September 16, at 6:00pm. Parents will have an opportunity to register for the free Jump Start workshops at this event. Jump Start to the New You is open to women of all ages. Moms will be able to enjoy free workshops while their children participate in FCC activities. For more information contact Lois Steward at lois.familyvaluesforlife@gmail.com or call 651-774-6663.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays beginning September 17, 9:15 - 11:15am, First Covenant Church of Saint Paul
For men and women; adults will study the bible together while a children's program is offered for newborn through preschool. Please contact Jill Weiss, jillianweiss@yahoo.com, or 651-842-8402 to get more information. It is helpful to register your children and yourself ahead of time, but you can also register on the first day. This year we will be studying the book of Isaiah.

FALL PRAYER PARTNER MEET UP
September 20, 10:35 – 11:05am, Lower Fellowship Hall
Prayer Partners and Students, please save this date. We will be celebrating our prayer partner relationships after the morning service. All current 7th-12th graders are matched with caring adults who pray for them on a regular basis. This morning is YOUR chance to connect with one another, share about your life and build on this significant relationship. If you have further questions, contact Margaret Blum or Jan Mollet.

BLESS OUR SCHOOLS SUNDAY
September 20
We will be celebrating the 6th annual Bless Our Schools Sunday on September 20th during the morning worship service. This special time of prayer will be for all educators (teachers, administrators, staff, school board members, etc.) and students in our congregation, sponsored by Moms in Prayer Ministry Int'l. Moms in Prayer in an interdenominational, Christ-centered prayer ministry of women who pray together for one hour each week for their children and schools. More information is available on the Moms in Prayer web site: www.momsinprayer.org. For more information, contact Margaret Blum at hermarblum7@aol.com.
SEPTEMBER EVENTS

FLU SHOTS AT FCC
Wednesday, September 23, 4pm – 8pm, Upper Fellowship Hall
Walgreens pharmacy will be offering flu shots at FCC. These shots are fully covered by most health insurance plans. If you are not covered, the cost is $25.

COVENANT PINES 2015 FALL TWIN CITIES COVENANT WOMEN’S RETREAT
September 25 – 27, Covenant Pines Bible Camp, McGregor, MN
Designed by women and for women to strengthen relationships and encounter deeper levels of God's love. Featured speaker is Christi Pease, Director of Women Ministries for the NW Conference. Have fun on giant swing, climbing tower, an afternoon tea, Pinterest crafts, massages, Saturday night 80s party, powerful worship and meaningful messages. Registration materials and car pool opportunities coming soon. Register online now at www.covenantpines.org. or sign up at the Welcome Center. Car-pooling is available. Cost: standard $119, deluxe $147, premium $165. Receive $25 off when you sign up at the Welcome Center. Contact Lynn Gilmore at 651-770-1536 with questions.

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN
Fridays, 9:30 – 11am, September 18 to November 20 (no class on Oct 9 or 16), Conference Room
Study book and weekly DVD sessions with shared discussion: The Friends of Jesus by Karen Kingsbury, an award winning novelist. Search Scripture to mark how God is working in your relationships with others as you find true life ‘in Christ’. Bring your Bible. Study books $14 —partial or full scholarship available. Contact Lynn Gilmore at 651-770-1536 with questions.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
1st Saturday of every month, 8am - 9:30am, beginning September 5, Upper Fellowship Hall
Men, rise up early and be encouraged by other men! All men (young and old) are invited to gather with us monthly for our Men's Prayer Breakfast. In this gathering, we will share a meal, study a text from the bible, and pray for each other. If you'd like more information, please contact Aaron Bryant at thebryants2@gmail.com
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OCTOBER EVENTS

CONFIRMATION PUMPKIN-A-LOOZA
Friday, October 2, 7pm – 9pm, Pastor Anne + Gordy’s (1108 Hyacinth Ave. E)
Join us for our annual fall confirmation gathering. The great pumpkin drop returns, along with a bonfire, mini pumpkin carving, games, treats and more. This will be a time for all of the confirmation students to fellowship outside of the classroom. You won’t want to miss it. If you plan on attending this event, RSVP by September 30 to Pastor Leslie X. Sanders at leslie@first-covenant.org.

TEAM WORLD VISION and the TWIN CITIES MARATHON
Sunday, October 4 is Race Day! Marathon training is in full swing for Team World Vision as our 16 runners prepare to run the 2015 Twin Cities Marathon. $50 brings clean water to one child for life. How many children can our church impact as we prayerfully support this mission? Go to the church website and click on the TWV slide, or contact Charissa Pederson at crypederson@gmail.com for more information.

MEA RETREATS FOR YOUTH
This year we are focusing our special events energy on the annual MEA Retreat to Covenant Pines! Staggered throughout MEA, this is a great time to break away, reconnect with God and grow in friendships. More details are coming your way soon – including information on payment. Check out www.covenantpines.org until then.
Junior High (7th-8th graders): October 14 - 16
Senior High (9th-12th graders): October 16 -18

UNION GOSPEL MISSION THANKSGIVING GROCERY BAGS
Sunday, Oct 25 (bag distribution), Sunday, Nov 8 (bag collection)
We will be providing Union Gospel Mission grocery bags and food lists for you to fill with all the fixings (except the turkey) for a Thanksgiving meal, distributed through the Union Gospel Mission. Dr. Charles P. Morgan, Executive Director at the Union Gospel Mission will be preaching and teaching on October 25 as we kick off this annual collection.
PRAYER MINISTRIES

Prayer provides the foundation for living out God's love at First Covenant Church of St. Paul. There are many opportunities to support the ministries of the church including prayer teams for:

• **FCC MINISTRY TEAM AND STAFF.** Participants commit to pray for members of FCC Team and Staff for one year, on a specific day each week. Information is forwarded weekly to the prayer team. Contact: Judy Kline - judy@first-covenant.org.

• **PASTOR ANNE.** Participants commit to pray for Pastor Anne for one year, one specific day each week. Information is forwarded weekly to the prayer team. Contact: Beth Norris – beth.norris@comcast.net.

• **FCC LEADERSHIP TEAM.** Participants commit to pray for the Leadership team for one year, on a specific day each week. Information is forwarded monthly to the prayer team. Contact: Rachel Hanks - rjhanks11@mmm.com

• **FARNSWORTH AEROSPACE AND JOHNSON HS MUSICAL PARTNERSHIPS/SUMMER CAMPS (HERO TRAINING CAMP, & EVERY KID TO CAMP).** Participants commit to pray for events for one year, on a specific day each week. Information is forwarded as events occur to the prayer team. Contact: Lynn Gilmore - gilmork@msn.com.

• **FCC CHILDREN + FAMILY MINISTRY - DONOVAN AND CHILDREN’S MENTORS.** Participants commit to pray for Donovan and Children’s Mentors for one year, on a specific day each week. Information is forwarded monthly to the prayer team. Contact: Donovan DeGaetano - donovan@first-covenant.org.

• **FCC YOUTH + FAMILY MINISTRY - KATE, LESLIE, INTERNS AND YOUTH MENTORS.** Participants commit to pray for Kate, Leslie, Interns and Youth Mentors for one year, on a specific day each week. Information is forwarded monthly to the prayer team. Contact: Pastor Leslie X. Sanders at leslie@first-covenant.org.

• **PRAYER PARTNERS FOR YOUTH.** Each of our 7th -12th graders (plus first year high school graduates) is paired with an adult who is committed to praying for them regularly. If you are interested in being a prayer partner. Contact Margaret Blum - hermarblum7@aol.com or Jan Mollet - rjmollet@gmail.com.
PRAYER MINISTRIES

• ROOTS COVENANT CHURCH - PASTOR TOUGER AND MYKOU THAO. Participants commit to pray for Roots Covenant Church and Pastor Touger and Mykou Thao for one year, on a specific day each week. Information is forwarded monthly to the prayer team. Contact: Margaret Blum - hermarblum7@aol.com.

• PRAYER CHAPEL MINISTRY. A prayer time of health and wholeness is offered in the Prayer Chapel following Sunday morning services. Serving on the team are 10 individuals (two each Sunday), who meet and pray with those who come for prayer. Contact: Rachel Hanks - rjhanks11@mmm.com.

• ADOPT-A-COP. Participants are paired with Saint Paul Police officers, and commit to praying for them daily and offering support through a note of encouragement to their officer four times a year. Contact: Jan Mollet – rjmollet@gmail.com or 651-329-1221.

TO SHARE A PRAYER REQUEST FOR YOURSELF, FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND:
1. Write your prayer thanksgiving or request on the connect card in the weekly bulletin and place it in the offering plate or "prayer" mailbox in the church office. OR
2. Write your prayer thanksgiving or request on a prayer card from the slot on the prayer bulletin board by the coat racks and place it in the offering plate or "prayer " mailbox in the church office. OR
3. Write your prayer thanksgiving or request on a card provided in the Prayer Chapel and put it in the box on the table. OR
4. Call the church office during office hours with your prayer request (651-774-0344) or e-mail it to Judy Kline: judy@first-covenant.org.

Make sure you include your name and contact information and indicate if you would like the request to be shared only with the Ministry Team or if you would also like it to be on the Prayer Line. Every Tuesday morning the Ministry Team spends time praying for the needs of First Covenant Church, including the shared prayer requests. To listen to the requests on the prayer line, call 651-772-9212.

TO RECEIVE PRAYER REQUESTS SO THAT YOU CAN JOIN IN PRAYER:
1. Call the prayer line (651-772-9212). Thanks to Sharla Scullen, this prayer line is updated weekly. OR
2. Pick up a weekly prayer request flyer listing the shared prayer needs (located on the prayer bulletin board by the coat racks).
Musicals with our partner schools Farnsworth Aerospace and Johnson High School:

**SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN (7th – 12th grade) Fall Musical**
- Friday December 4 at 7pm
- Saturday December 5 at 6pm
- Sunday December 6 at 10:30 am
- Performances held at Johnson High School Auditorium, 1349 Arcade Street

**EARLY REGISTRATION for Covenant Women TRIENNIAL XV Opens October 2015**
- July 28-31, 2016, Kansas City, MO
- Gathering Women from around the World to recharge, refresh, renew. Come a day early for scheduled tour opportunities. Registration materials will be available this Fall.
Many voices celebrating our new life in Christ, living out our mission through intergenerational and intercultural values:

**Authentic Discipleship**
Connecting God’s people to God’s Word, one another, and the world, so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we further the kinship of God.

**Commitment to Children, Youth and Families**
Inspiring children, youth and families to belong, believe and become lifelong followers of Christ.

**Community Transformation**
Building bridges with key partners and cultures to bring about spiritual, physical, emotional and economic well-being.

**Genuine Reconciling Relationships**
Loving each other as God loves us, living into the truth that in Christ all are reconciled.

**Missional Outlook**
Continuing our legacy as mission friends and mobilizing people to serve locally and globally.

**Vibrant Worship**
Rich in many traditions and creativity, gathering for life-giving worship that brings glory to God.

**Living Our Mission**

- **Grace**
  - Receive God’s free gift of forgiveness, mercy and love.
  - Live in the reality of grace.
  - Share this gift with others.

- **Growth**
  - Integrate key spiritual practices into daily living.

- **Gathering**
  - Gather with the many voices of First Covenant Church to worship vibrantly as one body.
  - Gather regularly in Life Groups to experience what it means to be known and to know others, in the truth and grace of authentic community.
  - Gather for special events that allow us to “celebrate our new life in Christ”.
  - The church family caring for one another in time of need.

- **Gifts**
  - Discover and develop gifts, talents, abilities, and passions and use them to serve God and the world around us.

- **Generous Living**
  - Discover what it means to live with freedom and generosity by trusting God with our spiritual and financial gifts, talents and passions.
  - Invest these resources in the strategic mission of the church, locally and globally.

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