



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Join us this Easter!

Easter Egg Hunt

April 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Community Life Center

Spring Lunch

April 14 after Morning Worship in the Community Life Center

Maundy Thursday

Communion service on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Childcare for ages 4 mos - 2 yrs

Good Friday

Service on April 19 at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
No childcare provided

Easter Sunday

April 21 in the Sanctuary
Morning worship at 10:45 a.m.
Evening worship at 6:00 p.m.
Regular childcare at both services
No Sunday Bible School

Large Print Worship Folders

For your convenience, large print worship folders are available at the Information Desk.

Spring Lunch

Our Spring Lunch (featuring Trail Life BBQ!) is today, immediately following the morning worship service.

Women's Summer Bible Study

Join us for our Summer Women's Bible Study, *Considering Him Faithful: Sarah and Rahab*, led by Carolyn Carpenter! The study will be held Tuesdays, June 4-July 2 (total of 5 sessions) from 7-8:30pm. Details and registration are online at christcovenant.org/wbs.

Easter Lilies

Help beautify our worship center for Easter by ordering a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Lilies will be displayed on April 21, Easter Sunday, with a pick-up after the evening service. To order, enclose \$10 per plant (payable to Christ Covenant Church) along with your designation in an envelope marked "Lilies." You may put it in the offering, bring it to the church office, or mail it to the Operations Department, Attention: Jill Joyner. You can also email Jill at jjoyner@christcovenant.org. Today is the deadline to order. *The order form is at the bottom of this page.*

Men's Open Seminar

Please join us as we walk through *Sexual Sanity for Men* by David White. This is truly the fight of our generation. What are we doing as men of the church - as followers of Christ - to truly set ourselves apart from the sexualized culture we live in? Nearly 70% of us fall into sexual sin on a regular basis. It's time to fight this. We encourage you to come and battle this sin alongside your brothers. Bring your son(s) to help lead him to holiness in this area that threatens so many. The next seminar is in the CLC chapel from 7-8:30pm on April 29 (led by Stewart Neely).

Covenant Day School Summer Camps

Join Covenant Day's 2019 Summer Camp program! 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 offerings include 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!



Easter Lily Order Form

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 14.

Giver's name: _____

I will pick up my plant after the 6:00pm Easter worship service.

In honor of: _____

I will leave my plant to be given to someone to brighten their Spring.

In memory of: _____

Women's Brunch

Our Women's Brunch is Thursday, April 25, at 11am in the Community Life Center. Bring a salad or dessert to share and join us for brunch! We'll enjoy fellowship and hear testimonies of God's faithfulness from a few of our women. RSVP at signupgenius.com/o/60b0444aaaf2ea2fc1-april. Limited childcare is available. To check childcare availability and reserve your child's spot, please contact Stephanie Bennett (sbennett@christcovenant.org).

VBS Registration

Seek the City vacation Bible school is for children ages 5-11. (Children must be 5 years old by the start of VBS- June 17.) It is a free week of fun and learning led by our Seek the City youth. It will be held June 17-21 from 9am-noon in the Christ Covenant worship center. Register your children online beginning Monday, April 15, at christcovenant.org/seek-the-city.

ProjectSHARE for April and May

We are once again collecting new or very gently used books during the months of April and May to use during our Seek the City camps. It is very important this year to collect many books as both camps will be held on the campus of Christ Covenant. For a few suggestions on books to purchase, please see the list of suggestions available on the ProjectSHARE page of our website or the post on the News page of the website. Books can be dropped off in the main lobby any Sunday in April or May, or the church office during the week. We are also collecting brain puzzle and activity books such as sudoku, brain teasers, etc.

Families Managing Media

Medical professionals, teachers, and parents are invited to this conference to learn how to prevent digital addictions and reclaim children who have become addicted to video games or social media. Thursday, May 16, is "Kids & Screens: Preventing Digital Addiction" at Pineville UMC from 7-9pm. Register for Friday night at kidsandscreens.eventbrite.com. The main conference is Friday, May 17, beginning at 8am at the Sheraton Charlotte Hotel (555 S. McDowell St.). Details on sessions and registration are at bit.ly/2GmYKVq. Please contact Melanie Hempe at 704-996-7609 or melanie@familiesmanagingmedia.com to learn more.

HIGHLIGHT Good Friday?

So, why do Christians call the Friday when Jesus was brutalized and crucified *good*? The crucifixion of Jesus, as horrible and unjust as it was, fulfilled God's plan. This was no accident of history but the eternally predestined purpose of God.

That such a horrible incident can be regarded as "good" is because by means of this event, and only by this event, are we able to be forgiven of our sins and reconciled to God. "Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18). These things make the gospel the very best news there is:

- When Jesus suffered, he suffered for our "sins." Christ died because of or for our "sins" in the capacity of one who took the penalty for them upon himself. It is only because Jesus has died for our sins that we don't have to.
- When Jesus suffered for our sins he suffered only "once" and for all time. His once-for-all time atonement was perfect and sufficient.
- When Jesus suffered for sins, it was as a righteous person dying in the place of unrighteous people like you and me. He is the only person who has lived and died who didn't suffer for his own sins.

Jesus suffered for our sins to "bring us to God." That is the greatest of the good news. Because Jesus died for us, we get God!

By Rev. Sam Storms, Bridgeway Church in Oklahoma City,
Adapted from *Loving God* blog, April 10, 2019

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Human Resources Generalist - Payroll, Benefits, & Database Administration
- Director of Communications
- Grounds Maintenance (PT)
- Childcare Worker (PT - as needed)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for the hidden Christian churches in Iran where worshippers are in danger of severe treatment if they are exposed as infidels because they are followers of Jesus. The estimated 800,000 Christians in Iran live among 82 million Muslims. Pray they will know God's blessing as they are faithful to Christ.

Our Presbytery: Redeemer Church, Southern Pines, and Pastor John Kinyon

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 (found on the News webpage) for a complete list of what is coming up this week, along with additional announcements.

This Week (April 14-20)

- Apr 14 • Palm Sunday worship
- Apr 14 • Spring Luncheon (following morning worship)
- Apr 15-21 • Holy Week - Week of Jubilee - no evening meetings
- Apr 17 • Yarn Lovers Ministry (10am)
- Apr 18 • Maundy Thursday worship with communion (7pm)
- Apr 19 • Good Friday worship (12pm)

Upcoming Events

- Apr 21 • Easter worship service (10:45am) – no Sunday school
- Apr 22 • Congregational Day of Prayer
- Apr 25 • Women's brunch (11am)
- Apr 29 • Men's open seminar (7pm)

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 – 4/7/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	1,483,747	1,406,000	77,747	5.5%
Faith Promise Budget	135,855	98,800	37,055	37.5%