



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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 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 meets 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!



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.

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 6:30pm beginning September 4.

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

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

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

LINK & EPIC

LINK & EPIC have kicked off! **MIDDLE SCHOOLERS** - don't forget to head to EPIC in the Auxiliary gym Wednesdays at 7pm.

HIGH SCHOOLERS - don't forget to head to LINK in the lower CLC youth area Wednesdays at 7pm.

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.

*Standing in Truth.
Walking in Grace.*

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

HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

ChristCovenant.org now has a webpage where active project groups working on the recommendations made by the Strategic Vision Committee submit prayer requests. Each month this webpage will be updated to encourage and equip the Christ Covenant family on how to pray for our church and on how the Lord is answering prayers. This week, we ask that you pray that the Lord would equip each team with His wisdom and guidance as they work together to implement the recommendations from the Strategy & Vision document. We hope you will take time to visit ChristCovenant.org/Prayer to see specific ways you can pray for the active project teams working to position Christ Covenant for continued effective ministry in the future.

WAYS TO PRAY

MISSIONARIES OF THE WEEK: PETER & KATIE ECK | Peter is assistant pastor at New City Fellowship in Atlantic City, NJ. Pray for many locals who were involved in the summer programs to come to their church. Pray for Peter as he balances family and work life. Pray for wisdom for them in their outreach activities and for those activities to draw many to the church.

PERSECUTED CHURCH: Pray for the Christian minority in Nepal who are under rising pressure to leave the country or remain silent about their faith as the Hindu majority presses their goal to turn Nepal back into a totally Hindu nation. It is now against Nepali law to convert or to promote conversion.

MEN'S MINISTRY BBQ

All men ages 12 and older are invited to attend a men's bbq and cornhole, on Saturday, September 28, at 1pm at the lower CLC youth area. Come hungry and ready for corn hole, basketball, various games, and fellowship. Be sure to bring your friends & neighbors! Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP by Monday, September 23, at ChristCovenant.org



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*.

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 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.

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)

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

TODAY'S DEACON OFFERING GOES TO RTS PARTNERSHIPS

"... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"Acts 20:35b

According to legend, in 1386 when the great hall at Oxford's New College was built, people worried that someday the huge oak beams would need to be replaced. What would happen when new timbers were needed? The time to plant new trees was now. By the 1800's, those 500-year-old trees were massive, just the size needed for new beams to take on the work of the originals.

Today we can help plant a new generation of Christian leaders and scholars. Our gifts to the RTS Partnership are designated for seminary scholarships to assist students with their educational expenses at Reformed Theological Seminary.

These partnerships make it possible for gifted believers to become seminary students and are critical in removing obstacles for current students. We need more pastors and professors, writers and speakers, and teachers and counselors who believe that the Bible is true and know how to share that truth with anyone. We need young leaders who have been equipped to minister in a world that is hostile to Christianity. We need dedicated students and seminary graduates who are called to careers in Christian service.

Your gift today will help RTS fulfill its mission of preparing students to fill all the roles the church will need in the days to come. Your gift will be used by God first to encourage each scholarship recipient and to bless people who will be touched by the work of each student over their lifetime of ministry.

To learn more about RTS, please visit www.rts.edu.

LOOKING FOR A CHRISTIAN ALTERNATIVE TO SCOUTING?



Want adventure, character development and leadership opportunities for your son? Trail Life USA is a Christian outdoor adventure, character and leadership program for boys and young men in grades K-12. The program centers on outdoor experiences that build a young man's skills and allows him to grow on a personal level as a role model and leader for his peers. The Trail Life motto comes straight from Colossians 1:10 – "Walk Worthy," and this motto is supported by the core values of purity, service, stewardship, and integrity. We are having Open Houses on September 12 and 19 starting at 6:30pm in the Community Life Center. For more information, please email contact@traillifenc413.com or visit <http://www.traillifenc413.com/>.

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 (SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 7)

- Sept 5 • American Heritage Girls kick off
- Sept 7 • Men's ministry fellowship breakfast

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 8 • Fall Discovery class begins
- Sept 8 • Timothy Project begins
- Sept 9 • Women's open seminar
- Sept 9 • Support groups begin
- Sept 11 • Seniors kick off
- Sept 11 • RTS Paideia Center book discussion
- Sept 12 • Trail Life open house
- 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 – 8/25/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,489,423	3,405,000	84,423	2.5%
Faith Promise Budget	238,243	205,858	32,385	15.7%