

# The Covenanter

## Silverhill Covenant Church

“To work for God, God’s people, and to win souls for His Kingdom”

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### Letter from the Pastor

Although the first day of Spring (the vernal equinox in which day and night are equal) occurred on March 20, we most often associate Spring with the month of April. April is the month of new life and new growth in which everything turns green. On the church calendar, it is Easter time. The time we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. A living Savior. Walter B. Knight wrote:

*“When Michelangelo visited several great art galleries in European cities, he was deeply impressed by the preponderance of paintings depicting Christ hanging on the cross. He asked, ‘why are art galleries filled with so many pictures of Christ upon the cross – Christ dying? Why do artists concentrate upon that passing episode, as if that were the last word and the final scene? Christ’s dying on the cross lasted for only a few hours. But to the end of unending eternity. Christ is alive! Christ rules and reigns and triumphs!’”*

The glory and triumph of the resurrection far exceeds his suffering and death. In fact, the day Christ arose was death to death, in that all may now partake of the eternal life that came through Him. Death has no power over us any more.

This month will also bring the preaching of the good news of Christ’s death and resurrection to the Mobile Civic Center. The Franklin Graham Festival will be held the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pray that many who are dead in trespasses and sins will be made alive by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for a resurrection from the dead.



## April 2006

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### FRANKLIN GRAHAM FESTIVAL

#### Festival Dates

Friday - April 21 Franklin Graham Festival  
7-9 pm

Mobile Civic Center

401 Civic Center Drive, Mobile

Saturday - April 22 Noon KidzFest 2006  
10-12 noon

Mobile Civic Center

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Festival  
7-9 pm

Mobile Civic Center

Sunday - April 23 Franklin Graham  
Festival  
4-6 pm

Mobile Civic Center

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### USE YOUR MIND

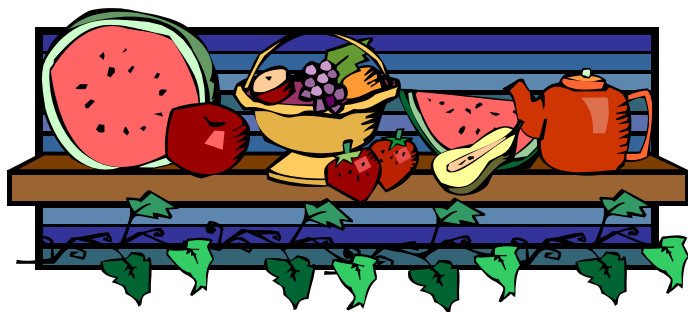
We should know that a good sermon will be rich in biblical truth and practical application; but can the same be said of our expectations of sung worship? Do we engage our minds in the same way to ponder the truths of God’s Word and apply them with faithful Kingdom values? Today’s **WORSHIP QUOTE** is from a great book by Donald Hustad and addresses the idea of using our minds when we sing (and when we listen to others sing).

“Many American churchgoers seem to expect to use the MIND in worship, but only during the sermon. It’s at that point that typical pew-occupiers open their textbook (the Bible), get their pencils ready (to take notes), and put their brains in gear. You can almost

sense the idea being passed from mind to mind, 'Now action really begins!'

Church music, too, should be heard WITH THE MIND. A hymn, a solo, an anthem, or a cantata is first of all a theological concept expressed in words. Consequently, musical worship should involve and transform the mind, as well as the body and the emotions. Further, the worshiper should hear the music with the expectation of understanding it. It is staggering to contemplate the possibility that (worshipers) sing hymns in church with little thought that the words should have intellectual meaning for them."

-Chip Stam, Director,  
Institute for Christian Worship  
School of Church Music & Worship  
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Louisville, Kentucky



## Recipes of the Month

### Bubble 'N' Squeak

- ½ medium head cabbage, sliced
- 3 slices bacon, diced
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 c. cubed cooked ham
- 1 T. butter
- 3 c. potatoes - baked, cooked and thinly sliced
- 1/3 t. paprika

In a medium saucepan, cook cabbage in a small amount of water for about 5 minutes, or until tender. Drain and set aside.

In a well seasoned cast iron skillet, cook bacon and onion until onion is soft and bacon is cooked. Add ham, and cook until heated through. Add butter, then mix in the cooked cabbage and potatoes. Season with paprika, salt and pepper. Cook until browned on bottom, turn and brown again.

### Coconut Custard Pie

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| 4 eggs               | 1 c. flaked coconut     |
| ½ c. white sugar     | 1 9 inch pie shell      |
| 1 t. vanilla extract | ¼ c. packed brown sugar |
| ¼ t. salt            | 2 T. butter, softened   |
| 2 ½ c. milk          |                         |

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Beat eggs slightly, stir in white sugar, salt and vanilla. Gradually stir in milk. Add ½ c. coconut to filling and reserve remaining ½ c. for the top. Pour filling into pie shell. Bake at 400 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes, or until knife inserted

into center of pie comes out clean. Cool pie completely. Before serving, mix ½ cup coconut with butter and brown sugar. Sprinkle on top of pie. Broil, about 3 or 4 inches away from heat for 2 to 4 minutes.



## APRONS

I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

## Broken Things

God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to yield rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It was the broken alabaster box that gave forth perfume...and it was Peter, weeping bitterly, who returned to greater power than ever.

- Vance Havner

