



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**Sunday, August 11, 2019**

## Music Ministry Fall Kick Off Schedule

It's not too late to sign up! The deadline to register is **Monday, August 12.**

**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. 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).

 [ChristCovenantChurchPCA](https://www.facebook.com/ChristCovenantChurchPCA)

 [christcovenantchurch\\_matthews](https://www.instagram.com/christcovenantchurch_matthews)

 [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 18 which provides 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, August 11 & 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](mailto:foreveryoungsmile@gmail.com).



## American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered, leadership and character development program that supports girls ages 5-18 in developing skills of Biblical womanhood through service, badges, and more. This ministry engages, evangelizes, and equips girls to walk with Christ. We are in great need of an assistant shepherd and weekly leaders and ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this Titus 2-type ministry and invest in the life of our young ladies.

Interested in joining the troop or volunteering? Please plan to attend our AHG Information Session on Thursday, August 15, at 6:45pm in CLC1&2.

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact us at [christcovenantahg@outlook.com](mailto:christcovenantahg@outlook.com)



## Sexually Healthy: Body, Mind & Spirit

Women's Open Seminar starts back this 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/](http://christcovenant.org/2019-womens-open-seminar/) for details or contact Brittany Facinoli at [brittany.facinoli@gmail.com](mailto:brittany.facinoli@gmail.com).

## Discovery Class Begins September 8!

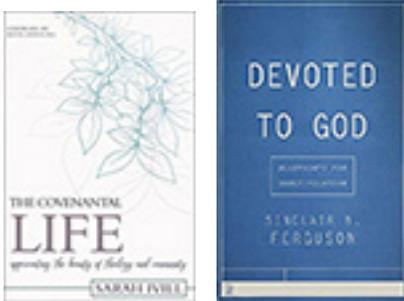
The Discovery Class is the membership class for Christ Covenant Church. Our Pastors teach this class which reviews Christ Covenant's philosophy of ministry, the reformed faith, the Presbyterian form of government, the vows of church membership, and other topics pertinent to church membership. This class is required for those seeking to join Christ Covenant Church. For questions or to register, contact Mary Jo Culver at [mculver@christcovenant.org](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org) or 704-814-1039.

## 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](http://ChristCovenant.org) to see the complete list of Bible studies and classes available for 2019-2020.

## Featured in the Book Nook

Stop by the book nook and check out our Christian Faith section featuring the following titles:



- *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life* by Donald Whitney,
- *Devoted to God* by Sinclair Ferguson,
- *Covenantal Life* by Sarah Ivill,
- *Love Walked Among Us* by Paul E. Miller,
- *Growing in Gratitude* by Mary Mohler,
- *Why Should I Believe Christianity* by James Anderson,
- *Compassion without Compromise* by Barr/Citlau.

## 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](mailto:lduncklee@christcovenant.org) or Mindy Thornton at [mthornton@christcovenant.org](mailto:mthornton@christcovenant.org) if interested.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT Help for Hurting People

*If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort ... II Corinthians 1:6*

Christ Covenant Church offers three different and valuable support groups for people who want to find a way to cope with the pain or isolation they are experiencing because of life changing events. Each of these groups is open to our congregation and to our community. These groups meet every Monday night beginning September 9. We share a wonderful community dinner together prior to meeting in our support groups. If you know someone who may benefit by joining one of these groups, please invite them to contact Mary Jo Culver at 704-814-1039 or [mculver@christcovenant.org](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org). Below are the various support groups we offer:

**GriefShare** is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you may encounter few people who understand the deep hurt you feel. At GriefShare you will find both community and comfort along with answers to questions you have never needed to ask before.

**DivorceCare for both Men & Women** are friendly, caring groups of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before.

**Caregivers Support** is for people who serve as the caregiver in any capacity. If this includes you, then you know the challenges you face, how you may often feel alone, how you see the changes in your loved one, and how you may experience feelings of helplessness. We meet weekly, use the book *Ambushed by Grace* by Shelly Beach to focus our discussions, and talk about our experiences.

### 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 believers living in the Russian Federation where President Putin signed a law that went into effect on July 20 that makes it illegal to share the claims of Christ or extend an invitation to worship at home, online, and anywhere outside of a "recognized" church building. House churches have been the government's first targets of enforcement.

### 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 11 - August 17)

- Aug 11 • Women's weekly prayer meeting (4:45p)
- Aug 12 • Women's open seminar (7pm)
- Aug 15 • American Heritage Girls information meeting (6:45pm)
- Aug 16-17 • Music Ministry Fall kick off

#### Upcoming Events

- Aug 18 • Concert with Nathan George & Band/Ice Cream Social to follow
- Aug 25 • CCYM Parent Information Night
- Aug 26 • Women's open seminar
- Aug 28 • LINK & EPIC start

### 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 – 8/4/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,167,998	3,105,000	62,998	2%
Faith Promise Budget	226,622	187,480	39,142	20.9%