



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Please join us in welcoming the newest additions to the Christ Covenant Church staff! We look forward to seeing how each new staff member uses their gifts and talents at Christ Covenant Church.

Sympathy to:
Janie Up De Graff on the death of her father, J.R. Lanier.



Mimi Brady **Communications Manager**

As Social Media Coordinator for our church for the past year, Mimi has been instrumental in significantly increasing Christ Covenant's social media presence. Before being a stay at home mom, Mimi worked at the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association where she was part of a team that created an online evangelistic ministry and also worked as part of the Crusade Ministries department where she managed and executed digital, print, and mobile media strategies. Mimi is the author/creator of the *No Ordinary Day Planner*.

Mimi and her husband, Lee, have been married for 14 years and have been members of Christ Covenant for over 13 years. Mimi has been an active communing member and has served on the women's leadership team, the hospitality team in the young families community, children's ministry, and she teaches women's Bible study. Lee has actively served as a deacon since 2015. They have two children, Eli (7) and Nadia (5).

Teresa Caldwell **Women's Director**



Teresa has worked with the women's ministry for the last six years, and for the last year has served as the Interim Director for women's ministry. Teresa's involvement with women's ministry began soon after coming to Christ Covenant. As a young mom with small children, she was looking for ways to build relationships with other women through the study of God's word and through fellowship opportunities. Teresa joined a small group Bible study which included women of different generations and found herself challenged and encouraged through the scripture in her role as a wife, mother, and Christ follower. This group was a way that the large church became small and helped Teresa connect.

Andy & Teresa came to Christ Covenant in 2003 and joined shortly thereafter. As a family, they have enjoyed being involved in many areas of ministry such as: covenant groups, Sunday school, men and women's Bible studies, youth ministry, music, and men's softball.

Andy and Teresa will celebrate their 20th anniversary in a few weeks, and they have three children: Tyler(18), Shea(16) and Raina(14).

Bob Goudzwaard **Director of Pastoral Care Ministries**



Bob has the responsibility for our congregational care ministries and for developing a culture of vibrant, well-trained one-another care ministry so that every Christian may be equipped to relate Christ's gospel of grace and truth to daily living. He earned his MA in Biblical Counseling from RTS Charlotte. Both he and his wife, Ann Maree, are certified Biblical counselors with ACBC (Association of Certified Biblical Counselors) and lead the Institute for Biblical Counseling and Discipleship (IBCD), which offers training and resources to help churches grow in one-another care. Bob has been a ruling elder at Christ Covenant since 2010, using his gifts as a leader in the shepherding and discipleship department. Along with his shepherding and counseling skills, Bob uses the leadership, organizational, and developmental skills he gained as a Sr. Manager with Bank of America to keep the focus on ministry. Bob and Ann Maree have been married 36 years and have been members at Christ Covenant since 2008. Their family includes three married children and ten well-loved grandchildren.



Blair Smith Adult Education Coordinator

Blair is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of America and has served for more than seven years as the Pastor of Adult Education at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, MD. He also served as a part-time Associate Pastor at Michiana Covenant Presbyterian Church near South Bend, IN, preaching throughout the Great Lakes Presbytery of the PCA and ministering to graduate students at Notre Dame. Blair is a Teaching Elder with the Central Carolina Presbytery as well as a professor of theology at RTS. Blair earned his ThM in Theology from Harvard Divinity School and holds a PhD in Historical Theology (Patristics) at Durham University in England.

The Smith family has been members at Christ Covenant for two years, and they look forward to continue their service as we implement the strategic vision and focus on discipleship. Blair and Lisa have been married for 15 years and have four children: Ellie (13), Douglas (11), Lucy (9), and Graham (8).



José Portillo Church Planter

José Portillo graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary Charlotte with an MDiv. For the last two years he served as the Campus Administrator and Director of Hispanic Engagement for RTS in Houston, Texas, where he spent nearly 18 years of his life. José was born in Costa Rica and lived all over Central America as his dad preached, encouraged pastors, and planted churches. Now José is excited to be coming to Charlotte to begin a church planting apprenticeship. His goal is to live and plant a church in the middle of the rapidly-growing Hispanic population in the North Eastern part of Charlotte, bringing the transforming power of the gospel to this diverse community. Please pray that the Lord will raise co-workers to join him in this work through both prayers and labor. José is married to Anna, and they have one daughter.

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 are 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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Special Ops Contractor
- Childcare Worker (PT - as needed)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for Christians and Christian churches and ministries throughout India where the recent election solidifying the power Hindu nationalists in many federal and local positions has increased persecution of families and destruction of buildings.

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 30-July 6)

- June 30 • Women's weekly prayer meeting (4:45p)
- June 30 • Zachary Fulginiti's Ordination (6p)
- July 2 • Middle school summer Bible study (6:30p)
- July 2 • Women's summer Bible study (7p)
- July 3 • High school summer Bible study (7p)
- July 4 • Christ Covenant Church offices closed

Upcoming Events

- July 11 • Women's Ministry book discussion (7pm)
- Aug 4 • No Sunday school for any age
- Aug 11 • No Sunday school for any age
- Aug 12 • Women's open seminar (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.

Inflow 1/1/19 – 6/23/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	2,508,500	2,512,701	4,201	0.2%
Faith Promise Budget	191,970	151,700	40,270	26.5%