



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Sunday School 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. Sunday school will resume Sunday, August 25.



RTS Paideia Center Book Discussion

In partnership with the RTS Paideia Center for Theological Discipleship, Christ Covenant is hosting a theological reading group this Fall. Do you desire a rich theological diet so you can develop maturity in Christ? Do you want to read Christian classics but don't know where to start? Would you like to grow with people who share your love for theology and learn from those who have gone before you? If so, register at <http://paideiacenter.com/>. In the Fall, we will read a book from the early church and one from the Reformation era in the Spring. The theme for this year's readings is "soul care." This Fall's group will meet three times (September 11, October 9, November 13) from 7:00-8:30pm with a guided discussion of Gregory the Great's *The Book of Pastoral Rule*.

Featured in the Book Nook



The book nook carries a variety of Bibles available for purchase! You can find the ESV Study Bible, Bibles in large print, thinline and pocket size. We hope you will stop by the book nook to see the wonderful selection!

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/ccclvision> to submit your feedback/questions. As always, keep praying for our church and its leadership as we continue on this journey together.



Sexually Healthy: Body, Mind & Spirit

Women's Open Seminar starts back Monday, August 12. All women are welcome to join us as we pick up our journey through Ellen Dykas' book *Sexual Sanity for Women*. Hear from numerous teachers throughout our church as we look at how understanding our culture, family dynamics, trauma, relationships and world-views can directly impact the way we respond to sinful temptation and to God's gift of redemption. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in the CLC Chapel from 7:00-8:15pm. Visit christcovenant.org/2019-womens-open-seminar/ for details or contact Brittany Facinoli at brittany.facinoli@gmail.com.

Movie Night Out

All are welcome to join us to see *OVERCOMER* on Saturday, August 24, at 7pm at Regal Stonecrest. Cost is \$8 for one ticket or \$15 for two tickets. Tickets can be purchased in the main lobby on Sundays starting July 28 through Sunday, August 18. To see the trailer visit <https://www.overcomermovie.com/>. Question or to purchase tickets directly, contact Scott Young at foreveryoungsmile@gmail.com.

Sympathy to:

Annie Melton on the death of her father, Daniel Lewis Lynch.

Jim & Peggy Wren on the death of their son, Brian Wren.

Congregational Day of Prayer

Did you know that our elders, deacons, and staff pray individually and corporately for your prayer requests throughout the week? You can submit your weekly, confidential prayer requests the following ways:

- Fill out a prayer card (located in the pews in the sanctuary) and place them in the offering.
- E-mail your prayer request to prayer@christcovenant.org or an online Prayer Request Form found at ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer.

Our church has a monthly day of prayer on the fourth Tuesday each month when our Session meets. This month our day of prayer is Tuesday, July 23. On this day, we invite members of our church to take time from their usual schedule to stop and pray for the needs of our congregation. We have a prayer sign-up sheet divided into 30-minute segments for individuals to sign-up to cover this entire day in prayer. Also, members or church attendees may come and pray any time from 7:30am - 8:30pm in the chapel of the Community Life Center, or you can pray wherever you are. Visit ChristCovenant.org to learn more or to sign-up to participate in our monthly day of prayer.

Serving our Children

The Children's Ministry is staffing for the new year and would love to have you serving alongside us! Join us as we sew seeds of discipleship in to the youngest members of our church. Contact Lindey Duncklee at lduncklee@christcovenant.org or Mindy Thornton at mthornton@christcovenant.org if interested.

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.



Andrew Peterson in Concert

Christ Covenant is hosting Andrew Peterson in concert on Wednesday, December 18! Tickets are on sale at ChristCovenant.org.

HIGHLIGHT In Our Pulpit This Morning



Today we welcome back a good friend of Christ Covenant, Dr. Michael J. Kruger, President of Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. He also holds the title of Samuel C. Patterson Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at RTS. As Pastor of Teaching at Uptown PCA, he is responsible for Discipleship Training and Adult Education. In addition, Dr. Kruger is a well known conference speaker and is frequently featured as a contributor to The Gospel Coalition's resources for believers.

Dr. Kruger is one of the leading scholars today in the study of the origins of the New Testament, particularly the development of the New Testament canon and the transmission of the New Testament text. He is the author of several books including *Christianity at the Crossroads: How the Second Century Shaped the Future of the Church* (IVP Academic, 2018), *Canon Revisited: Establishing the Origins and Authority of the New Testament Books* (Crossway, 2012), and *The Gospel of the Savior* (Brill, 2005). He blogs on these topics at Canon Fodder and on a broad range of issues at www.michaeljkruger.com. You may also find him on Twitter @michaeljkruger.

Dr. Kruger is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned his MDiv from Westminster Seminary in California and his PhD from the University of Edinburgh. He and his wife, Melissa, met at UNC. They are the parents of Emma, John, and Kate.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

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

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for imprisoned Christians in North Korea where the public face of the dictatorship tries to hide the brutal truth about the nation's ranking as the most dangerous place on earth to confess Christ as Savior.

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 21 - July 27)

- July 21 • Women's weekly prayer meeting (4:45p)
- July 23 • Monthly day of prayer
- July 23 • Middle school summer Bible study (6:30p)
- July 24 • High school summer nights (7p)

Upcoming Events

- Aug 12 • Women's open seminar (7pm)
- Aug 16-17 • Music Ministry Fall kick off
- Aug 18 • Concert with Nathan George & Band/Ice Cream Social to follow
- Aug 25 • Sunday school kickoff
- Aug 25 • CCYM Parent Information Night
- Aug 26 • Women's open seminar (7pm)
- Sept 8 • Fall Discovery class begins
- Sept 17 • Women's Ministry Fall kickoff

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 – 7/14/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	2,878,397	2,806,000	72,397	2.6%
Faith Promise Budget	215,988	169,102	46,886	27.7%