



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019**

## SUMMER MISSION TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Covenant sent out four mission teams this past summer. Thank you to the many members who prayed and financially supported these teams. Below you can read some highlights from each of these trips. If you are interested in learning more about these summer mission trips or would like to participate in future mission trips with Christ Covenant, please contact Kelsey Cawthorn at [kcawthorn@christcovenant.org](mailto:kcawthorn@christcovenant.org).

### SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO, MEXICO

Our Mexico Mission team traveled to San José del Cabo, Mexico this July. During our time in San José, we worshipped with two congregations, provided a marriage seminar for two congregations, attended a youth gathering consisting of multiple churches, led three evenings of Vacation Bible School on the topic of Jesus' miracles and resurrection, and participated in the construction of the manse of the Presbyterian church named "Fuente de Vida" (translated "Fountain of Life") in San José del Cabo. We also sought to strengthen our collaboration with the work of the local pastors and assist Pedro Pollorena, our pastoral intern, to have strong connections with pastors living in the city in which he hopes to plant a church in the coming years. We hope to continue the work and relationships that we have begun in San José in future years. -Stewart Neely

### KENYA, AFRICA

The Kenya mission trip was a team of teachers from Christ Covenant. We partnered with Pastor Imbumi and Martha Makuku to train and to equip Kenyan teachers who teach children who have experienced extreme poverty and very difficult lives. This team had the privilege of going to Kenya to equip teachers in classroom management, to train teachers in the new curriculum the Kenyan government has mandated, and to equip teachers how to teach math and science. This trip was truly helpful for the teachers who do not have a lot of formal training and access to materials, which are things we have plenty of here in Matthews, North Carolina. -Karen Chambers

### ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

A team of students and adults from Christ Covenant went to Atlantic City to assist Peter Eck at New City Fellowship in various ministry opportunities and service projects. Some service projects were assisting widows in their community by driving them to appointments, encouraging them during a meal, and helping with yard work. Additional ministry outreach included a Vacation Bible School for children in low income neighborhoods. The team also did door to door evangelism to share the good news of the gospel. This trip also included training team and church members on how to work with the materially poor and how to effectively help them. -David Chambers

### FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT

Christ Covenant sent a small team to partner with our sister church, Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) Fairfield and another partner church from City Church Manchester the last week of June. Together we participated with CPC Fairfield during their "Good Week," which was a week of outreach ministry to the community. It was an amazing, Christ honoring week where we shared the gospel and helped organize a Vacation Bible School for over 40 children! In an area where gospel community is scarce, we were able to come alongside CPC to worship together and strengthen this church plant. Hearts were touched by the gospel, and the bonds of fellowship and community were bolstered and strengthened. -Marti Deacon

### SYMPATHY TO:

Pat Lawrence on the death of her brother, Jerry Baker Kohnle.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES AUGUST 25

Sunday school will resume Sunday, August 25. All Sunday school classes begin at 9am. To learn more about various classes and locations, pick up a Sunday school brochure on any of the tables by the worship center doors.

## 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 today. 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).

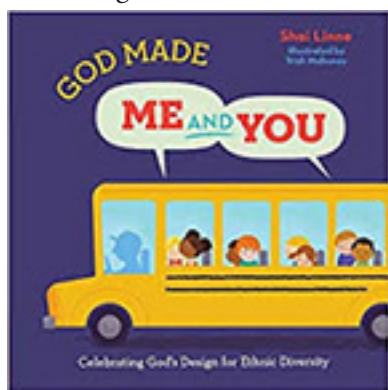
## BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

The pastors and elders of Christ Covenant invite all parents and all students who will be attending school this fall (elementary through college) to pick up a prayer card located on any of the tables at any of the exits of the worship center, fill it out, and present it to an elder during the evening service on Sunday, August 25. We will have a special time of prayer for all our school-aged children during this service.

After evening worship on August 25, all parents of middle and high school aged students are invited to attend an informational meeting from 7:30-8:30pm in the CLC Youth center.

## FEATURED IN THE BOOK NOOK

Stop by the book nook and check out our children's book section featuring the following titles:



- *Let the Children Worship* by Jason Helopoulos,
- *The Biggest Story* by Kevin DeYoung,
- *God Made Me and You* by Shai Linne,
- *The Barber Who Wanted to Pray* by R.C. Sproul,
- *The Priest with the Dirty Clothes* by R.C. Sproul.

## DISCOVERY CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8!

The Discovery Class is the membership class for adults and students 9th grade and above wishing to join 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.

## 2019-2020 COMMUNICANTS CLASS

If you have a son/daughter in 5th-8th grade who desires to become a communing member of the church, please contact Amy Wallace at [awallace@christcovenant.org](mailto:awallace@christcovenant.org) for more information & an application. We look forward to having your student with us!



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

## UPCOMING WOMEN'S EVENTS

### FALL BIBLE STUDIES

Registration is now open for all of 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.

### WEEKLY 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.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Assistant Director of Women's Ministry (PT)
- CCC Hospitality & Kitchen Coordinator (PT)
- Special Ops Communications Contractor (PT)
- Childcare Worker (PT - as needed)

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

### FALL KICK OFF: CELEBRATING MILESTONES

All women are invited to join us on Tuesday, September 17, at 7pm in the CLC to "Celebrate Milestones: Then and Now" at Christ Covenant! Come dressed in fashion from the decade in which you were born, and be ready for fun games and prizes!

We will look back with Bernie and Pat Lawrence at the Lord's faithfulness through the years and look forward with anticipation to the years to come. As a part of looking forward to future ministry, we will use the evening to bless and encourage our interns and their families by bringing an item(s) to give them as they begin their journey in ministry. Learn more at [ChristCovenant.org](http://ChristCovenant.org).

### PRAYER FOCUS

**Persecuted Church:** Pray for believers in Uganda where Christianity is considered the major religion, but believers in the country's eastern sector face increasing violence from militant Muslims. Pray for the Christian minority in Kabuna whose school was destroyed this summer by Muslims opposing their work.

## 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 18 - AUGUST 24)

- Aug 18 • Women's weekly prayer meeting (4:45p)
- Aug 18 • Concert with Nathan George & Band/Ice Cream Social to follow

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 25 • Blessing of the Children
- Aug 25 • CCYM Parent Information Night
- Aug 26 • Women's open seminar
- Aug 28 • LINK & EPIC kick off
- Sept 8 • Fall Discovery class begins
- Sept 8 • Timothy Project begins
- Sept 9 • Women's open seminar
- Sept 9 • Support groups begin
- Sept 16 • Men's open seminar
- Sept 16 • CCYM High school prayer
- 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 – 8/11/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,266,158	3,205,000	61,158	1.9%
Faith Promise Budget	230,293	193,606	36,687	18.9%