



# New Covenant Presbyterian Church

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## A Service- By- the- Sand

RE: Providing a Meaningful opportunity to bless our community and guests

To the City Manager, Gregory Ferrese

Greetings. As the season of Summer arrives, we are getting geared up for a greater influx of people into the area and even into church. We typically double our church attendance with the "Summer Bird" popularion. It is a time of excitement and opportunity. This year we want to try to do something beyond our selves...for others!

I am looking forward soon to meeting you in person. I understand that you are a relative of Ken Simpler, whose wife was on the committee that selected me out of over 60 candidates, to come north to this beach community, from our previous home near the whites sands of Pensacola Beach.

My request is simple: I beleive that God has given me a desire to bless our community through a Summer "SERVICE BY THE SAND", there, just off the boardwalk of Rehoboth. This proposed Sunday AM program would be about 45 minutes in length, about half music and half speaking. I have the current Band Director of Cape High School committed to leading the music section (not only is he very talented as a sax player and guitar player, and drummer, etc..., but he is fairly popular, having played multiple gigs in Rehoboth). As you will see as you get to know me, I get excited about helping people-- to help them see from the helicopter view of faith (which is my pet phrase to express what it means to get a glorious glimpse of God-- through Scritpure).

When: Targeting 8 weeks: June 9 to July 28

Where: The Benches and the Bandstand (so that the music can be connect to the system there)

Why: Rehoboth was founded as a church camp many years ago, where beleviers would get away from the busy life to enjoy the simplicity of Beach life...and to enjoy God. My pastor friend, Gary Knapp, has been doing a similar Service by the Sand in the Long-neck beaches for years; and it has been a blessing to all, especially to those who are on vacation and who do not want to go inside of a church to meet with God. There was a write-up about him on the front page of the paper last year. The precedent for this kind of activity in Rehoboth has already been established; as these same facilites are utilized successfully for an Easter Sunrise service, which amazingly draws a large crowd in the darkness of a early spring morning. This further validates how such a service can be a blessing to the community at large.

I would like to meet you to confirm the details. We do not plan to have an offering. We were hoping that the rental would be minimal. We have a bunch of our people who are eager to come and even usher for a service from 8 to 8:45 am...so as to miss the late morning traffic woes. Gathering at the benches of the Grandstand makes the most sense to us...as it offers a lovely experience for individuals and families, witin walking distance of so many hotels and rentals.

Looking forward to the opportunities of working together to bless those around us.

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PS. It is our hope that beign out in the community like this will be a good thing for everyone. I have also purchased daily spots on WGMD starting Memorial Day, to be a recognized here in Sussex county, as a voice proclaiming good news, following in the sandles of others, proclaiming God's Rehoboth Grace!