



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

Sunday, August 25, 2019

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 tonight. We will have a special time of prayer for of all our school-aged children this evening.

After evening worship, 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.

DISCOVERY CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8!

The Discovery Class is the membership class for adults and students 9th grade and above who wish to join Christ Covenant Church. Our pastors teach this class, which reviews Christ Covenant's philosophy of ministry, the reformed faith, 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 or 704-814-1039.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Christ Covenant Church offers three different and valuable support groups - GriefShare, Divorce Care for men and women, and Caregivers - 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 and meet Monday nights beginning September 9. We share a wonderful community dinner together prior to meeting in our support groups. To learn more or sign up, please visit ChristCovenant.org. Or, if you want to come see if this is for you, please join us one night! All are welcome!

WOMEN'S 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 to see the complete list of Bible studies and classes available for 2019-2020.

WOMEN'S 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 encourage our interns and their families by bringing an item(s) to bless and encourage our interns as they begin their journey in ministry.

Learn more at ChristCovenant.org.



MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

All men ages 16 and older are invited to attend a men's ministry breakfast on Saturday, September 7, at 7am at Stacks Kitchen. Pastor Bernie Lawrence is speaking on "Fathering your Children as God Fathers you." Register to attend at ChristCovenant.org.

Congratulations to:

James and Lauren Fitzgerald
on the birth of their son,
Liam Garrett Fitzgerald.

David and Brittany Chambers
on the birth of their son,
Aiden James Chambers

CONGREGATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Tuesday, August 27, is our day of prayer where 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.

Our staff regularly meets to pray for specific prayer requests which may be submitted weekly in one of the following ways:

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

Visit ChristCovenant.org to learn more or to sign up to participate in our monthly day of prayer for 2019-2020.

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 for more information & an application. We look forward to having your student with us!

PRAYER FOCUS

Persecuted Church: Pray for believers in Myanmar where the Buddhist majority controls the government, and all other religions are subject to persecution. For Christians, most of whom are also members of ethnic minorities like the Kachin and Eurasians, this includes destruction of both churches and communities.

SPECIAL GENERAL ELECTION

The special election on September 10 will determine who will represent the 9th Congressional District in Congress. In the City of Charlotte there will be primary candidates on the ballot as well. Early voting goes through Friday, September 6. Please pray that God would bless our city, state, and country with elected officials who are upright, honorable, and wise. To learn more, you can research at unioncountync.gov if you live in Union County or mecknc.gov if you live in Mecklenburg County.

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



LINK & EPIC WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

Do you have a middle or high schooler? LINK & EPIC are kicking off this Wednesday, August 28.

EPIC is designed as a mid-week break for middle school students. There's time for fellowship, goofy games, but most importantly a time for spiritual refocus. We will spend time discussing and applying God's word to our lives and praying together for the ability to live out our faith. EPIC meets in the A gym from 7-9pm.

LINK is the small group discipleship for high schoolers. High school students meet together for large group, then break into smaller gender-specific/grade-specific groups for discussion and discipleship. LINK meets in the lower CLC youth center on Wednesday nights from 7-9pm.

To learn more & to register, visit ChristCovenant.org/ministries/youth/

PARENTS OF MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLERS

After evening worship, 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.

COME JOIN US AT CHOIR!

We hope you will join us for one of the 2019-2020 choir opportunities.

•**Adult Choir:** Meets every Wednesday evening for rehearsal from 6:30-8:30pm.

•**8th-12th grade choir :** Meets every Wednesday evening for rehearsal 6:30-7:25pm beginning September 4.

•**3th-7th grade choir** – Meets every Wednesday evening for rehearsal 6:30-7:25pm beginning September 4.

•**K-2nd grade choir:** Meets Sunday evening rehearsal during the evening sermon beginning September 8.

Please contact Liz McNulty at lmcnulty@christcovenant.org if you have any questions.

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

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 25-August 31)

- Aug 25 • Sunday school resumes
- Aug 25 • Women's prayer meeting (4:45pm)
- Aug 25 • Blessing of the children (6pm)
- Aug 25 • CCYM Parent information meeting (7:30pm)
- Aug 26 • Women's open seminar (7pm)
- Aug 27 • Monthly day of prayer
- Aug 28 • LINK & EPIC Kick off (7pm)
- Aug 29 • American Heritage Girls parent orientation (6:45pm)

Upcoming Events

- Sept 7 • Men's ministry breakfast
- Sept 8 • Fall Discovery class begins
- Sept 8 • Timothy Project begins
- Sept 9 • Support groups begin

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 – 8/18/19 | Actual \$ | Budget \$ | Difference \$ | % (-) or + |
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| Operating Budget | 3,385,228 | 3,305,000 | 80,228 | 2.4% |
| Faith Promise Budget | 233,025 | 199,732 | 33,293 | 16.7% |