

# 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: Developing the Disciplines of a Sincere Faith". 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 January 30, so be sure to attend and help!

## HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER:

Christmas – December 25

New Year's Eve – December 31

## Sermon Bullet: Anak

"Long-necked, the son of Arba, father of the Anakim (Josh. 15:13;" 21:11, Heb. Anok)."  
The descendants of Anak (Josh. 11:21; Num. 13:33; Deut. 9:2). "They dwelt in the south of Palestine, in the neighbourhood of" Hebron (Gen. 23:2; Josh. 15:13). In the days of Abraham (Gen. 14:5, 6) they inhabited the region afterwards known as Edom and" Moab, east of the Jordan. They were probably a remnant of the "original inhabitants of Palestine before the Canaanites, a "Cushite tribe from Babel, and of the same race as the" Phoenicians and the Egyptian shepherd kings. Their formidable "warlike appearance, as described by the spies sent to search the" "land, filled the Israelites with terror. They seem to have" "identified them with the Nephilim, the "giants" (Gen. 6:4; Num." 13:33) of the antediluvian age. There were various tribes of Anakim (Josh. 15:14). Joshua finally expelled them from the "land, except a remnant that found a refuge in the cities of" "Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod (Josh. 11:22). The Philistine giants whom" David encountered (2 Sam. 21:15-22) were descendants of the Anakim. (See [21]GIANTS.)

## Funnies...

- Q: Name the four seasons. A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.
- Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink. A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.
- Q: How is dew formed? A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.
- Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? A: Keep it in the cow.
- Q: What causes the tides in the oceans? A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.
- Q: What are steroids? A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.
- Q: What happens to your body as you age? A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental
- Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty? A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.
- Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes. A: Premature death.
- Q: What is artificial insemination? A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.
- Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen.) A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A,E, I, O, and U.
- Q: What is the fibula? A: A small lie.
- Q: What does "varicose" mean? A: Nearby.
- Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section" A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.
- Q: What does the word "benign" mean?  
A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

# Welcome to the EVERLASTING COVENANT CHURCH

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December 27, 2015

### VISION STATEMENT



*Enhancing Our Knowledge of Jesus Christ,  
Empowering All Believers for Ministry, and  
Encouraging Continuous Dedication to the Lord.*

# ORDER of SERVICES

Fellowship / REFRESHMENTS – 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:00 A.M.

A Generous Gift:

*“And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.” – Matthew 23:12, KJV*



## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:45 A.M.

- Devotion* ..... Deacons & 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Words of Wisdom:



## Great Expectations

Pete Rose, the famous baseball player, and I have never met, but he taught me something so valuable that it changed my life.

Pete was being interviewed in spring training the year he was about to break Ty Cobb's all time hits record. One reporter blurted out, "Pete, you only need 78 hits to break the record. How many at-bats do you think you'll need to get the 78 hits?"

Without hesitation, Pete just stared at the reporter and very matter-of-factly said, "78." The reporter yelled back, "Ah, come on Pete, you don't expect to get 78 hits in 78 at-bats do you?"

Mr. Rose calmly shared his philosophy with the throngs of reporters who were anxiously awaiting his reply to this seemingly boastful claim. "Every time I step up to the plate, I expect to get a hit! If I don't expect to get a hit, I have no right to step in the batter's box in the first place!"

"If I go up hoping to get a hit," he continued, "then I probably don't have a prayer to get a hit. It is a positive expectation that has gotten me all of the hits in the first place."

When I thought about Pete Rose's philosophy and how it applied to everyday life, I felt a little embarrassed. As a business person, I was hoping to make my sales quotas. As a father, I was hoping to be a good dad. As a married man, I was hoping to be a good husband.

The truth was that I was an adequate salesperson, I was a not so bad father, and I was an okay husband. I immediately decided that being okay was not enough! I wanted to be a great salesperson, a great father and a great husband. I changed my attitude to one of positive expectation, and the results were amazing. I was fortunate enough to win a few sales trips, I won Coach of the Year in my son's baseball league and I share a loving relationship with my wife, Karen, to whom I expect to be married for the rest of my life! Thanks, Mr. Rose!

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## RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 32 (NIV)

- 1 Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- 2 Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- 3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- 4 For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- 6 Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.
- 7 You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
- 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
- 9 Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.
- 10 Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.
- 11 Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!