



Girls' 7/8 basketball team in action against Westover Christian on Thursday.

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IT'S NOT CHRISTMAS UNTIL LESSONS & CAROLS

By Rev. Davidson Morse, Chaplain

One of our signature events, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, is only two weeks away! On Monday, December 18, we will gather at Waymaker.Church at 7pm to celebrate the birth of King Jesus. This has been a fantastic year for our school family, and we have been blessed by God's merciful care all along the way. This service is the perfect way for our whole community to join together in worship and praise for all that we have received at God's hands.

Lessons and Carols has become synonymous with Christmas for many people in the English-speaking world. After a particularly beautiful performance, I was greeting guests in the narthex and an older woman introduced herself as a visitor who didn't have any connection to the school. She said, "I just love this service! I'm not even Episcopalian! It just isn't Christmas until I've been to Lessons and Carols!" Of course, she was exactly right. The service combines our favorite songs with

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WHAT'S NEW?

Parenting Resource Videos



New Covenant Schools recently hosted **Keith McCurdy** from Total Life Counseling in Roanoke, VA. He addressed our students, faculty and parent community, providing a wealth

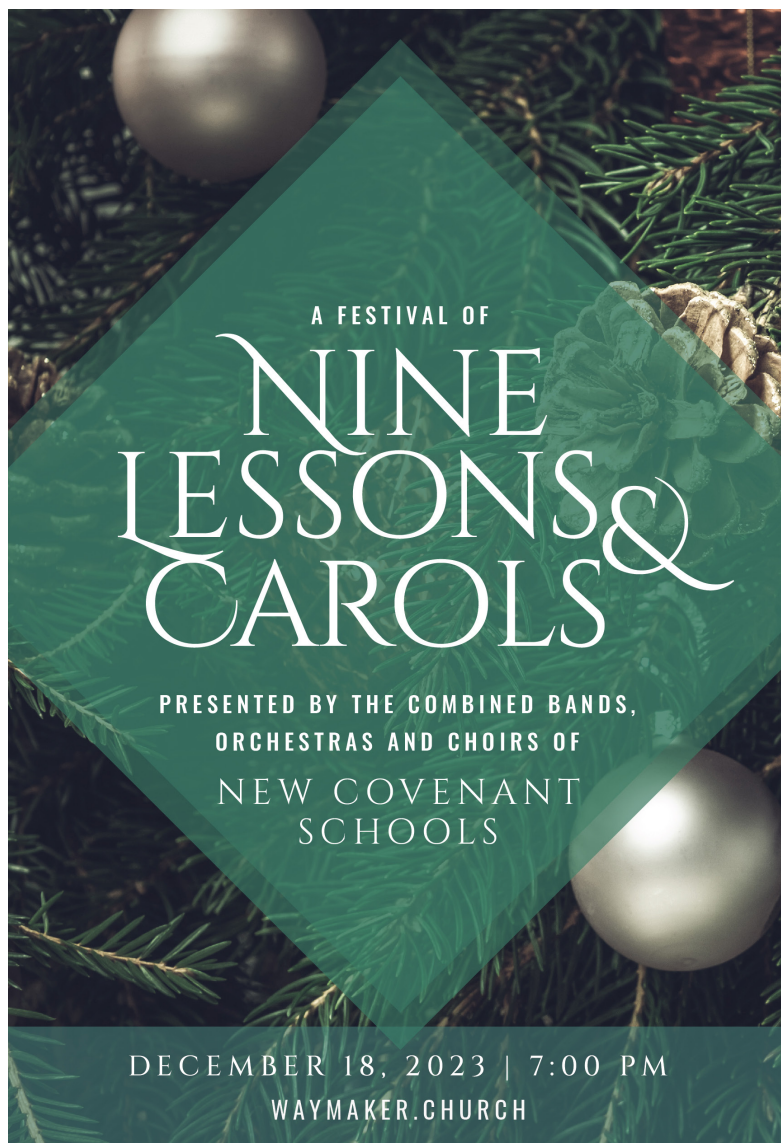
of analysis regarding the lives of children and teenagers, and a parent strategy

for building sturdy children. While he was here, he sat down with Headmaster Heaton, and together they produced five new follow-up videos which are short, easy-to-watch resources for parents. The first of these videos is ready for your viewing today, and the remaining four will be released over the next few weeks. The Video Library is a collection of many videos that address a variety of topics

about classical, Christian education. All these resources can be viewed here: <https://www.newcovenantschools.org/about/video-library/>

We especially thank **Adam Miller** (Penny-5th and Mia-3rd) and Hello Studios, for his extraordinary filming and editing of the videos you'll find on this page.

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ATHLETIC HONORS



Congratulations to both Varsity Women and Varsity Men for winning the Grace Christian School Tip-Off Tournament this weekend. For the women, **Olivia Kidd** was named All-Tournament Team and **Brielle Walker** was selected as the Tournament MVP. For the men, **Cole Bowman** was named All-Tournament team and **Douglas Powell** as selected as the Tournament MVP.



Congratulations to **Emily Trautman, Faith Richardson, Addie Ruhl, Natalie Nivens, and Leila Kenny** who won both relay races at the swim meet at Hargrave Military Academy on Friday.

E T C E T E R A

EVERYONE

LESSONS & CAROLS

Join us for our annual service of Lessons & Carols on Monday, **December 18** at **7:00pm** at Waymaker.Church. A combined School of Rhetoric band, orchestra and choir will be performing with participation from 7th & 8th grade students. All are welcome!

DELAYED START TIME

New Covenant Schools will open on **Tuesday, December 19** at **9:00am**. Students should arrive no earlier than 8:30am.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Grammar School and the 5th & 6th Grade Band, Orchestra, and Choir will be performing a Christmas concert at 9:15am in the Moomaw Center on **Tuesday, December 19**. All are welcome to attend!

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The end of the 2nd quarter and the beginning of Christmas Break is on **Tuesday, December 19**. We will have a 12:00pm dismissal on the 19th and school will break for Christmas through Wednesday, January 3 with students returning on **Thursday, January 4**.

LOST AND FOUND

All items left unclaimed in the Lost and Found will be purged and donated on

December 19. When visiting our campus during any of our holiday events, please take the time to check for any of your family's personal items. Lost and Found is located at the end of the 100 hallway.

LUNCH ORDERING

Lunch ordering for January is now open and closes **Friday, December 15**. As a reminder, J Term will run from **Thursday 1/4/24-Friday 1/12/24**, and SOR students may be off campus during that time, so please keep that in mind when ordering lunches. Please contact **Debbie Williamson** with any questions at dwilliamson@newcovenantschools.org.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

Gryphon Outfitters, our school store, accepts donations of uniform items in good condition. To donate, simply leave your items at the front desk. Please be sure to donate only uniform pieces free of stains, tears or personalization. As a reminder, Gryphon Outfitters is open each Thursday school is in session from 2:30-3:30pm.

TEACHERS' FAVORITES

Each year faculty and staff fill out a favorites sheet listing interests, hobbies, favorite foods, etc. If you would like a copy of a teacher's favorites list, please check the resource documents section of the app, or stop by the lobby desk and ask to see the Favorites Book.

MS DRAMA TRYOUTS

Dialectic Drama tryouts will be held in the library at **3:30pm** on **Wednesday, December 6** for 5th and 6th grade and **Friday, December 8** for 7th and 8th grade. The tryouts will last approximately an hour.



TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

The tuition assistance program (TAP) for 2024-25 school year is accepting applications through **January 15**. There is high demand for assistance, and it is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply early! Go to <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid> apply. See email sent on **October 31** for details and instructions.

THE TIME OF OUR LIVES: REFLECTIONS ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR

This year Headmaster Heaton is journaling notes on his blog about the Church's calendar year. Yesterday was the first Sunday in Advent, which begins the season preceding Christmastide. Each week from now through next spring, our Headmaster will post his reflections on the calendar, which you can read at the link here: newcovenantschools.org/my-ncs/blog/

FUNDRAISING REPORT

	GOAL	RECEIVED
Annual Fund/Permanent Things	\$100,000	\$30,221
General Scholarship	\$10,000	\$4,836
Scholarship Foundation	\$300,000	<i>Pledged</i> \$184,100 <i>Received</i> \$93,051

Please consider New Covenant Schools in your giving. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent that the law provides. Donations may be given through cash, check, stock transfers, or IRA distributions. Contact **Dayna Renalds** in the Development Office for more information.

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the greatest story ever told. It speaks to us of a simpler age, when the world seemed a bit smaller, and life didn't move at such frantic speed.

But the service is actually not all that old, especially within the 2,000-year-long story of Christianity. The newly consecrated Bishop of Truro in Cornwall, Edward Benson, was trying to think of ways to keep the men of the town out of the pubs before the first Christmas Communion service at midnight. It was an inauspicious beginning with the congregation meeting in a thrown-together wooden building alongside the ancient stone cathedral that was being renovated. The service was popular, but really took off when the choir of King's College, Cambridge, offered the service in their historic chapel in 1918 in celebration of the end of World War I. The very next year King's College Choir began the service singing "Once in Royal David's City" and that has become a fixture of the service ever since.

The Nine Lessons that we use today are the same ones that King's Chaplain Eric Milner-White chose for that first performance in 1918. Beginning in the book of Genesis we hear how the merciful Creator would not let his beautiful world be destroyed by human rebellion but promised that he would send a Son to defeat the serpent. Abraham responded in faith to God's test when called to sacrifice his son on the mountain, where God provided a ram caught in a thicket to take Isaac's place. We hear twice from the prophet Isaiah, foretelling the coming of the King who would save his people from their enemies. The Son promised to Adam and Eve is the Son who is born to bring Israel out of darkness. The anointed King, 'Messiah,' would extend his rule from Israel to embrace the whole world. He would cause wars to cease. He would rule with justice and wisdom. The result would be that mysterious promise, 'that the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.' Again

and again we hear how God promised to forgive and rescue his wayward people Israel when he sent their long-expected king, the Messiah. But the greatest mystery is reserved to the end: that the one who would save Israel was none other than God himself, the Son who has made the Father known to the world that he loved so much. He didn't just come to save Israel, but all the nations and the whole world with them.

Please make your plans to join the whole New Covenant community in this great moment in the life of our school, celebrating what God has done for the life of the world. Even if you do not have a student performing in the musical ensembles on stage, come and add your voices as we sing carols, say the prayers, and hear again what God has done for the world in the birth of his Son.



GIVE A GIFT, LEAVE A LEGACY

Gifts come in all shapes and sizes. New Covenant continues to offer personalized engraved bricks for that unique gift or special stocking stuffer. Our commemorative bricks are nice way to honor or memorialize a loved one and leave a legacy on the campus of New Covenant Schools. The bricks are placed under the bell tower and in the walkways around the Workman Field House for others to read and acknowledge. Each standard brick size is 4"x8" and is available for a contribution of \$500. Inscription space is three lines with 18 characters per line. For more information, contact **Dayna Renalds** at drenalds@newcovenantschools.org or 434-847-8313.



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