



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, May 26, 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.

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.

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 in any location, please contact Jenny Blackmon 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.

18|22 Community

We are excited to announce the 18|22 community has re-started their own Sunday school this week! 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 on Sunday morning.

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 1:30-4pm in the Christ Covenant worship center. More details and registration at christcovenant.org/seek-the-city.

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!

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Christ Covenant's Ministry to Men is hosting our monthly breakfast on Saturday, June 1, from 7-8:30am at Stacks Kitchen. All men, 16+, are invited to attend. This month's topic is, Father's Day: Being Forgiven. Come for food and fellowship with your brothers

in Christ. Guests welcome! The only cost is the cost of your own breakfast. Space is limited to the first 38 men. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EAF2DA1F58-mens>.

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.

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.

Middle & High School Summer Bible Studies

Middle and High school Bible studies kick off this week! All rising 6th-8th grade students are invited to join us on Tuesdays starting May 28 at 6:30pm in the lower CLC youth area. All rising 9th-12th grade & 2019 grads are invited to High School Summer Nights on Wednesdays starting May 29 at 7pm in the lower CLC youth area. For more information, visit christcovenant.org

Weekly Women's Prayer Gathering

All ladies are invited to pray with other women of Christ Covenant on Sunday afternoons in the Worship Center Prayer Room at 4:45-5:45pm.

HIGHLIGHT Memorial Day 2019

Remembering with gratitude the more than 1.1 million members of our military services who gave their lives for freedom throughout American history.

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 82: 3-4

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:7-8

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Pay to all what is owed to them ... respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Romans 13:7

The memory of the righteous is blessed,

Proverbs 10:7a

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

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 our Christian brothers and sisters in China where the government is now moving against house churches to disband them and to “re-educate” leaders and members. Pray for believers to increase in strength and number.

Our Presbytery: Carolina Presbyterian Church, Locust, and Rev. David Yoran

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 26-June 1)

Sunday, May 26 • New Member Recognition (morning worship)
 Monday, May 27 • Memorial Day - church offices closed
 Monday, May 27 • Women's open seminar (7pm)
 Wednesday, May 28 • Middle school summer Bible study begins
 Thursday, May 29 • Senior high summer Wednesdays begins
 Saturday, June 1 • Men's Ministry Breakfast at Stacks Kitchen (7am)

Upcoming Events

June 2 • Congregational meeting - officer elections
 June 16-22 • Seek the City youth missions week
 June 17-22 • Vacation Bible School (9am-12pm)
 June 17-22 • Special Needs Vacation Bible School (1:30-4pm)
 July 11 • Women's Ministry book discussion (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.

| <i>Inflow 1/1/19 – 5/19/19</i> | <i>Actual \$</i> | <i>Budget \$</i> | <i>Difference \$</i> | <i>% (-) or +</i> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Budget | 2,092,147 | 2,015,000 | 77,147 | 3.8% |
| Faith Promise Budget | 169,913 | 128,000 | 41,913 | 32.7% |