

***Being Real, Relevant, and Racially Diverse!***

**Dear Saints of New Covenant Fellowship:**

**Jack Bennett, my pastor in high school, said: “The Holy Spirit takes care of the details.” As we prepare to welcome our Interim Pastor the Reverend Jesse Gonzalez on November 1st, I have enjoyed watching how the Holy Spirit is take care of the details of his move to Austin.**

**He has made arrangements for an apartment at Austin Presbyterian Seminary which will be close to New Covenant and quite affordable. The Deacons are planning to take turns taking him out to eat the first few weeks to help him get acquainted.**

**We will be dedicating our pledges—our plans for giving financially to support God’s work through NCFA in 2017—on November 13th—which reminds me of a prayer song I want us to learn.**

**God of listening, God of peace,  
in our hearts may You increase  
Till the flow of words shall cease  
and we hear YOU!**

**As you consider your pledge—your plan for giving to God’s work — in 2017, I urge you to listen to God’s promise to provide for you and your family and make a pledge which allows NCFA to grow in our mission to demonstrate God’s love.**

**We are many textures, we are many colors,  
each one different from the other—  
But we are entwined with one another  
in one great tapestry.  
Chorus: Weave, weave, weave us together.  
Weave us together in unity and love**

**We rejoice in our diversity. May we also seek God’s guidance to pledge generously as we ask God to continue to weave us together in unity and love.**

**Pledge cards will be available this week. Take one and prayerfully consider what God calls you to give to God’s work through NCFA in 2017.**

***Joy and Hope,***

***Trish Holland  
Interim Session Moderator***

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# Challenge with a Purpose

## 2016 Matching Grant



**GOAL \$30,000.00**

*Current Donor Gift*

**\$15,000.00**

*NCFA Challenge*

**\$15,000.00**



**NCFA Last Week's Gift \$2,500.00**

**NCFA Current Gift \$2,600.00**

**What are the ways I can give?**

- ♦ Mail a donation to the church office
- ♦ Leave a donation during one of the services, or events
- ♦ Online <https://ncfaustin.cloverdonations.com/donation>

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE



*Praise the Lord!*

*God is aware of what is on your heart.*

- ⇒ Traveling mercies and protection for Bonnie's sister Judy as she flies to Haiti to deliver medicines and help at a school there. Prayers for all who are suffering in Haiti.
- ⇒ Prayers of comfort for Katie's friend whose dad died from a brain tumor; praise for a beautiful memorial service. Prayers also for a coworker's 4-year-old daughter suffering from skull fractures after an accident at school. Prayers for Katie struggling with school.
- ⇒ Prayers for a member and spouse going through a rough patch in their marriage.
- ⇒ Lift up Tracey's client K.P., whose mother is critically ill with pneumonia in the ICU, in a medically-induced coma. Lift her mother up for healing.
- ⇒ Prayers for relief from pain for Tracey's mom, whose knees are bothering her again.
- ⇒ Lift up the family of one of Trish's sisters, whose former husband Don entered the Church Triumphant last week. Praise that Don died in his sleep while leading a retreat—doing what he loved—and that it was a comfort to the family that as a pastor, he died on World Communion Sunday. Praise that brother John drove her sister to Don's service in Tennessee; prayer for comfort and strength for their son Davidson.
- ⇒ Praise for Jimmy and Kimberly's opportunity to adopt their children in Ethiopia 7 years ago. Thanksgiving that after this, her mother founded "Hope for Eternity," an organization planting churches in Ethiopia which is in expansion mode. Prayers for today's declared six-month nationwide state of emergency for Ethiopia by their prime minister following months of unrest. Lift up Kimberly's and videographer friend Steven's planned November 1<sup>st</sup> trip to assist "Hope for Eternity," which is now uncertain.
- ⇒ Prayers for Chris's friend whose worsening cancer prevented his return to Nigeria and left him in the ICU of a NY hospital. Prayers that his condition may stabilize sufficiently to permit his journey home.
- ⇒ A prayer of thanks for New Covenant Fellowship, as last Sunday Vernon's hug and kind, encouraging words to a regular visitor relieved her anxiety about an upcoming visit from her daughter suffering from drug addiction, giving her the courage she needed to respond to difficult situations with love.

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- ⇒ Thanksgiving for Lydia's testimony of her experience with a family friend in her roles as a pastor and a nurse that we may never know how our words or actions may affect another person. Praise God for people known for their acts of kindness in east Austin.
- ⇒ Prayers of rest and healing for Vi, who is beginning to feel better from an illness.
- ⇒ Thanksgiving that Ben has found a home to purchase near his family in west Texas.
- ⇒ Praise for Robert's safe return from India.
- ⇒ Prayers for the war in Syria; lift up the children for safekeeping. Prayers that though it is hard to understand why children are being hurt, we may still trust that God has a plan.
- ⇒ Lift up Debbie in the midst of her dozens of residency applications for discernment on this journey deciding where her next place will be in her medical training.
- ⇒ Thanks for all prayers last week on behalf of Devon's nephew who broke his clavicle; praise that he is healing well. Prayers for a mother suffering from kidney issues. Lift up Devon's husband to find a job so he can move to Austin. Prayers for the upcoming seminary midterms, and safe travels for all seminarians leaving town for the semester break.

*One way that we can remember to pray is through the mnemonic*

**"ACTS":**

*A = Adoration*

*C = Confession*

*T = Thanksgiving*

*S = Supplication*



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# N C F A SUNDAY MORNINGS

## NCFA Sunday Schedule

***8:30am will resume soon!***

### 10:15am - Worship Service

1507 Wilshire Blvd.  
9am Adult Sunday School  
10am Fellowship  
10:45am - Children's Church



## NCFA SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Rev. Wm. Ellis Oglesby*

*Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Rev. Rebecca Longino*

## NCFA SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:15am

We would love to have you and your family come  
share in the CELEBRATION OF  
THE GOOD NEWS!

We are worshiping in the Fellowship Hall  
of Genesis Presbyterian Church on the Wilshire Campus  
starting at 10:15 a.m.

Real Church...  
Real People...  
Real Simple...

New Covenant Fellowship of Austin PC(U.S.A.) is a  
racially diverse community informed by the Bible,  
empowered by the Holy Spirit, and motivated to share  
God's love with all. In response to God's love, we are  
called to equip disciples to faithfully serve, to encour-  
age seekers to joyfully commit, and to implore all to  
worship our Lord, as we love our neighbors,  
grow in grace, and live by faith.

**JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE GOOD NEWS**

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27<sup>th</sup> Charles and Stacy Robinson

4<sup>th</sup> Cathy Trautman  
7<sup>th</sup> Brandi Palacios  
7<sup>th</sup> Doris Bailey  
9<sup>th</sup> Larry Mack  
16<sup>th</sup> Misti Herrington  
17<sup>th</sup> Tom Coffman  
18<sup>th</sup> Kyrie Grace Aldas  
23<sup>rd</sup> Tiffany Cox  
24<sup>th</sup> Angela Unegbu  
29<sup>th</sup> Sam Mancillas  
30<sup>th</sup> Lileisha Daniels

#### Session Members

\*Rev. Trish Holland  
Interim/Moderator  
\*Elder Kathy Smith  
Clerk of Session  
\*Elder Oliver Smith  
Administration & Personnel  
\*Rev. Bill Harris  
Buildings & Grounds  
\*Elder Randy Mojica  
Children and Youth  
\*Elder Ben Hooks  
Discipleship & Men's/  
Women's Ministry  
\*Elder Mary Jo Mojica  
Finance & Stewardship  
\*Elder Robert Booth  
Congregational Life/  
Lay Ministry  
\*Elder Vernon Bailey  
Missions/Evangelism  
\*Vacant  
Worship & Membership

#### Deacons

Kathryn Aldas  
Ashley Phillips  
Scott Phillips  
Carol Saddington, Chair  
Cathy Trifiro  
Roxann Vallejo

# October

16<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9-10am Adult Sunday School  
9:45am Psalm 150 Praise  
Team Rehearsal  
10:15am Worship at Wilshire Blvd.  
*Rev. Wm. Ellis Oglesby, preaching*  
School Ages & Nursery 3-5  
(Rm. 1); Grades 1-5 (Rm. 7)

18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Men's Ministry Dinner;  
7pm Study

19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Fellowship dinner;  
7:00pm Prayer and Praise Worship

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## **Estela Sifuentes, CRE**

New Covenant Fellowship of Austin was blessed to have Estela Sifuentes, CRE to our pulpit last Sunday.

**You can visit our website**

**[www.ncfaustin.org](http://www.ncfaustin.org)**

**in the upcoming week to hear**

**Estela Sifuentes, CRE**

**sermon.**

**That's also a great time to look around and find out about all of the ways NCFA strives to live out our mission.**

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## Announcements



### Practical Evangelism for Timid Presbyterians



**Dates: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
(9/14/16 – 11/23/2016)**

**Time: 7:00 pm (after Fellowship meal)**

**Location: Classroom 7**

**Leaders: NCFA/Mission and Evangelism  
Committee Members**

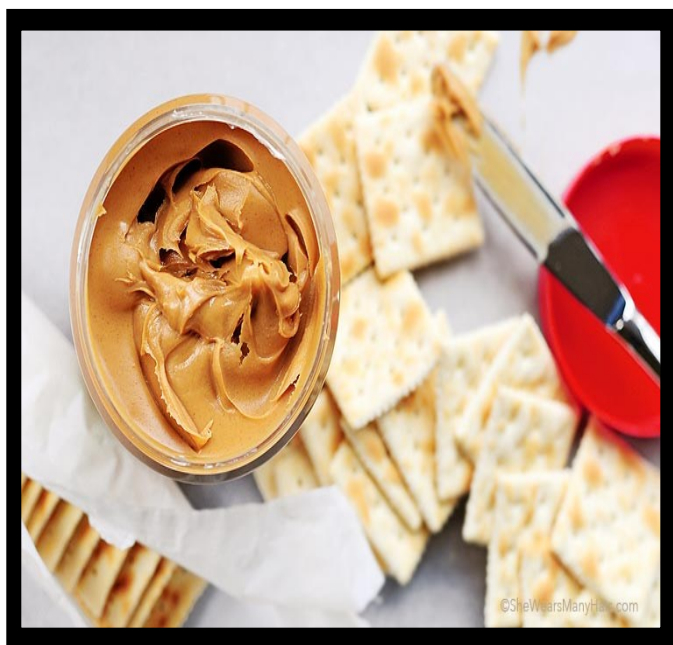


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### October Food Pantry Needs

**Peanut Butter & Crackers! (Regular and Gluten Free!)**





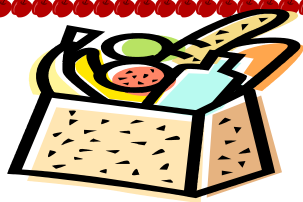
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## We Care Kits

*"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."*

**We are currently accepting the following donations**

**Food/Drink Items:**

Granola Bars, Trail mix, or peanut butter and crackers  
Water bottles – 8 ounce size

**Hygiene/Personal Items:**

Travel Size Toothbrush & Toothpaste  
Travel size hand sanitizer or hotel size bar soap  
Pocket size Kleenex  
Men's size small crew ankle length white or black socks  
Quart size freezer bags

All donated items should be placed in the donations box located on the back table by the AV equipment. If you have any questions please email me: [calyflower2020@yahoo.com](mailto:calyflower2020@yahoo.com) or call me at (512)228-4712.

## Café Justo



**Café Justo** is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico. They market a pure, organic coffee which is grown, harvested and marketed in the spirit of justice. Our goal is to provide incentives for people to remain on their family lands.

**Orders** will be arranged through NCFA's Evangelism Committee. Please see Caly Fernández to place an order. Coffee is available in 1 and 5 pound bags. The cost of a 1 pound bag is **\$10.00** and a 5 pound bag is **\$ 40.00**. Dark roast, medium roast and decaf are available in ground or whole beans. Coffee will be delivered biweekly to NCFA

**Contact Caly to make your purchase today!**  
**(512)228-4712**