



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, July 28, 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 in WC105 with a guided discussion of Gregory the Great's *The Book of Pastoral Rule*.



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 sow seeds of discipleship to the youngest members of our church. Contact Lindy Duncklee at lduncklee@christcovenant.org or Mindy Thornton at mthornton@christcovenant.org if interested.

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.

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Registration opens Thursday, August 1st, for all our Fall women's Bible studies! Whether you are looking for a weekly study, one that meets one or two times a month, or a short class - there is something for everyone! Several Bible studies even have childcare available! Please visit ChristCovenant.org to see the complete list of Bible studies and classes available for 2019-2020.

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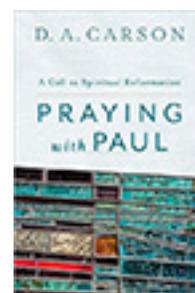
Dr. Tim Roberts on the death of his wife, and Tim Roberts on the death of his mother, and our member, Fran C. Roberts.

Wade Byrum on the death of his mother, Clara Mae Knox Byrum.

Congratulations to:

Joe and Heather Milito on the birth of their daughter, Neely Grace Milito.

Featured in the Book Nook



D. A. Carson (PhD, University of Cambridge) is research professor of New Testament at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois, and he is the author or editor of more than fifty books, including *The God Who Is There, How Long, O Lord?*, *Praying with Paul*, and *For the Love of God*. He is one of the founders and current president of The Gospel Coalition and is an active guest lecturer in academic and church settings around the world.



Andrew Peterson in Concert

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

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.

Movie Night Out

All are welcome to join us to see *OVERCOMER* on Saturday, August 24, at 7pm at Regal Stonecrest. *OVERCOMER* (from the makers of *WAR ROOM*) is an inspiring family film that asks the question: What is your identity tied to? What do you allow to define you? Tickets are available for \$8 or 2/\$15 and can be purchased in the main lobby on Sundays starting today going through August 18, or until sold out. To see the trailer visit <https://www.overcomermovie.com/>. Questions or to purchase tickets directly, contact Scott Young at foreveryoungsmile@gmail.com.

HIGHLIGHT

Prayer Warriors Wanted

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16

"Prayer is of transcendent importance. Prayer is the mightiest agent to advance God's work. Only praying hearts and hands can do God's work. Prayer succeeds when all else fails." EM Bounds

EM Bounds was trained as an attorney, an advocate for the law, until God called him to the ministry to be an advocate for grace. Bounds is known today, one hundred and six years after his death, because he wrote nine books on prayer. Each book is filled with appeals to pray about every detail of our lives -- and for the needs of the people God brings into our lives.

Every week we invite those who worship with us to tell us how we can pray for them. Prayer requests can be submitted on cards found in the pews, by e-mail, or phone. Each prayer request goes in a weekly prayer sheet for all our officers, church staff, and volunteer church members who minister to the congregation through their prayers.

If you would like to join our congregational prayer ministry as a volunteer, please send a note to prayer@christcovenant.org and let us know. There are no meetings to attend, no limits on where or when you might pray, no age requirement, and no secret handshake. You do have to honor confidentiality that covers all prayer requests and have confidence in God's promise to hear the prayers of his children. You will have the privilege of growing in faith as you watch God respond!

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 the 9 million Christians living in Egypt. These believers live among 99 million Muslims. Christians in Egypt experience various forms of persecution like social isolation and job discrimination, to destroyed buildings and homes, and martyrdom.

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 28 - August 3)

- July 28 • Women's weekly prayer meeting (4:45p)
- July 30 • Middle school summer Bible study (6:30p)
- July 31 • High school summer nights (7p)

Upcoming Events

- Aug 4 • No Sunday school for any age
- 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 – 7/21/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	2,972,373	2,905,000	66,873	2.3%
Faith Promise Budget	220,114	175,288	44,886	25.6%