

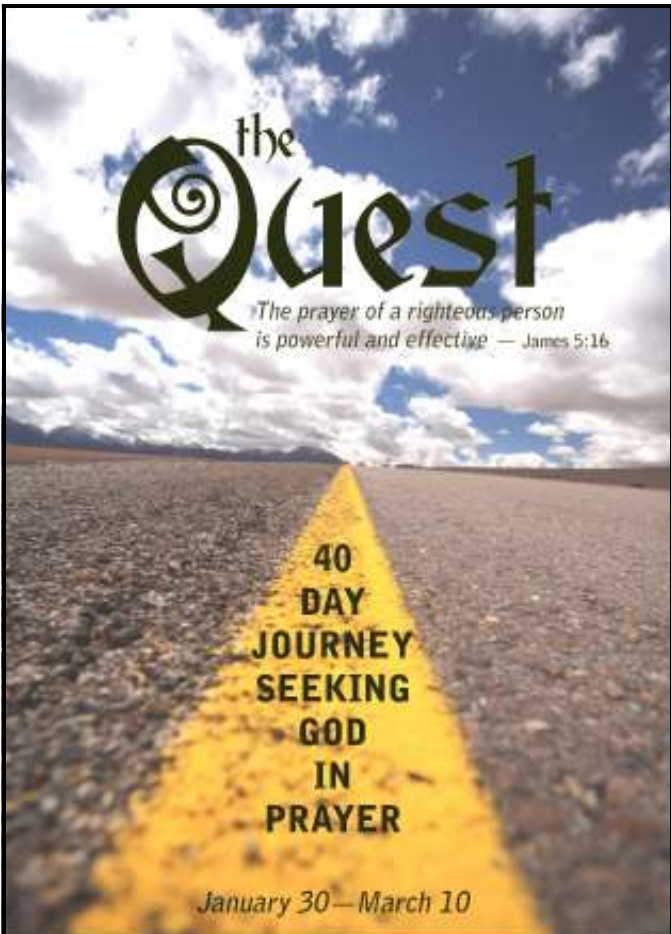


Shalom Zone

January 2011

For those in our community needing rest from their world and seeking shalom, we offer sanctuary – a place of refuge, restoration and rebirth*

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the Quest goals:

- Everybody praying on a daily basis
- A church prayer/group emphasis every day of the week -- this could be a prayer group, prayer partners, prayer walk, or **even prayer messaging...**
- Special Prayer Opps -- creative prayer opportunities, i.e. praying with a **neighbor, friend or even your waitress...**

Be sure to pick up your Quest 40 Day Prayer Journal



January 30th
12:30 pm

Bring a pot of your favorite chili and set up your booth and we will vote for the BEST Chili and the BEST Booth!

Prizes for 1st Place!

After the voting you may purchase a bowl of chili for a suggested donation of \$5.00
(max. \$15.00/family)

Proceeds will go towards the Open Door Drop-In Meal Ministry

Invite a friend to join the fun!



*shalom – “the way things ought to be”



Deep -or not - Thoughts

Greetings in the Name of
the Risen Lord Jesus!

Well...can I hear a "Praise the Lord" or an "Amen"? God is so very faithful and has indeed blessed New Covenant once again and we are going forward into this new year in victory and celebration! The good Lord has made it possible to finalize our budget for the year, *and* to stay put where we are...a location that has served us well in the past three years. We are so very grateful for our new partnership with West Side Baptist Church and their willingness to share space with them. Even **though we won't be sharing space, I'm excited to see how it will look to do some shared ministry with these wonderful folk.**

As we go into the new year I am excited about what God is going to do among us and with us. Prayer needs to be a major focus to us in the coming year and we are meeting this head-on with *The Quest— a 40 Day Journey Seeking God in Prayer*. I hope that you are blessed by this sermon series, but it is more than just a sermon series...it is YOU seeking GOD and growing in your spiritual life as you pray and get into the Word. Be sure to pick up your prayer journals! There are prayer journals for the children, too, so you can grow in your prayer life together as a family.

As you pray, I encourage you to remember Ephesians 3:20-21:

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

I'll be praying for God to surprise me by doing more than I could ever imagine or ask for! Will you please join me in that prayer? Together we will give God the glory for what he will accomplish.

If you have yet to get involved with New Covenant, I invite you to consider doing so. Everyone is welcome here and you will find our church family loving and accepting and easy to connect with. You will also experience worship that connects you with the Almighty God, your Savior, Jesus Christ. If you have questions about the church, God, or what it means to be a Christ-follower, I would love to sit and talk to you about it. Call me! Hope to see you soon!

Shalom,

Pastor Cathy

Grocery Relief STRETCH your grocery dollar!

- Bread of Life - Signature box for \$31 - Balanced nutrition and variety, with enough food to feed a family of 4 for a week.
- **Bit O' Blessing box for \$21** - Smaller box of assorted food for a smaller budget.
- Bountiful Blessing box for \$41 - Larger assortment for bigger families or to last longer.
- Fast and Flavorful Cuisine Convenience meals for \$28 - 10 nutritionally balanced, fully cooked meals developed with the dietary needs of senior citizens in mind.
- Allergen-free box - processed to eliminate the 8 top serious allergens, usually includes 5 lbs of meat.
- Seafood box - 6 lbs premium seafood
- After School Boxes - assortments of child-friendly items (protein or fruit emphasis)
- Specials - price and items vary. Boxes with steaks, chicken, pork, or fresh fruit and vegetables. (Fruit & Veggie box is always \$23.)

See www.newcovumc.org for details and order form – items change monthly. *Cash and Food Stamp EBT accepted. To order online using a credit or debit card (\$2.00 fee per order) go to: <http://tinyurl.com/groceryrelief>*

Pick-Up is usually the 4th Saturday of the month from 9:00 - 10:30 am.

Call Nancy @
316-265-7061
for more info

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MINISTRIES



The Cupboard

a food ministry of New Covenant UMC

Open to the public Monday - Thursday
Hours vary -- please ring door bell

Items are always needed to stock The Cupboard -- especially protein rich items and ones that can make together a meal.



There are many ways to get involved in outreach to our community as well as ways to help within the church. Please pray how God would have you be involved!

United Methodist Open Door Drop-In Center

Each month, on the second Tuesday, we serve lunch at the Drop-in Center. Volunteers are always needed to help fix the lunch and to serve it. Special offerings are taken to offset the expense. You may give to this ministry by **marking your offering envelope "Drop-in."** If you would like to serve, please contact Carol A.

Franklin Elementary

We are proud to partner with our local school! We are collecting new or gently used socks, **underwear, jeans and sweats in boys' and girls' sizes.** Place in box in the Welcome Center. We also are collecting Box Tops for Education.

YFC Teen Parents

We provide dinner on the fourth Tuesday of every month. If you would like to provide supper please sign up in the Welcome Center. Diapers are always needed for the teen moms.

Grocery Relief

Many volunteers are needed! Especially needed are strong backs to load and unload the trucks. Some of the jobs do not require heavy lifting. To volunteer, contact Nancy Reeves at 265-7061.

Data Entry

We always need a computer-savvy person to do some data entry as well as other minor computer-based projects. If this is you, please talk to Pastor Cathy.

Transportation

There is often a need for rides for several children and adults in order for them to come to church on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Contact Pastor Cathy if you can serve in this way.



Let's Get the Building Spruced Up!

**February 5
9:00 am**

The trustees are needing your help to clean and de-junk the building. There will be something for everybody to do! Thanks!

Shalom Initiative—urban partnership of New Covenant UMC

שְׁלוֹם shalom: [shaa lóm]
hello, goodbye; peace; completeness, contentment, soundness, wholeness, health, welfare, safety, prosperity, rest, harmony, rest safety, tranquility; the absence of agitation and discord

"the way things ought to be" ~ Cornelius Plantinga

Shalom – it is what we all are burning for deep down inside, for things to be the way they ought to be, for the world to be the way that God created it to be in the first place. As we participate in Kingdom service we are actually working towards shalom. Every time we work with the Holy Spirit to help reconcile people to God, and they in turn experience **God's transforming work in them and affect the world around them,** shalom is established in that little corner of the world and the Kingdom of Heaven continues to be ushered in.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Luke 10:2).

This is true everywhere, but is especially true in the urban centers where life in general is more challenging, and thus so is ministry.

The leadership at New Covenant believes that partnerships between urban and suburban churches and organizations can go a far way in meeting these challenges that are specific to the urban community. Many times the suburban church has resources that the urban church is lacking, including people and financial resources. There are people who have a real heart for the poor and underprivileged and would love the opportunity to reach out, perhaps in a way that is not available in their home church setting.

This is what the Shalom Initiative is all about ... partnering for the Kingdom. New Covenant is taking **applications for missionaries...those who will commit to just one year serving in their God-given capacity at New Covenant, immersing themselves into the life of the church and the community.** After the year is up, missionaries are released to go back to their home churches. If becoming a missionary is more of a commitment than one can give at this point, there are ways to get involved as sponsors and donors as well. Missionaries to work with children and youth are high priority, however there are many other areas in which to serve including discipleship/leadership development, graphic design, and Life Support (literacy, addiction/recovery support, parenting, ESL, etc.)

If you would like to know more about partnering with this urban church, please contact Pastor Cathy Holley at 316-943-1884 or pastor@newcovumc.org. Cathy would be glad to also talk to mission boards and other small groups within the church. Together we can make a difference for the Kingdom! Shalom.



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Refill with Word and Prayer
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Faith Lessons: The Promised Land
Filmed on location in Israel, Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance by weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts. These illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life. Led by Pastor Cathy. You can start in at any time! *Nursery available—please call ahead.*

Adult Sunday School

Sundays @ 10:00 am
The Book of Hebrews
Teacher: Jesse Berlin



Children's Sunday School YBIG

Young Believers in God

God and Me

Through games and other fun activities children will realize that God is in every part of their lives, to know that Jesus is their best friend, and to memorize the Lord's Prayer.



Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm

The YFC Teen Parents ministry connects trained adults with pregnant girls and teenage parents in programs designed to help them make good choices and establish a solid foundation. If you are a teen parent or know one, please contact Teen Parent Director, Pam Lehmer, at 316-771-7961 or pam@yfcwichita.org for more information.