

COVENANT CHRONICLE

A NEWSLETTER FOR COVENANT CHURCH PCA OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

Pastor's Note

Paul Sagan



At the May meeting of Covenant Presbytery in Memphis, I was asked to take the lead in developing a PCA Church in Ft. Smith. Based on contact information given me by our Mission to North America (MNA) office in Atlanta, and Tim Reed, Covenant presbytery MNA chairman, I was introduced to Reverend John Clayton, a long-time resident of Ft. Smith and associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Ft. Smith. To make a long story short, John desires to come into the PCA as a church planter. He must be thoroughly examined by presbytery before that can happen. In the meantime, our Session is convinced enough of his calling, gifts, and Reformed theological conviction to go ahead and employ John to begin developing a Bible study and relationships leading to a new church work under the oversight of Covenant's session. John will raise his own support and come under the authority of our Session until he is affirmed by Covenant presbytery as a church planter; at which time, we will spin the Ft. Smith work off as an independent mission under the oversight of Covenant Presbytery. Be in prayer for John, his wife Sydney, and their three children, as they transition into our Covenant family. Also be in prayer for this exciting opportunity to establish a strong PCA congregation in the River Valley.

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*Our purpose is to glorify God by
loving Him and loving people.*

Deacons Meeting Report

RE John Redwine gave an informational class on the operation of the automated external defibrillator (AED) that is located in the sanctuary.

The deacons are looking into a basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class for interested parties.

TE Paul Sagan shared that St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church are feeding folks for free if that will help with any benevolence case.

There was general discussion about continued support for Loving Choices, vehicle maintenance, research of on-line donations via the webpage, and church organ search.

Session Report

The following are the significant actions of the Session:

In response to Covenant Presbytery's request that TE Sagan head efforts to establish a church plant in Fort Smith, AR, the Session affirmed the call of John Clayton as an assistant to the pastor in a satellite ministry of Covenant Church in Ft. Smith under the oversight of Covenant Presbyterian Church of NWA, INC., with the goal of planting a PCA church in Fort Smith. Support for the effort will be raised by John Clayton. Mr. Clayton will continue this relationship until he is assessed and licensed by the PCA.

After a review of church finances with treasurer Glen Carte, the Session decided to request a donation of \$50 per child per month for participation in the classes offered by the educational ministry. Some scholarships will be available. At the end of October 2012 if the general fund of CPC of NWA, INC is not above its current level, the educational Program will be ended.

The Session met with U of A campus RUF minister Trey Bundrick and discussed ministry plans and how Covenant Church can help in that vital ministry. The Session discussed an informal survey of various job experience levels within church members as a possible resource for assistance with career counseling efforts among university students in the future.

The Session asked Dennis L. Smith, Branch Manager of LPL Financial to set up a new account for the church for the purpose of receiving gifts of stock and securities.



Sunny Summer Saturday Shower

Who: The Ladies of Covenant Church



What: A celebration of Anna Sagan's upcoming marriage to Andrew Pennington

When: August 18th, 10:00AM



Where: The home of Susan Chewing
3400 Diana Street
Springdale, AR 72764

(Anna is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond; Pottery Barn; and Crate & Barrel)



Financial Summary

General Fund	JAN-JUNE
Non Designated Giving	\$115,957.71
Designated Giving	\$ 11,063.21
Total Giving	\$127,020.92
Total Expenditures	\$144,393.89
Balance	(\$17,372.97)

Faith Promise Fund for World Missions	MAR-JUNE
Giving	\$18,988.42
Expenses	\$22,111.70
Balance	(\$ 3,123.28)

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