



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**Sunday, March 17, 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](http://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](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org).

## GriefShare

We are offering a Griefshare support group for men and women. It began March 4 but you can still join in. For information this support group, please go to the Pastoral Care Ministry page on our website. The group meets on Mondays 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](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org).

## 2019 Set Free Women's Seminar

Beginning 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](http://christcovenant.org/2019-womens-open-seminar).



## Men's Retreat

Men, ages 16+, don't miss a great opportunity to grow in the Lord and renew or make new friendships with the men of Christ Covenant! We'll be heading to the NC Coastal Beach Retreat at Ft. Caswell, April 5-7. Our theme for the retreat is "The Emotional Life of the Believer" (How the full humanity of Christ redeems the everyday emotions of everyday man). Early bird registration of \$145 is open till March 22; after March 22, the cost will be \$155. Registration deadline is March 29. More details and registration are on the Men's Ministry page at [christcovenant.org/men](http://christcovenant.org/men).

## Sympathy to:

Mary Newton on the death of her husband and our member, James "Jim" Newton.

## 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.

## 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 Jenny Blackmon at [jblackmon@christcovenant.org](mailto:jblackmon@christcovenant.org).

## 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](http://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.

## Thrive Over 55

The *South Charlotte Weekly*, *Union County Weekly* and the *Matthews-Mint Hill Weekly* present an opportunity for citizens over the age of 55 to connect with the resources available to them in the community. Companies and organizations provide information about important issues, such as health care and financial planning. Admission is free. Visitors will be treated to free breakfast and lunch, as well as the opportunity to mingle with friends.

The 2019 Thrive Over 55 Senior Expo takes place 9am to 12:30 pm on March 29 at Christ Covenant Church, 800 Fullwood Lane in Matthews. The event will include door prizes, giveaways, breakfast and lunch. Admission is free.

We ask that people interested in going register in advance, so we can effectively plan the right amount of food for breakfast and lunch. Email Adrian Garson at [adrian@cmgweekly.com](mailto:adrian@cmgweekly.com) or call us at 704-849-2261.

## BBQ & Pound Cakes

Did you miss ordering yummy pound cakes from American Heritage Girls or BBQ from Trail Life? Extras will be available for sale at our joint booths. AHG is also selling homemade giant chocolate chip cookies. Pre-orders may also be picked up. Booth sale dates are Friday, March 22, 3-8pm, and Saturday, March 23, 9am-3pm, or until sold out. South Lobby Parking Lot.

## HIGHLIGHT

### The PCA's Mission to North America DISASTER RESPONSE

*... your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. — Isaiah 58:12*

The PCA's disaster relief ministry has made a request for volunteers to serve in six sites across the impact zone of last year's most damaging hurricanes, Michael and Florence. Our volunteers will be sent to New Bern, NC; Wilmington, NC; Mullins, SC; Albany, GA; Panama City, FL; and Puerto Rico.

This call to help in places that are "yesterday's news" is one of the best reasons to help support this ministry. PCA staff and volunteers go to work where they can assist in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. And they keep coming back as long as they are needed. Involvement long after the first responders and reporters have left is every bit as timely. Our volunteers are a visible reminder that God cares for His children by sending believers who want to help in the long process of repair and restoration.

If you have time to volunteer, your help will be welcomed. If you want to support PCA disaster response, 100% of your designated gift will be used to work in disaster relief, in cooperation with local PCA churches in the impacted areas. To learn more about volunteer needs or to make a gift before the next storm hits, visit [pcamna.org](http://pcamna.org) or call our Outreach and Missions office at 704-814-1064.

### EMPLOYMENT

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include

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

Details: [christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment](http://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

### PRAYER FOCUS

**Persecuted Church:** Pray for the ministry of believers in Ethiopia where the nation is mourning for lives lost in the crash of Ethiopian Airlines flight 302. Pray individuals and churches will offer hope and kindness to families in crisis and airline workers who must continue to work as they grieve.

**Our Presbytery:** Lake Tillery Church, Mount Gilead, and Pastor Chip McAulay

## 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 17-23)

Friday, March 22 & Saturday, March 23 • Barbecue and pound cake pickup

### Upcoming Events

- March 25 • Congregational Day of Prayer (7am)
- March 29 • Thrive Over 55 (9am)
- March 29-31 • CCYM Youth Spring Retreat: "Satisfied?"
- Apr 3 • Theological Reading Group (7pm)
- Apr 3 • High School First Wednesday Prayer (6pm)
- Apr 5-7 • Men's Retreat
- Apr 6 • HisAbilities speaker series (9:30am)
- Apr 13 • Children's Easter Egg Hunt

### 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 – 3/10/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	1,026,704	995,000	31,704	3.2%
Faith Promise Budget	79,046	66,000	13,046	19.8%