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SCAN ME

College and Young Adult
**SUMMER
POOL PARTY!**
at the Totushek's house (Sykesville)
AUGUST 9th 3-8pm
Dinner is provided but bring a side dish,
dessert, or drink to share

Register Here

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25
SHOTGUN START AT
8AM**
**GOLF
OUTING**

Awards Luncheon
Great Prizes
including
Ravens Tickets

Entry Fee: \$85

NEW COURSE! WESTMINSTER NATIONAL

REGISTER HERE

Contact Jim Beachley
jimbeachley@gmail.com or
410-340-3172

**Youth Group
Meteor Shower All-Nighter**

August 14th-15th, 2026
Arrive at 7:00pm
@Covenant of Grace

S'mores and Breakfast Provided

REGISTER HERE

Sunday Morning Christian Education

Children

9:15am The Righteous Shall Live by Faith -Fellowship Hall

10:30am Rainbow Room-Nursery - infant-age 3

Kids worship during sermon in Room #6- age 3-2nd grade

Adults

9:15am The Righteous Shall Live by Faith -Fellowship Hall

10:10am Prayer Meeting in the Church Office

GIVING
SECURELY GIVE ONLINE OR VIA
SANCTUARY GIVING BOXES

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August 2, 2026



Covenant of Grace PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:15am Christian Education

*Coffee and Tea available in the Welcome Center between
Christian Education and Worship

10:30am Worship Service

Connect with Us

Covenant of Grace - church office

410-833-2160 office@cogpca.org

Sr. Pastor Mark Samuel | mark@cogpca.org

Assistant Pastor, Ken Harris | ken@cogpca.org



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We are so glad you're here! At Covenant of Grace we strive to be a hospitable, gospel-centered fellowship committed to helping people know God, become more like Jesus, and serve his world. As we worship together today, our prayer is that Jesus would be glorified, his word made clear, and his people equipped and empowered to love and serve God & their neighbors. Soli Deo Gloria!
~Pastor Mark Samuel

Children @ Covenant of Grace

Your children are welcome in all parts of worship at Covenant of Grace! To help support the full participation of families in worship, we make available a kid's worship program during the sermon for children ages 3 - 2nd grade as well as a nursery and cry room. Christian education classes are available for all ages (see back cover). Have a child with special needs? Please let us know & we'll make every effort to accommodate.

After the Service an Elder will be up front with stickers for children who share what they learned this morning.

Week at a Glance

Sun. August 2, 2026

10:30am Worship Service

Tues. August 4, 2026

7:00pm Women's Bible Study

Wed. August 5, 2026

10:00am Women's Bible Study

7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Fri. August 7, 2026

8:50am Wo. Prayer Mtg. (Zoom)

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR KEN HARRIS
CALL TO WORSHIP.....LIZZY KRAJAN
ISAIAH 55: 1-2

SONGS OF PRAISE

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH
FROM EVERLASTING

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL

based on 1 Kings 19:9-18; Matthew 14:22-23

Lord Jesus,
we know you are powerful, able to stir up great winds, earthquakes, and fires. Yet, you often choose to speak to us, as you spoke to Elijah, through silence and with a still, small voice. Like the disciples, may we see your power to calm the storms in our lives. Help us to put our faith in you and worship you in all circumstances; knowing deeply and trusting wholly that you are the Son of God. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....ROMANS 3: 23-24

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ELDER TOM METZBOWER

OUR GIFTS FOR GOD'S GLORY.....TITHES AND OFFERING

SONG OF PREPARATION

ONLY A HOLY GOD

SCRIPTURE READING*.....PAM HARRIS
JOHN 9: 1-7

THE SERMON.....PASTOR EMERITUS HERB RUBY
"THE CURE FOR SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS"

SONG OF REFLECTION

IN CHRIST ALONE

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....NICENE CREED
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic† and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF COMMITMENT.....DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

*Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to attend Kids worship in room #6

† By 'catholic,' we mean the universal church made up of all Christians who are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.



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- Linda Summer, her health, and the new & existing teams that are trained all over the world
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