



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Please take note of the following accommodations available for your comfort and convenience.



**Fragrance-free area**  
In the balcony, adjacent to the elevator



**Nursing mothers room (WC-111)**



**Hands-free outer door**  
On ground level near handicapped parking



**Elevator** to ground floor, main floor, and balcony



**Hearing loop seating** in the sanctuary



**Large print worship folders**  
At the Information Desk

## Large Print Worship Folders

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

## Deacons' Special Offering

The Deacons' special offering for May will go to RTS partnerships. This offering is designated for seminary scholarships to assist students with their educational expenses at Reformed Theological Seminary.

## 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](http://christcovenant.org/wbs).

## 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 now at [christcovenant.org/seek-the-city](http://christcovenant.org/seek-the-city).

## Is There a Graduate in Your Family?

We want to publish the names, schools and plans for the immediate future (i.e., college, military, career, post-grad) of our high school, college, and post-grad members of the Class of 2019 so our church family can celebrate these milestones, too. Please send your graduate's information to [communications@christcovenant.org](mailto:communications@christcovenant.org) and look for our list in early June.

## Welcome Our Communicants

Grace Bingham  
Julia Boland  
Eve Boone  
Chiara Chao  
Anselm Dean  
Addison Ely

Bowen Futch  
Elsa George  
Matthias George  
Jack Greene  
Rayna Hamilton  
Jane Hutton

Hannah Ivill  
Maizy Jones  
Nathan Kelly  
Jack Lapp  
Cooper Long  
Kelsey Nelson

Kate Raulston  
Lilly Smith  
Caroline Wells

## ProjectSHARE for 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. Some suggestions are listed below. Books can be dropped off in the main lobby any Sunday in May or the church office during the week. We are also collecting brain puzzle and activity books such as sudoku, brain teasers, etc.

### Elementary Books

*The Stories Julian Tells* — Ann Cameron  
*Sheep in a Jeep* — Nancy Shaw  
*Superfudge* — Judy Blume  
*Widget* — Lynn McFarland

### Middle School Books

*Dog Friday* — Hilary McKay  
*The Roar* — Emma Clayton  
*Danger Zone* — David Klass  
*Ender's Game* — Orson Scott Card

For more suggestions on books to purchase, please see the list available on the ProjectSHARE page of our website or the post on the News page of the website.

## Women's Open Seminar

Women, please join us as various teachers from our church walk us through *Sexual Sanity for Women* by Ellen Dykas of Harvest USA. This is not a seminar just for women caught in sexual sin — this is a unique opportunity to learn about how the reality of sexual brokenness and temptations impacts our faith journeys, our families and our church. Come and learn with and from your sisters! We encourage you to bring your middle or high school daughters and open the door for healthy conversation in your own home. The next seminar "Sexually Healthy: Body, Mind and Spirit" and will be led by Allison Kitchen on Monday, May 13, in the CLC Chapel from 7-8:15 PM.

## 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](http://covenantday.org/summercamps) to view our new, interactive webpage and search for camps by grade level and week!

## Declare Your Support for Life

Focus on the Family is sponsoring a "Declaration for Life" petition to both federal and state governments to bring abortion to an end, beginning with bans on late-term abortions. To sign this petition or learn more about the pro-life movement, go to [focusonthefamily.com/pro-life](http://focusonthefamily.com/pro-life).

## Congregational Meeting June 2

Please mark your calendar now so you will be present for a called congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on nominees for the offices of elder and deacon. Watch for details on the meeting and biographies of the candidates. Pray for wisdom and for God's continued protection of our church.

## HIGHLIGHT Prayer and Praise

*"... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

— Philippians 4:6-7

**Prayer is God's Gift to Us.** Arthur W. Pink said, "Prayer is the way and means God has appointed for the communication of the blessings of His goodness to His people."

**Prayer Has Power.** E.M. Bounds said, "God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil."

**Prayer Brings Change.** Andrew Murray said, "We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth."

**Prayer Changes People.** Charles Spurgeon said, "Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God. We know not what prayer can do."

Every week your pastors, officers, staff, and prayer warriors join in prayer for the requests you share and praise reports you send by way of pew cards placed in the offering bag, messages to [prayer@christcovenant.org](mailto:prayer@christcovenant.org) or calls to our church office at 704-847-3505. **How may we pray for you?**

## 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](http://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Persecuted Church:** Pray for believers in Nigeria where 40 Christians were killed in multiple attacks before and during Easter weekend. Among those killed were thirteen boys taking part in a late night Easter procession in the Gombe state.

**Our Presbytery:** Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, and Rev. Bill Barclay

## 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 (May 5-11)

Sunday, May 5 • Communicants' Sunday  
 Monday, May 6 • Men's Open Seminar (7pm)  
 Wednesday, May 8 • Youth senior night and "yuck fest" (7pm)  
 Wednesday, May 8 • Women's Bible Study: Ruth & Esther  
 Friday, May 10 • Senior adults ladies luncheon (11:30am)  
 Saturday, May 11 • The Fear of the Lord ... Women Who Worship (9:30am)

### Upcoming Events

May 13 • Women's Open Seminar (7 pm)  
 May 26 • New Member Recognition (morning worship)  
 June 2 • Officer elections  
 June 4 • Women's summer Bible study begins (7pm)  
 June 16-21 • Seek the City

## 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 – 4/28/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	1,785,623	1,716,500	69,123	4.0%
Faith Promise Budget	149,691	115,400	34,291	29.7%