

# COVENANT CHRONICLE

## A NEWSLETTER FOR COVENANT CHURCH PCA OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

### Pastor's Note

Dr. Paul Sagan

This issue of the Covenant Chronicle is devoted to Missions. Jesus gave two great commandments to the church. The first is to love God and to love people completely:

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

(Mat 22:36-40 ESV)

The second is:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Mat 28:19-1:1 ESV)

We are called by Christ to demonstrate and share the gospel in the course of our daily lives. One of the ways we do that is by supporting local and foreign missions. We do that by Faith Promise giving. A Faith Promise gift is giving that is dedicated strictly for missions beyond the local church. It is a commitment to give above and beyond our usual giving as the Lord provides. Our missions budget is completely separate from our regular budget and runs on a completely different calendar – from March to March. Be praying now, for what the Lord would have you commit sacrificially for the cause of world and local missions through Covenant Church.

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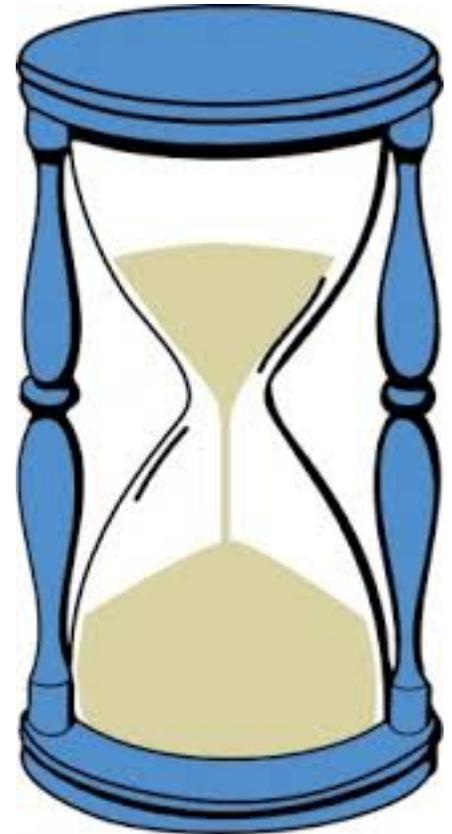
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*Our purpose is to glorify God by  
loving Him and loving people.*

## Conference Theme

Lee Mekkes

The theme for the 2015 Mission Conference is **“Before it’s too Late!”** A short video will be used to promote this year’s Mission Conference and its theme. This video presents the call to be involved in missions in a most effective manner. The video will be shown before the worship services at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.



### **“Before it’s too Late”**

February 1-8, 2015

“...Now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.”

II Corinthians 6: 2b

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## Wednesday Night Mission Movie

Lee Mekkes

During the week of the 2015 Mission Conference, another **Wednesday Night Mission Movie** is scheduled. This is a movie for the whole family that will start at 6:30 PM. The movie scheduled for this year’s Mission Conference is entitled, “Restoration.”

“Restoration” is a documentary about the Messianic Jews in Israel and the persecution they endure for following Yeshua the Messiah. The movie tells the story of the attack on a Jewish believing pastor and family, by a “somewhat crazy” Ultra Orthodox Jew. The news obviously went out on Israeli national

TV, and the messianic pastor had a great opportunity to give his testimony to all Israel! The movie contains real footage from the incident and moving interviews with the family. It gives us insight into Jewish Christian/Messianic life in Israel and the persecution faced by believers from the Ultra Orthodox.

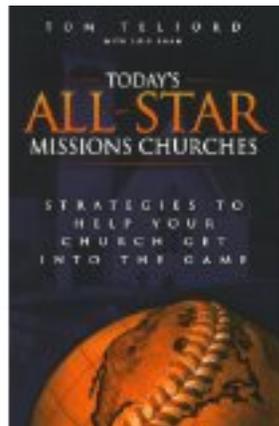
Recently the movie won the Grand Prize in the Monaco Film Festival for Best Feature Documentary. It was produced by Brad Kim, a Korean Film Producer.

## Speakers

Lee Mekkes

The Mission Committee has announced the main speakers for the 2015 Mission Conference. The keynote speaker, on Sunday, February 1, will be Stephen Atkinson, CWI - North America, and the speaker for the February 6-8 weekend will be Tom Telford.

Tom Telford is a former baseball umpire turned missions consultant, who calls things as he sees them. He was born and raised in the family of a



pastor and well-known evangelist. Becoming a Christian later in life, Tom was constrained by the biblical mandate to take the gospel to the whole world. Tom is self-educated in missions and has invested his adult life in helping churches maximize their potential for world evangelization.

Tom was Missions Chairman for 10 years at Berachah Church in Cheltenham, PA, and Missions Director for five years at Cheltenham Baptist Church in Dresher, PA.

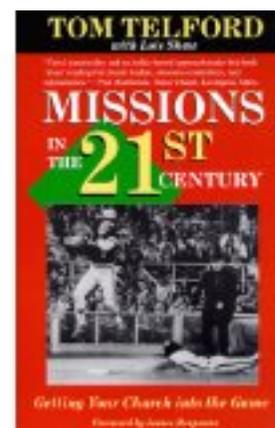
Mr. Telford is currently Vice President of Mobilization for United World Mission. Prior to that he served 15 years with ACOM (Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment) as North Northeast Regional Director and Supervisor of Regional Ministries. With ACOM Tom inspired, challenged, and trained hundreds of churches in strengthening their commitment and approach to missions. Essentially, that is what he continues to do through UWM.

Tom is a sought-after missions speaker and consultant for churches throughout the eastern United States. He has lectured on world missions and the local church at Seminary of the East, Philadelphia Biblical University, Westminster Seminary and Columbia International University. He is a regular lecturer in the course, "Perspectives on the World Christian Movement."

Tom has authored two books on missions: *Missions in the 21st Century*, and *Today's All-Star Missions Churches*. In these books, he highlights churches throughout the country that have developed excellent missions programs using the particular gifts and abilities of their members.

Tom has crisscrossed the United States researching the best ways to do and support missions. In his books he shows how real churches of any size have a potential for global impact. His books answer these questions:

- What are the best missions churches in America?
- Why are their missions programs so effective?
- How can we learn from them?



## Global Missions Reports

Lee Mekkes

Small “break-out” sessions will again be part of the 2015 Mission Conference. There will be five different sessions with three venues, starting on Friday evening, and continuing on Saturday morning (February 6-7). These sessions will provide information on unique missionary activities around the world. Attending both Friday evening and Saturday morning will enable you to hear all five presentations.

An overview of the presentations include:

- Missions in Costa Rica--the most popular destination in Central America

- Church with a Mission--a small local church and their focus on an unreached people group
- Missions in Uganda--the impact of Ebola and terrorism on missions in Africa
- Mission to Internationals--reaching international students at the U of A

Presenters will include missionaries supported by Covenant Church and others involved in missions.

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## Faith Promise

The number of missionaries that our church will plan to support in 2015, and the level of that support, will be determined by the amount on the FAITH-PROMISE forms collected during the 2015 Mission Conference.

The FAITH-PROMISE system of missionary support is widely used among the “All-Star Missions Churches” mentioned in the books written by Tom Telford, one of our Mission Conference main speakers.

Unfortunately, last year the Mission Committee had to reduce our mission support because there were not enough FAITH-PROMISE dollars to maintain the level of mission support of the previous year. The Mission Committee is asking you to pray how you can support the FAITH-PROMISE in 2015.

## Luncheon

On Saturday, February 7, after the morning sessions, Chairman of the Mission Committee, Nathan Jarvis is again planning an **International Luncheon** with our missionary guests and mission conference attendees. Utilizing his food science education and experience, this popular event will include foods from around the world.



## CWI Travel Schedule

Our Assistant Pastor Stephen Atkinson will be speaking on behalf of Christian Witness to Israel in the following churches.

(Please pray)

25th Jan – Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Mebane, North Carolina

28th Jan – 1st Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina

1st-8th Feb – Covenant Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas (Our Missions Conference)

11th Feb – Main St Presbyterian, Columbus, Mississippi

15th Feb (pm) – 2nd Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi

## Financial Reports

Dennis L. Smith

<b>Missions</b>			
<b>April through December 2014</b>			
	3 Quarters	Per Quarter	Per Month
Actual	\$ 37,641.00	\$ 12,547.00	\$ 4,182.00
Budget	\$ 39,150.00	\$ 13,150.00	\$ 4,350.00
Over/Under	(\$ 1,509.00)	(\$603.00)	(\$168.00)

Last year expenses for the conference were \$3,661.00, which were in addition to disbursements for individual supported missionaries.

<b>Church Operations</b>		
<b>January through December 2014</b>		
	Tithes/Offerings	Total Expenses
Actual	\$ 250,031.93	\$ 238,580.75
Budget	\$ 251,501.00	\$ 251,501.00
Over/Under	(\$ 1,469.07)	(\$ 12,920.25)

In 2014 Covenant Church also received designated contributions of \$1,998.89 to benevolence, \$11,129.71 to the building fund, \$2,460 to the education ministry, and \$10,380.80 to other designated funds. Of course, designated funds are not budgeted because they are unanticipated gifts given to the church for specific purposes.

## Announcements

**New Members Class:** There will be a new members class on Sunday, January 25 at 3:00 PM.

**Soup/Chili Cook-off:** Our Annual Soup/Chili Cook-off will be held Sunday evening, January 25, at 5:00 PM. Bring your favorite chili or soup, and hear the Session's plans for Covenant for the coming year. There is a sign-up poster in the hall.



**All Singers:** Choir rehearsals for the February 1-8, 2015, Mission Conference will continue this Sunday, January 18, after the 11:00 AM worship service.

**Leadership Training:** Pastor Sagan will begin teaching a Leadership Training Class during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 AM) on January 25.



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