

# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

## 2018 Celebration Service

On Sunday, November 18, during our 6pm worship service, we will praise the goodness of God and His work in and through this congregation during the last year. We will have copies of the 2018 Annual Report available that morning in the lobbies, and you can view it on the News webpage by Saturday, November 17. Please plan to join us for this time of encouragement for our church family.

## 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.

## GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays



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).

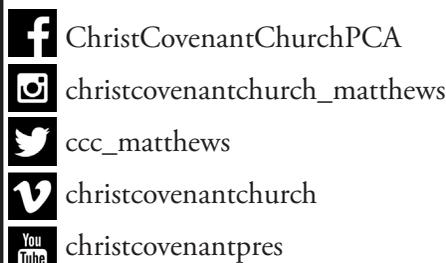
## Advent Choir

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 Sundays, 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.

## Caring for the Orphan (and Other Vulnerable Children): A Lunch Gathering to Connect, Learn & Pray

Do you have a burden for children in vulnerable situations? Have you ever wondered if anyone else here does? Have you been looking for support or encouragement in your commitment to care for the fatherless? Or just wondered how to take the first step? Please join us for an informal, but important, lunch in the CLC (rooms 1 & 2) on November 11 after the morning worship service. We hope to identify interest, build connections, share ideas and spend some time in prayer together as we seek to better understand where we are and how we might grow as a church in faithfully practicing "pure and undefiled religion" (James 1:27) through adoption, foster care, mentoring, supporting those who do, etc. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to Dave Baxter at [dbaxter@christcovenant.org](mailto:dbaxter@christcovenant.org).

## Find us on social media!



## Our Sympathy to:

Lisy McLeod on the death of her mother, Marta Elena Casali

## Large Print Worship Folders

For your convenience, large print worship folders are available at the Information Desk.



**Project SHARE**

## 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.

## Children's Birthday Party for Jesus

Our annual outreach event for children ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be Saturday, December 8, from 10am-noon in our Community Life Center. This event will help our families share the true meaning of Christmas in a fun and inviting way. Join us for a special story time, songs, crafts, games, face painting, balloon animals, and cookies to decorate! Everything is free! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors. For details, contact Lindey Dunclee at [ldunclee@christcovenant.org](mailto:ldunclee@christcovenant.org).

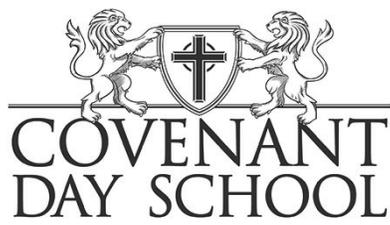
## 21-Gun Salute Next Sunday at Matthews Cemetary

This Veterans Day, November 11, marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWI. On this day at 12pm, Post 235 from the Town of Matthews will have a graveside memorial ceremony in the Old Matthews Cemetery, with a 21-gun salute recognizing the end of WWI, the local veterans who served in WWI, and Pvt Grady Hooks and Pvt Joseph Orr of Matthews who were killed in action in the Great War. More information is in the E-Courier online.



### 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).



### Covenant Day 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.

### PRAYER FOCUS

**Persecuted Church:** Pray for believers in Guinea, on the west coast of Africa, where evangelical Christians make up less than 1% of the population and personal attacks on that Christian minority by militant Islamists are increasing.

**Our Presbytery:** Redeemer Church, Southern Pines, and Pastor John Kinyon

## HIGHLIGHT

### Alexa, Let's Build a Personal Library with Free Bible Study Resources

*"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."* — Jeremiah 3:15

If you consider your digital devices, from laptops to tablets and phones, necessary evils, you may be missing out on the blessing of dramatically increasing your access to all sorts of materials to help you and your family learn more about your faith anywhere, anytime, and at no cost.

Here is a sample of a continually growing list of sites you can include in your custom-curated collection of Christian materials:

- RefNet has been created by Ligonier as a 24/7 resource on any format, including Amazon's Alexa, offering studies, sermons, devotionals, dramas, Christian music, news, articles, and access to Ligonier conferences. Alexa connects to RefNet on command.
- The World News Group, publishers of *World Magazine*, offers a daily morning news program, daily and weekly news updates, a regular interview program with Christian leaders and excerpts from their magazine. You can access them through their app on your tablet or phone or use their website from your computer.
- **RTS.edu** has a robust selection of resources including articles, papers, library archives, chapel services, links to other ministries, and RTS mobile with 20 courses available to audit at no cost for personal study.
- The Gospel Coalition provides access to the programs from their national and regional conferences, thoughtful discussions of social and theological issues, Bible studies for individuals and groups and a new section of online courses on "theology and life."
- Northwestern Theological Seminary has its entire seminary collection posted in pdf format at [ntslibrary.com/Christian-PDF-Books.htm](http://ntslibrary.com/Christian-PDF-Books.htm).

Don't forget to load a Bible app in a recommended translation, add access to scripture-based hymns, and watch for other resources that are easy for everybody in the family to use as they grow in faith and their needs change.

### Calendar of Events

*This shares special and monthly events and start of weekly programs. See our website for our full calendar and the News webpage for the E-Courier and complete announcements.*

#### This Week (November 4–10)

- Sunday 4 • Morning and evening worship (10:45am & 6pm)
- Tuesday 6 • GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays (7pm)
- Wednesday 7 • First Wednesdays Prayer Time for senior high youth (6-7pm)
- Thursday 8 • Senior Adults ladies luncheon at Trios (12pm)
- Friday 9 • Senior Adults monthly luncheon (12-1:30pm)

#### Upcoming Events

- Nov 11 • Caring for the Vulnerable Child (12:30pm)
- 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 worship service (6pm)
- Dec 23 • No SBS
- Dec 24 • Christmas Eve/Lessons & Carols worship service (6pm)
- Dec 30 • 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.

<i>Inflow 1/1/18 – 10/28/18</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	4,268,814	4,058,500	210,314	5.2%
Faith Promise Budget	283,800	240,500	43,300	18.0%