



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, February 24, 2019



Faith Promise

Support the international and domestic missions ministry of Christ Covenant Church by making a pledge to our Faith Promise campaign. Faith Promise giving is the primary means by which Christ Covenant supports international and domestic missions outreach. The campaign also supports other local, regional, and national outreach. If you missed picking up a card, you can download a printable version from our Faith Promise webpage: christcovenant.org/faithpromise.

Caregivers Support Group

Are you a caregiver for someone? Do you need hope for this journey? Come join us as we walk through the book *Ambushed by Grace* by Shelly Beach. We offer a time of study, a time to share, encouragement and prayer. The group will meet on Mondays, March 4-May 20, beginning at 6pm with a complimentary dinner and the support group at 6:45pm. Registration requested but not required. Contact Mary Jo Culver at 704-814-1039 or mculver@christcovenant.org.

DivorceCare for Men and GriefShare

Beginning March 4, we will also be offering DivorceCare for Men and GriefShare for men and women. For information on these two support groups, please see the E-Courier or go to the Pastoral Care Ministry page on our website. These groups will meet on Mondays, beginning March 4 at 6pm with a complimentary dinner and the support group at 6:45pm. Registration requested but not required. Contact Mary Jo Culver at 704-814-1039 or mculver@christcovenant.org.

Congregational Day of Prayer

This month's day of prayer is tomorrow, February 25. The Community Life Center chapel will be open from 7am to 9pm where materials will be available to help guide your prayer time. If a member or family seeks anointing or prayer with the elders, please come to the room nearest the CLC chapel between 6-7pm or contact Pastor Bruce Creswell at bcreswell@christcovenant.org or 704-708-6106. More information is at christcovenant.org/prayer.

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) If you can host these college students for two nights, please contact Liz McNulty. 2) You can join our choir to sing Beethoven's "Hallelujah" with the orchestra on Sunday morning, March 10. Contact Liz McNulty for rehearsal times and practice link.



Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast

Christ Covenant's Ministry to Men invites all men (16 years and up) to Stack's Kitchen on Saturday, March 2, from 7-8:30am for breakfast and a discussion led by Peter Leach, an intern at Christ Covenant and seminary student at RTS. 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 Ed Kroger at EdwinKroger@gmail.com or 704-641-7465. The deadline to register is noon on Friday, March 1.

Men's Retreat

Men - mark your calendar for April 5-7, 2019, when we will have this year's retreat "The Emotional Life of the Believer" (how the full humanity of Christ redeems the everyday emotions of everyday man). The retreat will be held at Fort Caswell (fortcaswell.com). Registration is on the Men's Ministry page of the website. Early registration (through March 22) is \$145; regular registration is \$155 (through registration closing on March 29). Much more information is on the website next week so please check the Men's page or the News page for more information and the link to register.



Women's Seminar

Beginning March 11, 7-8:15pm in the CLC Chapel, join Set Free invites all women to a seminar on developing a biblical perspective on sex and sexuality. Maybe you are struggling personally with poor sexual habits, lack of intimacy in your marriage, or inappropriate friendships. Or your friend has shared that she is battling these temptations. Or maybe sexual sin has crept into your marriage, and you want to learn how Christ can bring healing. Maybe you are a mother, wondering how to broach this topic to your pre-teen or teenage daughter. Or you're just interested in learning about this subject that impacts nearly everyone. We invite you to come. We have various teachers from within our church guiding us through Ellen Dykas's *Sexual Sanity for Women*. The goal is to understand God's good design for sexuality, the underlying reasons we struggle relationally, and how the grace and truth of Christ can be applied to these areas. This series is for women of all ages (18+ and youth accompanied by a parent). Members and non-members welcome. Please visit christcovenant.org/2019-womens-open-seminar.

Youth Spring Retreat

The youth (MS & HS) are heading to Ridgehaven in Brevard, NC, for a joint youth retreat of our presbytery. For more information, and to register, go to the youth webpage. Register by March 20.

New Covenant Groups

Two new Covenant Groups will be beginning soon. One will meet in the Wesley Chapel area and be led by John and Keri Saladino. The second group is to be hosted by David and Pamela Mullins with plans to meet at their home (near the church) once a month on a Sunday right after the morning service. They hope to discuss sermons and applications or study a book of the Bible. This group is for adults 18 and up. If interested, in either group, contact Kim Westbrook at kwestbrook@christcovenant.org.

Trail Life BBQ Sale

Order your barbecue online by March 7 to pick up on Friday, March 22, (3-8pm) or Saturday, March 23, (9-3pm) for Troop NC-0413's annual barbecue. Order anytime online at bit.ly/TrailLifeBBQ. For more information, contact Kurt Thompson at 704-877-3826.

AHG Pound Cakes

The American Heritage Girls are selling pound cakes to accompany the Trail Life barbeque. Cakes are \$8, and you may order them online at bit.ly/AHG-poundcakes or directly from an AHG troop member. The sale online goes through March 7, and you can pick up your poundcake when you pick up your barbecue!

Covenant Day School Summer Camps

Christ Covenant families and friends are invited to join Covenant Day for its 2019 Summer Camps program! Camps are led by a passionate team of faculty, staff, students and alumni. Our aim is to inspire and challenge campers while nurturing them in the love of God and formation of Christian character. This year's expanded summer camp offering includes sports, academics, arts, enrichment and life skills for TK through 12th grade. Go to covenantday.org/summercamps to view our new, interactive webpage and search for camps by grade level and week! Early-bird pricing is available for many camps now through the end of February.

HIGHLIGHT

Where could you go? What could you do?

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." — Isaiah 6:8

Even if you don't give it a thought the rest of the year, you can't ignore the question when it's missions conference time: is God calling you to an active role in missions? You already know that any place in the world is a possibility. You understand that a time of service can be a week or two a year, a lifetime or a second career. But, have you considered how well prepared you may be? Missions in the 21st century has openings for project managers, web designers, security experts, pharmacists, financial specialists, medical professionals, researchers, geologists, mechanics, educators, pilots, homemakers, videographers. This list is far from comprehensive, but you get the point. All the time you've been building the skills you use in your work right now, God may have been training you for the opportunity of a lifetime serving Him in missions. Is God recruiting you?






EMPLOYMENT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include

- Director of Communications
- Childcare Worker (PT - as needed)
- Ministry Administrator in support of the Sr Associate Pastor

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

Find us on social media!

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-  [christcovenantpres](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for the Christian minority in Libya where a believer can be arrested for talking about his faith. Pray for God's mercy on His children and their joy in Him.

Our Presbytery: Gospel Church Munich and Pastor Steffen Mueller

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 24-March 2)

- Feb 24 • Parent/student participant Seek the City required meeting (7:30pm)
- Feb 25 • Congregational day of prayer (7am-9pm)
- Mar 2 • Men's monthly fellowship breakfast (7-8:30pm)

Upcoming Events

- Mar 4 • Support groups begin (6:45pm)
- Mar 6 • Theological Reading Group (7pm)
- Mar 10 • Wheaton Orchestra concert (5pm)
- Mar 11 • Women's Seminar: Sexual Sanity for Women begins (7pm)
- Mar 15-16 • Established Conference (hosted by Children's Ministry)
- March 29-31 • CCYM Youth Spring Retreat: "Satisfied?"

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 – 2/17/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	658,683	690,500	(31,817)	(4.6%)
Faith Promise Budget	51,384	31,100	20,284	65.2%