



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

## In Loving Memory

On Thursday, May 30, Kelly Keesling's battle with lung cancer ended as she entered eternity with Christ. Kelly was an integral staff member for both Covenant Day School and Christ Covenant Church as the website coordinator for 6 years. Kelly daily encouraged our staff as she vibrantly lived and battled cancer with resolve. We will remember Kelly for her courageous battle with lung cancer, and her unshakeable faith as she faced each challenge with determination. She leaves behind her husband, Tim, and two children, Stephen and Ashley. Join us in thanking the Lord for Kelly's life and gospel impact, and let us join together in prayer for the family and friends she has left behind. Funeral arrangements are forthcoming.

## Is There a Graduate in Your Family?

This is the last call to send us the name(s) of your graduate(s). Please send in your graduate(s) name, school(s) and plans for the immediate future (i.e., college, military, career, post-grad) for high school, college, and post-grad members of the Class of 2019. Email information to [communications@christcovenant.org](mailto:communications@christcovenant.org) so we can celebrate with you! We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 9, during the morning worship service.

## 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!

Special Needs VBS will be held June 17-21 from 1:30pm-4pm in the Christ Covenant worship center. More details and registration at [christcovenant.org/seek-the-city](http://christcovenant.org/seek-the-city).

## Close the Gaps!

### Volunteer for Seek the City

Seek the City is a churchwide mission that requires volunteers from the congregation to make everything run smoothly. This helps our youth to be able to minister to people on their worksites. Our Seek the City (StC) initiative is June 17-22 and is a week of ministry fueled by the energy and commitment of our teens and youth leaders. We have volunteer opportunities for prayer partners, food for dinner, help at worksites and snacks. For more information and to sign up to serve in one of these areas, go to [christcovenant.org/seek-the-city](http://christcovenant.org/seek-the-city) and click on the links that interest you.

## Congregational Meeting Today June 2

We have called a congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on nominees for the offices of elder and deacon this morning immediately following worship. Please pray for wisdom and for God's continued protection of our church.

## 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.

## Women's Summer Bible Study

The Women's Summer Bible Study, *Considering Him Faithful: Sarah and Rahab*, led by Carolyn Carpenter, begins this week! 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).

## This Sunday's Special Offering

This month's special offering is designated for Joni & Friends Charlotte and Harvest USA.

Joni and Friends focuses on advancing disability ministry and changing the church and communities around the world. Their mission is to communicate the gospel and equip Christ-honoring churches worldwide to evangelize and disciple people affected by disabilities.

Harvest USA's mission is to partner with and equip the Church in bringing the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to transform the lives of those affected by sexual sin.



## 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](mailto:kmcilvaine@rts.edu) or 704-688-4220.

## Book Nook Features Nancy Guthrie & Michael Reeves

Nancy Guthrie and Michael Reeves are our first authors to be highlighted at the Book Nook!

Nancy Guthrie is a gifted Bible teacher, speaker, and author. Nancy writes books that reflect her compassion for people who are hurting and her passion for applying God's Word to real life. She and her husband, David, host weekend Respite Retreats for couples who have faced the death of a child. She speaks regularly at conferences nationally and internationally and is a regular contributor to The Gospel Coalition including hosting the Help Me Teach the Bible podcast.

Michael Reeves is an author, theologian, historian and professor who teaches at Wales Evangelical School of Theology (WEST) and is the director of Union, a WEST initiative that puts the theological academy back in the local church context. He previously served as theological adviser for the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship in the United Kingdom where he oversaw the Theology Network, a theological resources website. He was also associate minister at All Souls Church, Langham Place. He has also written numerous articles for publications including International Journal of Systematic Theology, Themelios, Desiring God, Cred and Reformation 21.

We hope you will visit the Book Nook to check out titles from Nancy Guthrie and Michael Reeves this week!

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

## Weekly Women's Prayer Gathering

All ladies are invited to pray with other women of Christ Covenant on Sunday afternoons in Worship Center 105 at 4:45-5:45pm.

## HIGHLIGHT Book Nook

Summer is a wonderful time to pick up a new book! This summer we will be featuring various authors and books in the Book Nook!

The Book Nook is a self-serve bookstore where you can purchase books with cash or a check. The Book Nook is located in the main lobby of the worship center. You can find a wide range of books on the Christian walk, evangelism, parenting, missionary autobiographies, children's books, young reader books, ESV Bibles and more. There is also a variety of authors like Nancy Guthrie, Timothy Keller, J.I. Packer, Edward Welch and our pastor Kevin DeYoung.

Watch for featured authors and books in the courier throughout the summer. We hope you will stop by and pick up a book or two!



## 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 joining a men's group that meets at any location, please contact Jenny Blackmon at 704-708-6104 or [jblackmon@christcovenant.org](mailto:jblackmon@christcovenant.org).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

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

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

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Persecuted Church:** Pray for believers in Iraq and Syria who are returning to the towns they fled to escape ISIS terror, and now trying to rebuild their lives in the midst of destruction that has left them without resources.

## 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 (June 2-June 8)

- June 2 • Congregational meeting - officer elections
- June 2 • Women's prayer gathering in WC105 (4:45p)
- June 3 • Caregivers Support (6:45p)
- June 4 • Middle school summer Bible study (6:30p)
- June 5 • High school summer nights (7p)
- June 7 • Seniors monthly luncheon (12p)

### Upcoming Events

- 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)
- Aug 4 • No Sunday school for any age
- Aug 11 • No Sunday school for any age

## 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 – 5/26/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	2,181,635	2,114,500	67,135	3.2%
Faith Promise Budget	173,367	132,700	40,667	30.67%