



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, May 19, 2019

Congregational Meeting June 2

We will have a called congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on nominees for the offices of elder and deacon. It will be held on Sunday, June 2, after morning worship. Watch for details on the meeting and biographies of the candidates. Pray for wisdom and for God's continued protection of our church.

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.



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 and look for our list in early June.

Large Print Worship Folders

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

Men's Small Group - Midtown/Uptown

There is a new Men's Group forming in midtown on Wednesdays at 6:30am. If you work uptown or nearby, this may be the group for you. Men's Groups are discipleship groups for men and are designed to help create a gospel community in which the message of the gospel transforms our lives in such a way that participants become mature disciples who are able to make disciples. If you are interested any location, please contact Jenny Blackmon, ministry administrator, at 704-708-6104 or jblackmon@christcovenant.org.

Women's Ministries Dessert & Discussion

On Thursday, July 11, from 7-8:30 pm in the Community Life Center, we'll be discussing *The Vine Project* by Colin Marshall & Tony Payne! If you don't already own a copy, they are available for purchase at the Book Nook (main lobby of the worship center) for \$13.00. Read at your own pace and join us on July 11 for dessert and discussion.

Sympathy to:

Ellen Bertelsen and her daughter Gale Tillett, on the death of their mother and grandmother, Geraldine Elizabeth Higby.

Ruth Mangum on the death of her husband and our deacon emeritus James Gibson Mangum.

Congratulations to:

Candi and Tennant Brastow on the birth of a daughter, Cora Jane.

18|22 Community

We are excited to announce the 18|22 community will be re-starting their own Sunday school this week (5/19). If you are 18-22 years old we'd love to have you join us! If you have a child in this age group, please let them know they are invited to come too! We meet in the Campus Outreach house at 9am.

Special Needs VBS

All children and young adults with different abilities (special needs), ages 6 and up, are invited to participate in afternoon vacation Bible school at Christ Covenant Church. The theme this year is Summer Sequest. The leaders will be middle school and high school students with adult supervision. There is no charge for the week. Please join us! VBS will be held June 17-21 from 1:30-4:00pm in the Christ Covenant worship center. More details and registration at christcovenant.org/seek-the-city.

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.

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!

Congregational Day of Prayer



Our monthly day of prayer for May is tomorrow, Monday, May 20. Any members or church attendees may come and pray any time from 7am–9pm in the chapel of the Community Life Center. On the prayer table are a number of items to assist in praying. If a member or family seeks anointing or prayer with the elders, please come to the room nearest the CLC chapel between 6–7 PM or contact Pastor Bruce Creswell (bcreswell@christcovenant.org).

Seek the City (StC) Volunteer Opportunities

Seek the City is a churchwide mission and requires volunteers from the congregation to make everything run smoothly and for our youth to be able to minister to people on their worksites. Our StC initiative (June 17-22) is a week of ministry fueled by the energy and commitment of our teens and youth leaders. We still need many volunteers from the congregation for it to run smoothly and for our youth to be able to minister to people on their worksites. For more information and to sign up to help, go to christcovenant.org/seek-the-city and click on the links that interest you.

RTS Students Need Housing

Reformed Theological Seminary's student body is growing! We are currently searching for housing options for new students as they move to Charlotte. If you have an above-garage apartment, a spare room, or a rental property, would you prayerfully consider renting to a seminary student? Helping house our students is a wonderful way to partner with RTS as we train our students for ministry. For more information, please contact Katy McIlvaine in the RTS admissions office: kmcilvaine@rts.edu or 704-688-4220.

HIGHLIGHT Stormy Weather

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. ... And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" — Mark 4:35-38

Charles Spurgeon, known as one of the greatest preachers in modern history, was a man who struggled with a catalogue of difficulties including the challenge of depression. His experience led him to this testimony and encouragement for all of us:

"I, the preacher of this hour, beg to bear my witness that the worst days I have ever had have turned out to be my best days, and when God has seemed most cruel to me, he has then been most kind. If there is anything in this world for which I would bless him more than for anything else, it is for pain and affliction. I am sure that in these things the richest, tenderest love has been manifested to me. Our Father's wagons rumble most heavily when they are bringing us the richest freight of the bullion of his grace. Love letters from heaven are often sent in black-edged envelopes. The cloud that is black with horror is big with mercy. Fear not the storm, it brings healing in its wings, and when Jesus is with you in the vessel the tempest only hastens the ship to its desired haven."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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 Christians throughout sub-Saharan Africa where ISIS fighters and other radicals have dispersed. Their ideology has inspired, or infiltrated, numerous splinter groups like the Islamic State West Africa Province, a deadly group that broke away from Nigeria's Boko Haram.

Our Presbytery: West Charlotte Church and Rev. Charles McKnight

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 19-25)

Monday, May 20 • Congregational Day of Prayer
Monday, May 20 • Men's open seminar (7pm)

Upcoming Events

May 26 • New Member Recognition (morning worship)
May 27 • Memorial Day - church offices closed
May 27 • Women's open seminar (7pm)
May 28 • Middle school summer Bible study begins
May 29 • Senior high summer Wednesdays begins
June 2 • Congregational meeting - officer elections
June 4 • Women's summer Bible study begins (7pm)
June 16-21 • Seek the City youth missions week
June 17-21 • Vacation Bible school (9am-12pm)

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 – 5/12/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	2,009,162	1,915,500	93,662	4.9%
Faith Promise Budget	167,093	123,800	43,293	35.0%