

## “The entrance of thy words giveth light”

Psalms 119:130

A young woman in Africa walked sixteen hot, dusty miles because she had heard over a crackling radio that Bibles had been translated in her language. There was to be a celebration and Bibles distributed. She found it hard to believe, but she had to see for herself. Sure enough, with a newly-printed copy of God’s Word in her hands, she said, “I didn’t have anything to eat or drink along the way, but now that I have the Bible in my hands, I feel satisfied. I’m full.” And she still had another sixteen miles to walk back home to her village.

But that day some people returned home with no Bible, downhearted because even though a significant number of Bibles had been printed and distributed, there were not enough.

Meanwhile, in the depths of spiritual darkness in the Middle East, persecution is rampant, but the light of God’s truth shines brightly. A radical young Muslim man read God’s Word in his own language for the first time and God’s love overwhelmed him. Every person who miraculously comes to faith in Jesus Christ becomes a new creation. No longer a radical Islamist, he is now a believer among other believers who are absolutely passionate about sharing the gospel, even though it is illegal.

A church leader in that country was asked, “How in the world do you support people in a situation that’s becoming more and more persecuted?” He responded immediately with one simple word: “Prayer.” It seems like a nebulous thing, but praying for persecuted Christians is the most concrete thing we can do. Wherever we are in the world, we can pray that the light will shine and the hearts of believers around the world will be filled with joy when reading the Word of God in their heart language.

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GO THEREFORE,  
AND TEACH ALL  
NATIONS

NEW  
TESTAMENT  
PSALMS & PROVERBS



# Covenant Church

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October 5, 2025,

## Call to Worship

### Invocation

*Don Mauldin*

**Sing Unto the Lord**  
Hymn # 548 Higher Ground

**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Recognition of Guests**  
**Mission Moment**  
**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

*Ron Marks*

**Worship in Song**  
Hymn # 654 Change My Heart O'God

### Offertory Prayer

*Craig Alexander*

### Offertory

*Rose Morgan*

### Special Music:

*Covenant Choir*

### Sermon:

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Hymn of Benediction**

*Pastor Don Mauldin*  
*352-262-5349*

## Covenant News

Our ministry for October is the Southwest Advocacy Group (SWAG). SWAG's goal is to improve the well-being of residents in SW Gainesville. They provide support and resources for a self-reliant, resilient, and successful life.

### Mini Messages

Think all you speak, but speak not all you think.

*Be what you say and say what you are!*

**Wouldn't it be nice is we could find other things as easily as we find fault?**

Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds.

*Any trouble that is too small to take to God in prayer is too small to worry about.*

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others cause happiness **WHENEVER** they go.

***A pessimist is someone who complains about the noise when opportunity knocks.***