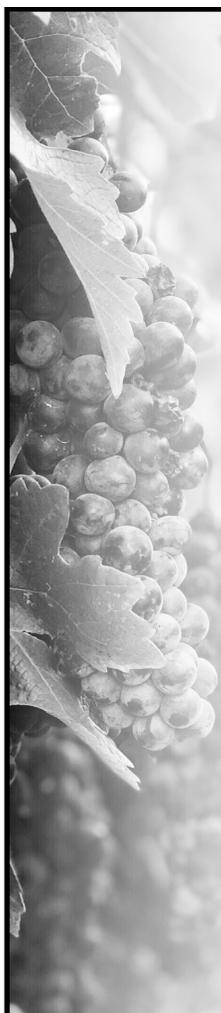




THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, January 27, 2019



Dear Members of Christ Covenant,

One of the greatest privileges we have as believers is the blessing of intercessory prayer. The Strategic Vision Committee (SVC) is asking the congregation to be committed to specifically pray for the upcoming Leadership Retreat taking place on February 16 for our elders, deacons and pastors. With great anticipation, the SVC will be presenting specific recommendations to our leadership for their consideration. As Pastor DeYoung reminded us in a recent sermon, "Prayer is the work." Will you please pray for the following requests on a daily basis over the next three weeks leading up to the retreat?

1. Pray that God will grant His grace and favor in the eyes and hearts of the leadership as the SVC humbly presents its reports, findings and recommendations to our teaching and ruling elders and deacons.

"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'" 1 Pet. 5:5

2. Pray that God will be glorified and that He will bless this retreat far more than we could ever imagine with unity and purpose.

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us..." Eph. 3:20



Love Your Neighbor?

What does that really look like?

Join in praying for Christ Covenant's annual Missions Conference on Sunday, February 17, and Sunday, February 24! Pray for the missionaries and speakers as they travel and prepare to tell us their experiences of loving their neighbors through the gospel. See christcovenant.org/missions-conference-2019.

Theological Reading Group

In partnership with RTS, Christ Covenant is hosting a theological reading group this spring. Do you want to read Christian classics but don't know where to start? Would you like to grow with people who share your love

for theology, and learn from those who have gone before you? If so, register at paideiacenter.com (space is limited).

This spring's group will meet March 6, April 3, and May 1 at 7pm in WC 105 with a discussion led by Blair Smith of Martin Luther's Larger Catechism, which has as a trinitarian structure and includes discussion of the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the sacraments.



The Women's Ministry will be hosting our 2nd Annual Cooking for a Cause, February 19-22, and you're invited! This is a time where groups of women meet in people's homes (various dates and times) to prepare freezer meals. The meals will be stored in our church freezer and will be used to support ministries within our church in the

Sympathy to:

Peggy Cathey on the death of her sister, Frances Ruth "Senie" Cline.

Congratulations to:

Luke and Rebecca Hanson on the birth of their daughter, Haddie Madilyn Hanson.

coming year. The cost is \$10 (to cover the cost of ingredients). This will be a sweet time of service, prayer and fellowship. For more information and to register, go to christcovenant.org/cooking-for-a-cause. If you have questions, please contact Staci Poston (sposton@christcovenant.org).

Elder and Deacon Nominations

To be officially nominated for the ordained office of elder or deacon, the nominee must be male, a member of our church for at least two years by his election (June 2019), and nominated by two congregation members who are from different families. Nomination forms are available at our Information Desk and at the entrances to the sanctuary. Completed forms may be given to a current officer or sent to Pastor Bernie Lawrence at Christ Covenant by the deadline, January 31.



Registration for Seek the City (StC), June 16-21, will open on February 3 at 8pm. The cost for StC is \$145, with a non-refundable deposit of \$80 due at time of registration; the balance of \$65 can be paid with deposit, if not it is due by April 13. Register early for this local week of mission opportunities. To register, go to the youth page on the website and click Seek the City on the right to get to the Seek the City page (christcovenant.org/ministries/youth/seek-the-city).

Established Conference: PCA Children's Ministry Conference

We encourage the children's ministry leadership and volunteers, and all parents of CCC to attend this conference (March 15-16 at Christ Covenant) designed to equip and encourage our ministry to children. Our own Kevin DeYoung will be the keynote speaker on Friday night, and workshops include Recruiting, Training and Retaining Your Volunteers; Raising Sexually Faithful Kids; Child Safety Policy Development; Special Needs Training to Fit Your Church's Needs; Classroom Management; Reaching Out to Your Community's Children; Gospel-Centered Parenting ... and much more! Early Bird cost: \$60 per person by February 22. Cost after Feb 22: \$75 per person. *Cost includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. For more information and to register, go to pcacdm.org/established-charlotte.

Teachers Needed for Mission Trip

We are looking for teachers and former teachers who would be interested in attending a short-term mission trip to Nairobi, Kenya, June 13-22 (depending on flights). The purpose is to come alongside the school that is part of our sister church, Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church, for a teacher training conference. These teachers are some of the most creative and passionate teachers and just need some encouragement and support. This will be the first year their school will have students old enough to sit for their national exams, so we are looking for both lower school and upper school teachers. If you would like to know more, contact Karen Chambers at kchambers@christcovenant.org. There will be an information meeting this evening at 5pm in WC 105. All are welcome to come and hear about this trip.

Employment Opportunities



Christ Covenant Church regularly seeks

to employ individuals who want to engage their gifts to help make disciples who worship God, grow in community, love others, and serve the world. Check christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment for current positions and to apply. Current opportunities include: Director of Communications, Ministry

Administrator in support of the Senior Associate Pastor, and Campus Security and Safety Manager.



Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast

Christ Covenant's Ministry to Men invites all men (16 years and up) to Stack's Kitchen on Saturday, February 2, from 7-8:30am for breakfast and a discussion on "Read On: The Intersection of Manhood & the Word." Special guest Marcus Smith will lead our discussion. Marcus is an intern at Christ Covenant and seminary student at RTS (MDiv). He served eight years in the Army as an infantry officer, and his prayer is to return as an Army Chaplain. His wife is Bethany and they are busy raising two adopted girls. Come for food and fellowship with your brothers in Christ. Bring a friend! There is NO COST, except the cost of your own breakfast. Space is limited to the first 38 men, so register today by contacting Kim Westbrook at kwestbrook@christcovenant.org. The deadline to register is noon on Friday, February 1.

2019 Men's Open Seminar

The Set Free Men's Ministry invites all men to join for an open seminar focusing on developing a biblical perspective on sex and sexuality. It will be held the first and third Mondays starting January 21.

We will have various teachers and pastors walking us through the 14 chapters of David White's *Sexual Sanity for Men*. This book helps us understand that sexual sin starts in our minds and hearts, and shows us how knowing Christ breaks our chains, builds spiritual brotherhood, and helps us take practical steps to re-create our minds in a God-focused direction.

This series is for men of all ages (18+ and youth accompanied by a parent), whether you've struggled personally, are leading or shepherding someone who is struggling or are just interested in learning about this specific sin pattern that affects nearly everyone, whether directly or indirectly. To learn more, please email theo.facinoli@gmail.com or visit christcovenant.org/2019-mens-open-seminar. (There will be a women's seminar on Mondays beginning March 11.)

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for believers in India where the sharp increase in violence continues to grow. Pray for families who lost loved ones in the attacks on churches during Christmas.

Our Presbytery: Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, Pastor Josh Owen

Calendar of Events

This list shares special one-time and monthly events and the start of weekly programs. See our website for our full calendar and the E-Courier for a complete list of what is coming up this week, along with complete announcements.

This Week (January 27-February 2)

Sunday, Jan 27 • Kenya mission trip informational meeting (5pm)
 Monday, Jan 28 • Congregational Day of Prayer
 Friday, Feb 1- Saturday, Feb 2 • TGC Women's Training Network conference
 Saturday, Feb 2 • Men's monthly fellowship breakfast (7am)
 Saturday, Feb 2 • Always Ready Youth Conference (not at CCC)

Upcoming Events

Feb 6 • First Wednesdays Prayer for senior high youth (6pm)
 Feb 10 • Discovery class (new member class) begins (9am)
 Feb 16 • Missions Morning for women

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 throughout 2019.

Inflow 1/1/19 – 1/20/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	309,800	294,000	15,800	5.4%
Faith Promise Budget	15,882	12,500	3,382	27.1%