

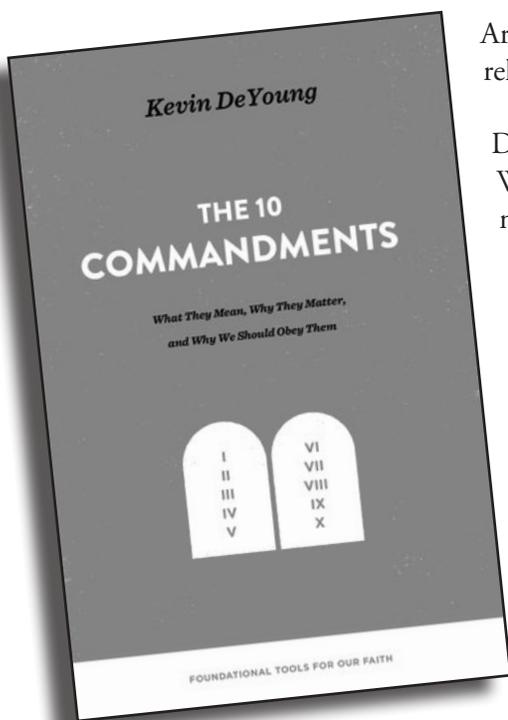
# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, October 28, 2018

## Kevin DeYoung's New Book Now Available

Kevin's book *The Ten Commandments: What They Mean, Why They Matter, and Why We Should Obey Them* is now available. Several copies of this book are available at the Book Nook in the main lobby, or you can purchase it at Crossway, Amazon, and other online retailers.



Are the 10 Commandments still relevant today?

Do they still apply? Which ones? What do they mean in light of God's mercy revealed in Jesus?

Highlighting the timelessness and goodness of God's commands, Pastor Kevin DeYoung delivers critical truth about the 10 Commandments as he makes clear what they are, why we should know them, and how to apply them. This book will help you understand, obey, and delight in God's law — commandments that expose our sinfulness and reveal the glories of God's grace to us in Christ.

## Member Directory

We are organizing a printed member directory as a guide for congregational prayer, a convenient way to match names to faces, and an aide for communication. It will provide limited information such as your name, a recent photo, email address, preferred phone number and a list of children and their ages. If there are reasons that would restrict your participation in this directory, please contact Missy Evans at 704-814-1007 or [mevans@christcovenant.org](mailto:mevans@christcovenant.org) by Friday, November 30, to opt out.

## Faithful Conference Videos

Videos from the plenary and breakout sessions of the Faithful Conference are available on the conference website: [faithfulconference.org](http://faithfulconference.org).

## Ministry to Men: "Game On" Outing

On Saturday, November 3, men are invited to Camp Canaan Island in Rock Hill from 9:45am-1pm for a day of food and fellowship. The cost for this event is \$25 per person (includes food and activities). More information and registration are at [christcovenant.org/mens-min](http://christcovenant.org/mens-min). The registration deadline is Monday, October 29.

## Advent Choir

Do you enjoy singing Christmas worship music? If so, you are invited to join the choir for the upcoming Advent season. We will hold two special rehearsals on November 4 and 11 from 3:30-5:30pm. Please contact Liz McNulty ([lmcnulty@christcovenant.org](mailto:lmcnulty@christcovenant.org)) to set up a quick, informal vocal check.

## GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

GRIEF SHARE®

For those who are grieving a loved one's death during this season, we are hosting a GriefShare seminar, "Surviving the Holidays," on Tuesday, November 6, at 7pm in the worship center, room 211. You'll learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, what to do about traditions and other coming changes, helpful tips for surviving social events, and how to discover hope for your future. The cost is \$10 for the workbook. For more information, contact Mary Jo Culver ([mculver@christcovenant.org](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org) or 704-814-1039) or go to [griefshare.org/holidays](http://griefshare.org/holidays).

## DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays

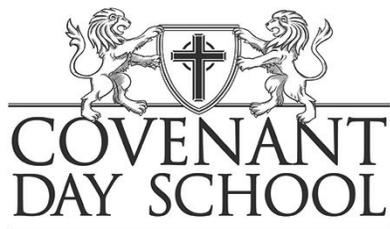
DIVORCE Care®

Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar will be held on Thursday, November 1, at 7pm in WC 211. It is especially for people who are separated or divorced, and where you will find help and hope as you navigate the Christmas season. You'll learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays, helpful tips for surviving social events, ways to give your kids a good holiday experience, and how to discover hope for your future. The cost is \$10 for the workbook. For more information, contact Mary Jo Culver ([mculver@christcovenant.org](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org) or 704-814-1039) or go to [divorcecare.org/holidays](http://divorcecare.org/holidays).



## October/November ProjectSHARE

Through the end of November, we are collecting items for the Kenya Youth Camp team to take with them on the December mission trip. For a list of items, please see [christcovenant.org/projectshare](http://christcovenant.org/projectshare). Items can be dropped off at the Information Desk.



## CDS Admissions Open House

If you have not had the opportunity to explore Covenant Day, we would love for you to come and see what makes us so unique! We are having a TK-12 Admissions Open House and Information Fair on Friday, November 2, from 9:30-11:30 am in the CLC. We look forward to meeting you and helping you determine if Covenant Day might be a good fit for your family. Please register at [covenantday.org/openhouse](http://covenantday.org/openhouse) to reserve your spot!

## Covenant Day: Now Accepting Applications

Covenant Day School is now accepting applications for new students in grades TK-12 for the 2019/2020 school year. The deadline for application is January 15, 2019, in order to be considered in the first round of decisions. Please call the Admissions Office at 704-847-2385 to book a private tour or to chat with someone from the admissions team. Visit [covenantday.org/apply](http://covenantday.org/apply) to apply online.

## CDS Holiday Market

Covenant Day's Annual Holiday Market is less than a month away! Join us on Friday, November 16, from 7:30am-4pm in the CLC for some shopping, light refreshments, and live music from our students. Shop for holiday décor, bowties, jewelry, home décor, artwork, calligraphy art and cards, leather accessories, monogrammed gifts, themed holiday gift baskets, Covenant Day apparel, baked goods, and more!



## Let Them Soar 5K

On Saturday, November 10, Christ Covenant is hosting The Exceptional Foundation of Charlotte's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K, which raises funds that are necessary to operate the Recreational Day, School Day Out, and Summer Programs that The Exceptional Foundation of Charlotte offers to individuals with disabilities in our community. More information: [letthemsoar5k.racesonline](http://letthemsoar5k.racesonline).

## Congratulations to:

Rob and Jordan Pearce  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Logan Elizabeth Pearce

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Persecuted Church:** Pray for our brothers and sisters in Yemen where the only thing the extremists on both sides of the war with Saudi Arabia agree on is their desire to eliminate the presence of Christians. Pray for spiritual boldness.

**Our Presbytery:** Providence Presbyterian, Fayetteville, and Pastor Andy Webb

## HIGHLIGHT

### Sharing the Gospel in Germany

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,"* — Romans 1:16a

Five centuries ago, God lit the fire for the reformation of His church in Germany. Today, Germany is again a place where God is fueling the spread of the gospel. We have been given a role in His work by sharing in the start of a new church in the Reformed tradition, the Gospel Church in Munich. In 2012, Rev. Steffen Mueller answered God's call to return to his homeland and begin a church. Steffen says, "Gospel Church München ministers in a very secular environment. Many people don't think it's important to come regularly to a worship service. Also, many non-Christians in Munich don't want to have a personal conversation about Christ or the teachings of the Bible."

Humanly, this would almost certainly mean failure, but Steffen goes on to tell us how God brings victory, "The amazing thing that I have observed is this: every Sunday, God is bringing a good number of non-Christians to our worship service, and because it is a worship service, the non-Christians are suddenly OK with the pastor's preaching. God is using the preached Word to glorify Himself, save the lost, and build up His church."

Please join in prayer for God's work in Munich and all of Germany. Pray He will allow us to plant more congregations and be with us wherever we are sent.

## Calendar of Events

### This Week (October 28-November 3)

Sunday 28 • Morning and evening worship (10:45am & 6pm)  
Tuesday 30-Friday 2 • Senior Adult retreat  
Thursday 1 • DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays (7pm)  
Friday 2 • CDS Open House event (9:30-11:30am)  
Friday 2-Sunday 4 • High school "Big What?" retreat  
Saturday 3 • Men's outing to Camp Canaan (9:45am-1pm)

### Upcoming Events

Nov 6 • GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays (7pm)  
Nov 16 • CDS Holiday Market (7:30am-4pm)  
Nov 18 • Annual Report presentation and celebration (pm worship)  
Dec 8 • Birthday Party for Jesus (10am)  
Dec 9 • Christmas Choral Service (6pm worship)  
Dec 23 • No SBS

## Watching our budget

Thank you for your tithes and gifts to all of the ministries of Christ Covenant. Please continue to pray for God's provision in 2018.

Inflow 1/1/18 – 10/21/18	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	4,188,542	3,962,000	226,542	5.7%
Faith Promise Budget	280,008	235,100	44,908	19.1%