



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, August 4, 2019

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.

-  [ChristCovenantChurchPCA](https://www.facebook.com/ChristCovenantChurchPCA)
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-  [ccm_matthews](https://twitter.com/ccm_matthews)
-  [christcovenantchurch](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Sunday School Dates to Remember

There is no Sunday school August 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.

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 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.



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 Lindey Duncklee at lduncklee@christcovenant.org or Mindy Thornton at mthornton@christcovenant.org if interested.

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Registration is now open 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.

Sympathy to:

Susan Lindsey on the death of her sister, Betty Orta.



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.



Andrew Peterson in Concert

Christ Covenant is hosting Andrew Peterson in concert on Wednesday, December 18! Tickets are halfway sold out, so be sure to get yours soon! Tickets are on sale at ChristCovenant.org.

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/ccc1vision> to submit your feedback/questions. As always, keep praying for our church and its leadership as we continue on this journey together.

Featured in the Book Nook

Stop by the book nook to see some new arrivals on prayer. Look for



- Timothy Keller's *Prayer*,
- Paul E. Miller's *A Praying Life*,
- Nancy Guthrie's *One Year of Dinner Table Devotions*,
- Paul David Tripp's *New Morning Mercies*,
- *Stand Strong* a devotional for men by Our Daily Bread,
- Charles Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening*.

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*.

HIGHLIGHT

Volunteer with Metanoia Prison Ministries

"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body." Hebrews 13:3

Our special offering for August goes to Metanoia Prison Ministries. Metanoia is the Greek word for repentance. Metanoia chose this as the name of their ministry because it signifies turning from a life of sin to a life that is lived for the glory of God.

Metanoia is part of the PCA's mission to North America and offers churches the opportunity to develop a discipleship and outreach ministry for prisoners in their own communities. Metanoia offers key tools for an all-inclusive ministry including evangelism, discipleship, and reintegration of prisoners. Correspondence courses are offered to prisoners by our church using the curriculum Metanoia provides. Metanoia's curriculum represents biblical study in the reformed tradition and takes the student from the very basics of the faith to advanced levels.

Any adult Christian can serve and be a part of Metanoia ministries. Metanoia provides a curriculum, training, and logistical coordination for all volunteers. The work of the Metanoia is done by people just like us by beginning as volunteer instructors who correspond with prisoners, or as visiting mentors who work with prisoners as they reintegrate into the community.

If you have a heart for helping others grow in Christ and would appreciate a ministry opportunity that will work with your flexible schedule and can be done from home, learn more at pcamna.org/metanoia-ministries, or call our missions office at 704-814-1061 to find fellow members who are already serving as volunteers.

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 Christians in northeastern Nigeria, neighboring Cameroon, and Niger, where murderous attacks by Boko Haram have recently increased. Their goal is to turn these regions into Islamic caliphates and eliminate the presence of Christians.

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 (August 4 - August 10)

August 4 • Women's weekly prayer meeting (4:45p)

Upcoming Events

- Aug 10 • No Sunday school for any age
- Aug 12 • Women's open seminar (7pm)
- Aug 15 • American Heritage Girls information meeting (6:45pm)
- Aug 16-17 • Music Ministry Fall kick off
- Aug 18 • No Sunday school for any age
- 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 16 • Men's open seminar (7pm)
- 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 – 7/28/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,056,200	3,005,000	51,200	1.7%
Faith Promise Budget	221,344	181,354	39,990	22.1%