

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Wednesday Evening Class We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: The Discipline of Personal Bible Study". We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Church Clean-Up We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The next cleaning day will be on August 29, so be sure to attend and help!

## #262: LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS (BLUE HYMNAL)

### VERSE ONE

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

### VERSE TWO

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

### VERSE THREE

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)

### CHORUS

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

## Funnies: Tea Time...

One day my mother was out and my dad was in charge of me. I was maybe 3 years old and had just recovered from an accident. Someone had given me a little 'tea set' as a get-well gift and it was one of my favorite toys.

Daddy was in the living room engrossed in the evening news when I brought Daddy a little cup of 'tea', which was just water. After several cups of tea and lots of praise for such yummy tea, my Mom came home.

My Dad made her wait in the living room to watch me bring him a cup of tea, because it was 'just the cutest thing!' My Mom waited, and sure enough, here I come down the hall with a cup of tea for Daddy and she watches him drink it up.

Then she says, (as only a mother would know... :) "Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?"

# Welcome to the EVERLASTING COVENANT CHURCH

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.*

# ORDER of SERVICES

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

**A Call for Repentance:**

*“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?” – Ezekiel 18:30-31, KJV*



## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:30 A.M.

Devotion ..... Deacons & Congregation  
 Morning Hymn: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” .. Choir & Congregation  
 Responsive Reading ..... Pastor & Congregation  
 Selection ..... Choir & Congregation  
 Announcements & Recognition of Visitors  
 Tithes and Offerings ..... Deacons  
*(Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)*  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Pastor  
 Selections ..... Choir & Congregation

Sermon  
 Invitation to Christ



### BENEDICTION

### SERMON NOTES

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subject: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Words of Wisdom:



**Interesting...**

**BUZZARD** *If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.*

**BAT** *The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches so! me slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.*

**BUMBLEBEE** *A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.*

**PEOPLE** *In many ways, there are lots of people like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. They are struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not ever realizing that all they have to do is look up.*

### RESPONSIVE READING: PROVERBS 3:1-13 (NIV)

- 1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart,
- 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.
- 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.
- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
- 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.
- 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.
- 9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;
- 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.
- 11 My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline, and do not resent his rebuke,
- 12 because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.
- 13 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,
- 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.