



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, March 10, 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, beginning March 4, at 6pm with a complimentary dinner and the support group begins 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 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 begins at 6:45pm. Registration requested but not required. Contact Mary Jo Culver at 704-814-1039 or mculver@christcovenant.org.

Wheaton Orchestra

As part of their spring tour, the Wheaton College Symphony Orchestra will be performing a concert this evening as part of our worship service. The concert will begin at 5pm. This unique concert event will offer a wonderful opportunity to hear major works such as Beethoven's 5th Symphony, or Brahms majestic Symphony No. 3, and Respighi's Fountains of Rome performed by Wheaton's 70-member ensemble and conducted by Professor of Music Dr. Daniel Sommerville. The concert is free and open to the public without a ticket or reservation. In addition to church conferences, the orchestra is visiting area schools, touring the nation's capital, learning from local professional musicians, and sharing their music in a youth correctional facility.

2019 Set Free Women's Seminar

Beginning tomorrow, March 11, 7-8:15pm in the CLC Chapel, 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.

Sympathy to:

Carol Zachary on the death of her brother, Lendal Larry Hanaway.



PCA Children's Ministry Conference

We encourage the Children's Ministry leadership and volunteers, and all parents of CCC to attend this March 15-16 conference 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! Cost is \$75 per person and includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. For more information and to register, go to pcacdm.org/established-charlotte.

Youth Spring Retreat

The youth (MS & HS) are heading to Ridgehaven in Brevard, NC, the weekend of March 29-31 for a joint youth retreat of our presbytery: "Satisfied?" The cost (\$125 - NEW PRICE!) includes transportation, all meals and a retreat t-shirt. Details and registration are on the youth webpage. Registration closes March 20 at midnight.

Men's Retreat

April 5-7 will be our men'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). Early registration (through March 22) is \$145; regular registration is \$155 (through registration closing on March 29). Details and registration are on the Men's Ministry webpage.

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.

Welcome BJ Thomas!



Join us in welcoming BJ Thomas to our full-time staff as our new Campus Security & Safety Manager. Having served 30 years as a dedicated member

of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, BJ will provide leadership and expertise to all school and church staff regarding campus security needs. BJ earned an MBA from Pfeiffer University and a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from Western Carolina University. He served as a patrol sergeant and patrol training supervisor, squad leader with the Civil Emergency Unit, and as a detective assigned to the Felony Investigations Bureau Armed Robbery and Burglary Units. He and his wife, Mary, and daughter, Sara, are members of First Baptist Church of Indian Trail.



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!



HisAbilities Speaker Series

HisAbilities at Christ Covenant Church is excited to host the third and final meeting of our speaker series, "Navigating Life with Disabilities," on Saturday, April 6, from 9:30-11:15am in the Community Life Center chapel. Margaret Gaffney will be speaking on the topic "Transition to Adulthood: What Parents Need to Know." Margaret serves as the transition coordinator at A Special Needs Plan and is very experienced in helping parents navigate all the changes that happen when their child with special needs turns 18 and moves into adulthood. Please join us to learn more about how to prepare for these critical changes. A light breakfast will be provided at 9:30. The seminar

will begin at 10:00 and conclude by 11:15. Limited childcare will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please join us or pass along the invitation to a friend or loved one who would benefit! Please RSVP by March 25 to hisabilitiesrsvp@gmail.com.

Find us on social media!

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EMPLOYMENT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include

- Director of Communications
- Grounds Maintenance (PT)
- Childcare Worker (PT - as needed)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for missionaries, Christian workers, including volunteers, for believers including children, throughout Haiti as political unrest is increasing in the cities. Pray for peace.

Our Presbytery: Hope Community Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Mark Upton

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 (March 10-16)

- Sunday, Mar 10 • Wheaton Orchestra concert (5pm)
- Monday, Mar 11 • Women's Seminar: Sexual Sanity for Women (7pm)
- Friday, Mar 15 • Senior Adult men's lunch (11:30am)
- Friday, Mar 15-Saturday, March 16 • Established Conference (hosted by Children's Ministry)

Upcoming Events

- March 29-31 • CCYM Youth Spring Retreat: "Satisfied?"
- Apr 3 • Theological Reading Group (7pm)
- Apr 5-7 • Men's Retreat
- Apr 6 • HisAbilities speaker series (9:30am)

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 – 3/3/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	861,268	892,500	(31,232)	(3.5%)
Faith Promise Budget	68,144	55,800	12,344	22.1%