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**New Covenant Church**  
KNOW · HEAR · RESPOND

**Step 1 – “NCC: About Us”**

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Welcome to the New Covenant Church “About Us.” This time is designed to help you become more familiar with NCC’s history, vision, mission and values. It is our hope that as come to know who we are, that you might consider becoming more involved in relationships, service and ministries at NCC.

It is our desire that upon completing this orientation you will go to the Lord in earnest prayer and seek His will for your involvement in NCC. We want everyone to find their place in the Body of Christ and live the life God intends.

## **VISION**

At NCC we invite all people in the communities where we live to Know, Hear, and Respond to Jesus Christ.

- **KNOW** -- No matter who you are or where you are, there is nothing more important than knowing Jesus Christ and the life He makes available to us. To know the Lord Jesus is more than a mental acquaintance with the historical figure who lived 2000 years ago. When we use the word “know” we mean to experience Him as a real, living Person; the Risen Lord Jesus!
- **HEAR** -- We believe all who know Him can hear His voice, we desire all to hear him He said, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” (John 10:27) Paul said, “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” (Rom. 10:17).
- **RESPOND** – You know Him more fully when you become His follower and a doer of the Word. No matter the season of your life, you will benefit, grow and become what Christ desires by knowing, hearing and responding. (John 14:15) “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”

## **MISSION**

We exist to love God and love people by:

- Knowing Jesus who transforms our lives and sets us free.
- Hearing the voice of God which leads us to the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- Responding with faith and courage that leads us to discover His purpose in our lives.

## **VALUES**

Each of our CORE Values are essential to invite all people in the communities we live to Know, Hear, and Respond to Jesus Christ.

### **The Word of God:**

We value God’s Word as the standard for truth. The Word made manifest in His Son Jesus Christ, the written Word of God which is the Bible, and His spoken voice which comes through the Holy Spirit. We value the sharing of His Word through His body in Preaching, Teaching, Evangelism, Prophecy, and the office of the Apostle.

(John 1:1,14, John 16:13, Eph. 4:11)

### **Worship:**

We value honoring God above all else. Our worship is the demonstration of that value. We give all glory, honor, and praise by offering Him our best through praise and worship, in service and love to one another, and in the joyful giving of our tithes and offerings.

(Rev. 7:12, Gal. 5:13, 2 Cor. 9:7)

### **Unity:**

We value unity not conformity. Each of us are called and gifted by God. Our desire is to walk in each of our unique callings to serve God with respect for one another, in relationship with one another, and recognizing that each of us are part of One Body and One Team.

(Eph. 4:1-3)

### **Discipleship:**

We value ongoing discipleship. A disciple is one who has chosen to follow Jesus Christ. This is a lifelong commitment to be His student as a learner, apprentice, and practitioner of His ways. We are called to be servant leaders as we grow through training and process and are called to make disciples of others.

(Matt. 28:19-20)

### **Integrity:**

We value integrity. The definition and demonstration of integrity is character. Integrity is character that truly comes from the heart, that is resolute. We value being trustworthy and accountable before God and before one another. We want to be a people of honor.

(Matt. 5:37)

## **NCC HISTORY**

### **PAST**

New Covenant Church was born in a prayer meeting October of 1986, in the home of Clifford and Patsy Wooten. There was a group of people who had gathered for some time because of a hunger for the Lord. This group wanted all God had for them and were seeking ways to follow Him into the fullness of His promises. In prayer and fellowship, they began to experience God in ways that, for them, were new and joy-filled. They were introduced to new expressions of worship and the Bible had a “newness” as they studied. A new freedom was found and began to be attractive to others. They just desired to “follow” Christ, and do what He directed.

Galatians 5:1 was their theme: *“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”* (NASV).

Like most “new” congregations, NCC was seeking to find our identity. One person put it: “When we started NCC we thought that we had finally found ‘it.’ Then we discovered we all had a different idea of ‘it.’”

At first, the congregation was small enough that we functioned with conversation, prayer, and agreement. During this time, there was an interim Pastor, a volunteer associate pastor, a worship leader and the congregation. We had Sunday School, Worship, and Home Groups (3 Adult / 1 Youth). After prayer, the congregation asked 7 men to serve in finding a full-time pastor. The congregation called Darrell Feemster as the first Senior pastor – September 1, 1987.

NCC was Biblically based, and Kingdom minded from the beginning. We valued freedom in worship and ministry. We focused on helping “burned out,” wounded, hurting and spiritually hungry folks through loving relationships. We found the more we prayed, loved and helped others, the more we grew. We soon found a storefront, remodeled it, moved in and quickly outgrew it. We moved to a former Youth Center, remodeled it, and soon began to outgrow it. We were content to be a church in rented facilities, but we discovered that in our community, you were not considered a “church” until you had your own building. Pastor Feemster heard: “When you learn to be the church, God will build you a building.”

The church focused on learning to be a body rather than a building-centered congregation. Soon it became apparent that no building was available for rent that would accommodate our size on a regular basis.

Being in a transitional community, we found the congregation always changing. A prophetic word was given that people would be coming from the area and what we saw in the natural (military training center) would happen in the spiritual. We began to see the fulfillment of that as people from the surrounding area began to connect and attend.

In 1995, the Holy Spirit became real to us in a different way. People were experiencing God in a way that was unusual to our tradition. The talk of the town was the “strange” thing that was happening at New Covenant. For some it was an attraction, while for others it was offensive. Throughout, we sought to stay true to our interpretation of the Word of God and love for our community. We continued to grow even though some left. Our focus stayed on Jesus Christ and His leading through the Holy Spirit.

All through the years, we listened to what we believed the Holy Spirit was saying to the leadership and trusted Him to guide and provide for us as we responded. In 1996, NCC paid to send four local pastors to attend a Pastor’s retreat in Florida. These pastors had previously been meeting weekly with NCC Senior Pastor. In 1997, these pastors were instrumental in making a declaration over the City of Lampasas as belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ. That same year, an Intercession Ministry was started that organized personal intercessors for every pastor, political officer, judge, teacher and leader in our community.

In 2008 we added on to our building and in 2010 started Hertiage Daycare to minister to the families of our community. We continued to grow in developing ministry and people.

Pastor Feemster served New Covenant as Senior Pastor until September 2018, when Pastor Chris Valdez became the Senior Pastor and Pastor Feemster transitioned to Teaching Pastor.

## **PRESENT**

Many churches struggle with a transition from one senior pastor to another. Especially when the one leaving has been there for so long...even more so when they were the founding pastor. We have not experienced that struggle.

The favor of the Lord has been upon this transition. New ministry has been established. We are debt free, even after building a Generations building - used for our children, youth and the community, and remodeling the Worship Center.

## **FUTURE**

We believe that every person who walks with NCC is an integral part of what God wants to do through this body. We want participants not just attendees. We will continue to endeavor to invite all people in the communities where we live to KNOW, HEAR, and RESPOND to Jesus Christ.

## **Next Steps**

The teaching resources listed below are offered to assist you in growing in Christ Jesus, to better understand NCC and to prepare you for living out your ministry in the Body of Christ.

**Step 2 – “Get Connected”** – This class is a basic introduction to the ministry of NCC and will help you understand what it means to be a member and the opportunities to connect and serve with others at NCC.

**Step 3 – “Discovering your Design”** - Discover your unique personality, gifts, and purpose in life. See how God combines them in ministry.

**Step 4 – “One Body, One Team”** – Find your place on and in One Team. Come learn about the different areas of ministry and how you can join the team. Once steps 1-4 are complete, you can complete the ministry specific training and start fulfilling your calling and ministry.

Whether you’re a new believer or already a member, learn more about what it means to be a “follower of Jesus” by reading your gift copy of ***Ten Steps Toward Christ*** and consider joining a Life Group.