



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

## Godspeed to the Peterson Family

Today is the last Sunday that Brian and Anna Peterson and their family will worship with us as a part of our staff and church family after Brian's four years of faithful service as our Pastor of Student Families.



The congregation of Surfside Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach, SC, has called Brian to be their new Senior Pastor. In God's providential timing, the transition to this new role is already beginning, and we are excited to watch how God will use the Petersons as they minister to the Surfside congregation and to one of the most popular vacation destinations on the Eastern seaboard.

Please pray for the Peterson family during the next several months. Specifically, pray that Christ would be honored during this transitional time. Pray they will see God's leading and know His peace as they sell their house here and build a new home on the coast. Pray that relationships would form quickly within their new church and community and that the whole family would integrate smoothly into their new schools and activities.

Our church family at Christ Covenant is grateful to Brian for ministry to our entire congregation through his work as Pastor of Student Families, Pastor of Covenant Groups and Small Groups, and Men's Ministry in addition to his role as a caring shepherd to individuals and families.

Please take time after this morning's worship to express your personal appreciation for the Petersons as we honor them with a cookie reception in the main lobby to thank them for all they have meant to us and assure them of our continuing friendship and love.

### Sympathy to:

Beverly Lueke on the death of her father, Harry Glenn Brown.



### Men's Movie Night Out

Men's Ministry is hosting a movie night to see *Overcomer* on Saturday, August 24, at 7pm at Regal Stonecrest. Cost is \$8.75 for one ticket or \$15 for two tickets. Tickets can be purchased in the main lobby on Sundays starting July 28 and going through Sunday, August 18. For questions or to purchase directly, contact Scott Young at [foreveryoungsmile@gmail.com](mailto:foreveryoungsmile@gmail.com).

### Weekly Women's Prayer Gathering

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

### Strategy & Vision: We Want Your Feedback!

The Recommendation Steering Committee would like your feedback about the strategic vision for the future of our church. Many of you have already responded and have provided great insight for the project teams. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cccl1vision> to submit your feedback/questions. As always, keep praying for our church and its leadership as we continue on this journey together.

### 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!

### Andrew Peterson in Concert

Save the Date! Andrew Peterson is coming to Christ Covenant on Wednesday, December 18! Tickets go on sale July 19!

### Featured in the Book Nook



The book nook carries a book series called Puritan Paperback. This series covers a wide range of books like *Communion with God*, *The Glory of Christ*, and *Precious Remedies Against Satan's Devices*. Stop by the book nook today to take a look!

## Music Ministry Fall Kick Off Schedule

**Friday, Aug. 16, 7-8:30 pm:** Everyone is invited to come sing favorite songs and hymns, to pray, and to hear about a multigenerational vision for music in the church.

**Saturday, Aug. 17, 9:30am-4pm:** Singers and instrumentalists, come join and prepare music for Sunday morning and evening. Please use the link provided in the e-courier or contact Liz McNulty in the worship office (lmcnulty@christcovenant.org or 704-814-1031) to register for the rehearsals and lunch. (A \$5.00 donation per meal is requested).

**Choirs:** Adult Choir, 8th-12th Grade Choir, and 3rd-7th Grade Choir. Come try it out!






**Instrumentalists:** Brass and Winds: Open to 9th graders through adults who read music and have experience playing in band, orchestra, or church. Strings: Open to 6th graders through adults who read music and have experience playing in orchestra or church. Please schedule a brief audition between July 29 and Aug. 8. Younger exceptions are on a case-by-case basis.

Those interested in serving as percussionists, pianists, and guitarists or assisting with sound and lights or media please contact the worship office for more information.

**Sunday, Aug. 18, 6-7:00 pm:** Evening concert with Nathan George with choir and orchestra finale. Ice cream social following!

To reserve your spot for Saturday's lunch and to receive music in advance, please go to [ChristCovenant.org](http://ChristCovenant.org).

### Find us on social media!

-  [ChristCovenantChurchPCA](https://www.facebook.com/ChristCovenantChurchPCA)
-  [christcovenantchurch\\_matthews](https://www.instagram.com/christcovenantchurch_matthews)
-  [ccm\\_matthews](https://twitter.com/ccm_matthews)
-  [christcovenantchurch](https://www.tiktok.com/@christcovenantchurch)
-  [christcovenantpres](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

## Large Print Worship Folders

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

## HIGHLIGHT

### MNA - Our Disaster Relief Ministry

Christ Covenant is a partner with other churches in the PCA in an immediate and long-term outreach to those who are impacted by catastrophic damage caused by natural disasters or mass destruction in the US and Canada. Through Mission to North America (MNA) this critical mission prepares for service with training in advance of disaster events by providing rapid on the scene support in response to disaster events.

MNA Disaster Response provides support to PCA churches in disaster affected communities through a network of staff and volunteer damage assessment teams, first response teams, site managers, and key leaders. MNA recruits and mobilizes volunteers, receives and distributes supplies and equipment, brings awareness of specific needs, channels recovery funds, focuses on prayer, and provides spiritual encouragement to our PCA family and their communities.

Volunteers are needed to respond in short-term and long-term recovery efforts after a disaster. They can help as general volunteers for an immediate response that can include tree and debris removal, chainsaw work, roof tarping, distribution of blankets, and assist to provide warm meals to longer term key leader/coordinators and site managers who assess needs for rebuilding and support for local congregations as they minister to their neighbors.

Each of us can be involved by supporting disaster relief efforts with our prayers. Volunteer opportunities are always available.

Your gift today through the Deacons Offering will be put to work immediately to assure that MNA is able to respond as needed during hurricane season and well beyond. 100% of donations to PCA Disaster Relief are used for victim assistance. To learn more, go to <https://pcamna.org/disaster-response> or contact our Outreach & Missions office

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

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

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

## PRAYER FOCUS

**Persecuted Church:** Pray for Christians in Bhutan where it is against the law to engage in public worship, and converts from the state religion of Buddhism to Christianity can be expelled from their homeland.

## 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 (July 14 - July 20)

- July 14 • Reception for Brian & Anna Peterson (Located in the Main Lobby immediately following worship)
- July 14 • Women's weekly prayer meeting (4:45p)
- July 16 • Middle school summer Bible study (6:30p)
- July 17 • High school summer nights (7p)

### Upcoming Events

- Aug 16-17 • Music Ministry Fall Kick Off
- Aug 18 • Concert with Nathan George & Band/Ice Cream Social to follow
- Aug 25 • Sunday school kick off
- Aug 25 • CCYM Parent Information Night
- Sept 8 • Fall Discovery class begins

## 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 – 7/07/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	2,785,328	2,706,500	78,828	2.9%
Faith Promise Budget	209,299	162,976	46,323	28.4%