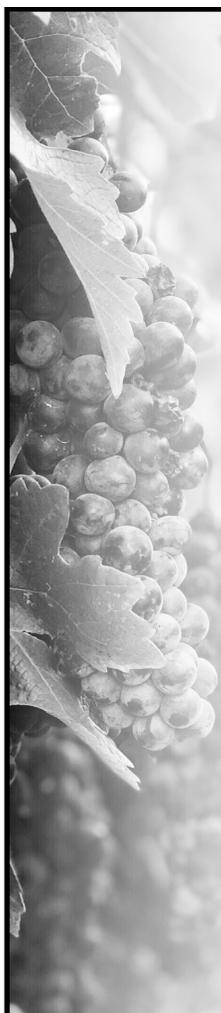




THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, February 3, 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

COOKING FOR A CAUSE

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 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).



Registration for the youth mission week Seek the City (StC), June 16-21, opens this evening 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 the 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).

Wheaton Orchestra

The Wheaton Orchestra is coming to CCC on March 9-10! They will play with us during worship on Sunday morning and perform a concert Sunday evening. We have two exciting opportunities: 1) These college students will need housing for two nights while they are in town. If you have a spare room or two, please consider hosting these talented musicians! If you are interested, please contact Liz McNulty for more detailed information. 2) Also,



International & Local Missions

Loving your neighbor.

Join us for Christ Covenant's annual Missions Conference! Sunday, February 17, will focus on international missions and will include guest missionaries from North America, Europe, and Asia. Sunday, February 24, will focus on local ministry and will include local ministry representatives.

Deacons' Special Offering

This month's special offering will go to the Pregnancy Resource Center and Lois' Lodge. These two nonprofit organizations are dedicated to providing care and support to women with unplanned pregnancies.



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.

join the our choir for Sunday's concert to sing Beethoven's "Hallelujah" with the orchestra on Sunday morning, March 10. Contact Liz McNulty for rehearsal times and practice link.

Established Conference: PCA Children's Ministry

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.

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.

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 is held the first and third Mondays and started 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.facnoli@gmail.com or visit christcovenant.org/2019-mens-open-seminar.



Women! Join us in CLC 5&6 on Saturday, February 16, from 9-10:30am for a light breakfast and panel discussion featuring women sharing their experience on the mission field. Panel speakers will include Stephanie Kuhn and Sheree Newell. Please RSVP at signupgenius.com/go/90405449-missions (Note: This link is also on the website and may be easier to use that way!) by February 12. If you have any questions, please contact Staci Poston at sposton@christcovenant.org.

New Song

Pastor Nathan George is excited to introduce Sandra McCracken's "We Will Feast in the House of Zion" this Sunday during the Lord's Supper. For a link to the song and more from Sandra, please see this week's E-Courier.

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for the endangered minority of Christians in Afghanistan where only Islam is allowed. Pray that the potential withdrawal of American troops will not signal an increase in deadly attacks.

Our Presbytery: Cross Park Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Jeff Hardy

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 (February 3-9)

Wednesday, Feb 6 • First Wednesdays Prayer for senior high youth (6pm)
 Friday, Feb 8 • Senior Adults ladies luncheon (11:30am)
 Saturday, Feb 9 • The Fear of the Lord ... Women Who Worship (9:30am)
 Saturday, Feb 9 • Trail Life Pinewood Derby

Upcoming Events

Feb 10 • Discovery class (new member class) begins (9am)
 Feb 16 • Missions Morning for women (9am)
 Feb 17-24 • Missions Conference week
 Feb 19-22 • Cooking for a Cause
 Mar 4 • Support groups begin (6:45pm)

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 – 1/27/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	389,541	392,000	(2,459)	(0.6%)
Faith Promise Budget	32,999	17,067	15,999	94.1%