



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Seek the City Begins Tonight!

Seek the City is the “stay-at-home” summer mission trip for Christ Covenant Church. Middle and high school youth set aside a week in the summer to serve the communities of Charlotte and Matthews. We call it a “stay-at-home” mission because the students and their leaders live on our campus for the entire week. Students and leaders serve throughout the day running sports camps and vacation Bible school, partnering with programs in the local schools for at-risk students, serving nursing homes, and completing work projects for senior citizens in our church, to name just a few opportunities. Then, every evening all of the participants meet for worship, teaching in the Word and engaging in team meetings.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone volunteering, bringing food and/or snacks and for praying! We hope you will join us in praying throughout the week for Seek the City!

Sympathy to:

Toni Broome on the death of her husband and our elder, Granville W. Broome, Jr.

Congratulations to:

Devon and Abigail Cerrato on the birth of their daughter, Avery Wren Cerrato.

Abraham and Kristen Gonzalez on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Hannah Gonzalez.



Congratulations to all our 2019 Graduates

Congratulations to the graduates below! The complete list of all the 2019 graduates' names and upcoming plans can be found in this week's E-Courier or online at christcovenant.org.

Mary Ashelyn Allen
Covenant College

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Emma Buckingham
King's College - New York City
Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude

Elizabeth Gulley
Covenant Day School
Anderson University

Patrick Taylor
East Carolina University
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Circle August 16-18!

Our Music Ministry is putting together a weekend full of opportunities to learn, to grow, to worship and to enjoy time together. Details coming soon but SAVE THE DATES!

Music Ministry Boot Camp:
August 16 & 17

Concert with
Nathan Clark George and Band:
August 18

Ice Cream Social for the
Whole Church Family:
August 18

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.

Middle & High School Summer Activities

All rising 6th-8th grade students are invited to join us on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm in the lower CLC youth area for Bible study. The remaining dates are July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31.

All rising 9th-12th grade & 2019 grads are invited to High School Summer Nights on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm in the lower CLC youth area. Starting at 8pm we will move to Warner Park for frisbee. The dates for the Summer Nights are: July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31.

Save the dates for these summer events:

- July 7 High School Girls Bake Off
- July 9 Middle School Summer Event
- July 15 High School Extreme Ice Skate 2:00-5:00pm
- July 17 Middle School Water Wars

Dates to Remember

There is no Sunday school August 4, 11, and 18, providing a rest for all of our wonderful volunteers serving in Children's ministry during Sunday school. To all of our volunteers - THANK YOU! Children's ministry would not be possible without you!

Women's Ministries Dessert & Discussion

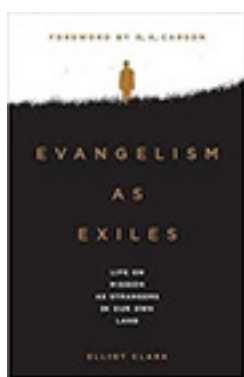
On Thursday, July 11, from 7-8:30 pm in the Community Life Center, we'll be discussing *The Vine Project* by Colin Marshall & Tony Payne! If you don't already own a copy, they are available for purchase at the Book Nook (main lobby of the worship center) for \$13.00. Read at your own pace and join us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

New to the Book Nook



Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God by Gloria Furman

In this book, Gloria Furman searches the Scriptures for the mission of God in motherhood. She opens our eyes to God's life-giving promises - promises intended to empower each and every woman as she makes disciples in her home, in her neighborhood, and around the world.



Evangelism as Exiles: Life on Mission as Strangers in our Own Land by Elliot Clark

Drawing on years of ministry in a Muslim-majority nation, Elliot Clark guides us through Peter's letter with striking insights for today. Whether we're in positions of power or weakness, influence or marginalization, all of us are called to live and witness as exiles in a world that's not our home. This is our job description. This is our mission. This is our opportunity.

HIGHLIGHT Father's Day 2019

Dear Father, Daddy, God and Jehovah:

What a day!?! A day to remember who has taught me, guided me and instilled wisdom in me my entire life. You have promised countless times that you love me. You have promised countless times that you will never leave me. You even went so far as to show me how much you love me by sending your only Son. Can I ask for anything else? Of course I can, and I always do. As any good father would do, you do what you feel is right in [deciding if or when] I should get what I ask for.

I hope one day to be even half or even a quarter of the Father you've been to me. I hope that when my kids need something, I'm there for them as you have been for me. I hope that when my kids have questions, that I'm there for them as you have been for me. I hope that when they are going through good times or bad that I'm there for them, just as you have always been there for me.

So I end this letter by thanking you for being my Father and by writing that I have been VERY blessed by being one of your children! Furthermore, I want to thank you for your undivided attention for me by treating me as your only child when I'm talking, even though you have countless children.

Happy Father's Day!

Love your son,

Aaron

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

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

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for the Christian minority in Burkina Faso where incidents of persecution by militant Muslims have increased by an incredible 7000% in the last year. Recent attacks have included the murder of worshippers and destruction of churches. Pray that God will give courage to His people and bring salvation to those who kill.

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 16-June 22)

- June 16-22 • Seek the City youth missions week
- June 16 • Women's prayer gathering in WC105 (4:45p)
- June 17-22 • Vacation Bible School (9a-12p)
- June 17-22 • Special Needs Vacation Bible School (1:30-4p)
- June 17 • Caregivers Support (6:45p)
- June 18 • Women's summer Bible study (7p)
- June 19 • Yarn Lovers Ministry (10a)

Upcoming Events

- July 11 • Women's Ministry book discussion (7pm)
- Aug 4 • 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 – 6/9/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	2,369,050	2,311,500	57,550	2.5%
Faith Promise Budget	184,267	142,100	42,167	29.7%