



Events

For more
events &
info, visit:

cogpca.org/events



SCAN ME



CHURCH PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE

September 13, 2026 | Immediately after church

Fried Chicken, Hotdogs and Hamburgers provided.
Cornhole, Moon Bounce, Volleyball, face painting,
kids games, adult games and much more!

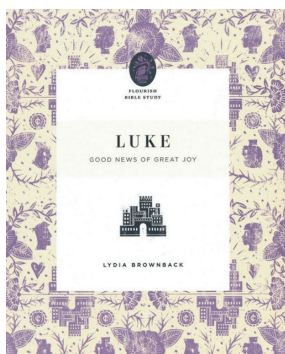


FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25
SHOTGUN START AT
8AM

GOLF OUTING

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

NEW COURSE! WESTMINSTER NATIONAL



Women's Fall Bible Study

Starts the week of
September 21st

Books \$15
Four different times available
Sign up in the Welcome Center or Online

For more information:
Contact Brenda Wilson (wtwilson1@verizon.net)

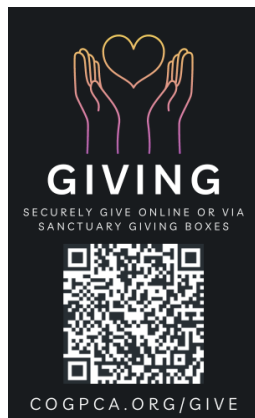
Sunday Morning Christian Education

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



August 30, 2026

Shadow of the True King



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



@COGPCA



<https://cogpca.org>



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 30, 2026

10:30am Worship Service
12:00pm Baby Shower for
Lizzy Krajan
6:00pm Verge (Youth Ministry)

Fri. September 4, 2026

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

Order of Worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
CALL TO WORSHIP.....LIZZY KRAJAN
from Psalm 108

SONGS OF PRAISE

KING OF KINGS
BE STILL MY SOUL

INVOCATION PRAYER

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE AND RENEWAL.....based on Romans 12: 9-21
Father God, you call us to genuine love that reflects your love for us, despises evil motivations and clings to what is good. Yet we confess our love is often insincere. You call us to honor one another but we center ourselves. You call us to reflect your generosity in the gospel by our generosity and hospitality toward those who are unlike us, but we often hold back, narrow the scope of our love, and fear being inconvenienced. You call us to bless our persecutors and love our enemies, to repay evil with good and to do all we can to live at peace with everyone even as you have made peace with us; yet we can be quick to anger and slow to forgive, jealous for vengeance, and miserly with grace. We thank you that you are not so miserly with us. We were by nature your enemies before you made us your friends through the gift of our savior. We thank you that your grace is bigger than we can measure, more precious than we can account, more costly than we can afford, and freer than we could ever imagine. Forgive us Lord, open our hearts and our lives to the transforming power of your grace in Christ Jesus who died for us, rose to glory, reigns forever, and in whose name we pray, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE.....1 PETER 5: 10-11
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....ELDER GREG HARD
OUR GIFTS FOR GOD'S GLORY.....TITHES AND OFFERING
OFFERING OF SONG

MY EYES ARE EVER ON THE LORD

SCRIPTURE READING*.....2 SAMUEL 6: 1-19
THE SERMON.....PASTOR MARK SAMUEL
"PUTTING GOD IN HIS PLACE"

SONG OF REFLECTION

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Q. 1
Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF COMMITMENT.....DOXOLOGY
BENEDICTION

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



Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Putting God in his place

Text: 2 Samuel 6: 1-19

Message: God is not a tool to be used for our purposes--he's the King who delights to employ us in his purposes and fill us with joy in his presence.

Outline:

I. Our need for God's presence

a. The function of the Ark of the Covenant

b. The story of the Ark of the Covenant

II. The problem of God's presence

a. God will not be used

b. The blessing and terror of holiness

III. The gospel of God's presence

a. How the Ark points to Jesus

b. Like the Ark, Jesus will not be used

c. Only in Jesus can we know the unfettered joy of God with us.



Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: Putting God in his place

Text: 2 Samuel 6: 1-19

Message: God is not a tool to be used for our purposes--he's the King who delights to employ us in his purposes and fill us with joy in his presence.

Outline:

I. Our need for God's presence

a. The function of the Ark of the Covenant

b. The story of the Ark of the Covenant

II. The problem of God's presence

a. God will not be used

b. The blessing and terror of holiness

III. The gospel of God's presence

a. How the Ark points to Jesus

b. Like the Ark, Jesus will not be used

c. Only in Jesus can we know the unfettered joy of God with us.

Prayer Requests

Jay Hilbert: Jay Hilbert is thankful for all of your prayers following surgery for a detached retina. The surgeon says the recovery is going well and can restart some normal activities.

JoLynn Horvath: My grandniece Lilly who fell in a pool earlier in the summer has severe upper cortex damage and the doctors see little hope for any improvement. But we all know that God can work miracles, so please continue praying for healing and support for her family.

Also, please pray for me as I go through treatment (with medication) for breast cancer.

Luke MacKenzie: Please continue to pray for Emily and I as our family navigates the coming months spiritually, emotionally, financially and in finding reliable and adequate work in the coming weeks.

Sara McLaurin: Please pray for my brother John, who is in a rehab center in California. He has been dealing with blood clots in his lungs, fluid on his heart, lower extremity edema, and other medical issues. He is 64 and doesn't know Jesus. Please pray for physical and spiritual healing. Also, please pray for the Salaam Center as they continue to support of refugee and immigrant families. Pray for the director Reda, whose two children are seeking employment.

Brenda Pohlhaus: Continue to pray for my niece, Michelle DiMaggio, who has lung cancer and now has an infection that has postponed her chemo treatment. Also, continue to pray for my husband Walter who is having more difficulty with Cerebellar Ataxia.

Prayer Requests

Jay Hilbert: Jay Hilbert is thankful for all of your prayers following surgery for a detached retina. The surgeon says the recovery is going well and can restart some normal activities.

JoLynn Horvath: My grandniece Lilly who fell in a pool earlier in the summer has severe upper cortex damage and the doctors see little hope for any improvement. But we all know that God can work miracles, so please continue praying for healing and support for her family.

Also, please pray for me as I go through treatment (with medication) for breast cancer.

Luke MacKenzie: Please continue to pray for Emily and I as our family navigates the coming months spiritually, emotionally, financially and in finding reliable and adequate work in the coming weeks.

Sara McLaurin: Please pray for my brother John, who is in a rehab center in California. He has been dealing with blood clots in his lungs, fluid on his heart, lower extremity edema, and other medical issues. He is 64 and doesn't know Jesus. Please pray for physical and spiritual healing. Also, please pray for the Salaam Center as they continue to support of refugee and immigrant families. Pray for the director Reda, whose two children are seeking employment.

Brenda Pohlhaus: Continue to pray for my niece, Michelle DiMaggio, who has lung cancer and now has an infection that has postponed her chemo treatment. Also, continue to pray for my husband Walter who is having more difficulty with Cerebellar Ataxia.

Missionary Prayer-Missionary Prayer - RUF

Reformed University Fellowship known as **RUF** connects the big truths of the Bible with the big questions college students face. They reach students for Christ and equip them to serve. COG supports three RUF Campus Ministry staff members:

Jacob (and Pei) Jasin -RUF International at **Johns Hopkins University (JHU)**. Biblical hospitality is the backbone of RUF International ministries. There are over 8,000 international students & scholars at JHU. The fall semester begins at the end of August. Please **pray** for our ministry team to get restful breaks over the next few weeks and to regroup for a team meeting before the semester starts. **Pray** for wisdom as we plan our programs and services to reach students with the love and Gospel of Christ. May God be glorified through us!

University of Maryland Baltimore Campus (UMBC RUF) has a new Campus Minister, **Caleb** (and Lauren) **Hughes**.

Please **Pray** that our family would acclimate well to Baltimore as our new home. **Pray** that we make lasting connections at our freshman outreach events beginning August 24.

Ruth Wilmot - University of Maryland Baltimore Campus (UMBC RUF.) Ruth has been focusing on establishing a Women's Group and working with small group Bible studies. Pray for Ruth as she is Co-Directing the Mid-Atlantic RUF Fall Conference. "Fall Conference is the pinnacle of our fall semester outreach. It's not only the event where most students first feel they "belong" to RUF, but it's also the first time some students will ever hear the Gospel." Last year, the Mid-Atlantic campuses brought 273 students to Fall Con., and more are expected this fall!

Pray for the **Silent Book Club** at UMBC. The goal is to create a welcoming space for women who might not initially attend a spiritual event and to introduce them to RUF.

Please **pray** that all three RUF ministry leaders will be fully funded so that they can concentrate their efforts on the students and have full prayer support

Missionary Prayer-Missionary Prayer - RUF

Reformed University Fellowship known as **RUF** connects the big truths of the Bible with the big questions college students face. They reach students for Christ and equip them to serve. COG supports three RUF Campus Ministry staff members:

Jacob (and Pei) Jasin -RUF International at **Johns Hopkins University (JHU)**. Biblical hospitality is the backbone of RUF International ministries. There are over 8,000 international students & scholars at JHU. The fall semester begins at the end of August. Please **pray** for our ministry team to get restful breaks over the next few weeks and to regroup for a team meeting before the semester starts. **Pray** for wisdom as we plan our programs and services to reach students with the love and Gospel of Christ. May God be glorified through us!

University of Maryland Baltimore Campus (UMBC RUF) has a new Campus Minister, **Caleb** (and Lauren) **Hughes**.

Please **Pray** that our family would acclimate well to Baltimore as our new home. **Pray** that we make lasting connections at our freshman outreach events beginning August 24.

Ruth Wilmot - University of Maryland Baltimore Campus (UMBC RUF.) Ruth has been focusing on establishing a Women's Group and working with small group Bible studies. Pray for Ruth as she is Co-Directing the Mid-Atlantic RUF Fall Conference. "Fall Conference is the pinnacle of our fall semester outreach. It's not only the event where most students first feel they "belong" to RUF, but it's also the first time some students will ever hear the Gospel." Last year, the Mid-Atlantic campuses brought 273 students to Fall Con., and more are expected this fall!

Pray for the **Silent Book Club** at UMBC. The goal is to create a welcoming space for women who might not initially attend a spiritual event and to introduce them to RUF.

Please **pray** that all three RUF ministry leaders will be fully funded so that they can concentrate their efforts on the students and have full prayer support