



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

WOMEN'S FALL KICKOFF: 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Church directories are available at the information desk in the main lobby for members of Christ Covenant Church. Please take one per family. If we run out of directories today, please add your name and email to a list at the information desk to receive one. More are on the way!

As you look at the directory, please remember this is our first member directory in a very long time. We will be revising and making changes so that when we produce another directory, it will be better!

If you see the word "unsubscribed" under your name, it means you have asked to not receive emails from Christ Covenant, and your email has not been published in the directory.

If you have information or a picture you would like to change, please send all your changes to MemberUpdates@christcovenant.org.

 [cc_matthews](https://twitter.com/cc_matthews)

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MEN'S MINISTRY BBQ, CORN HOLE & GAMES

All men ages 12 and older are invited to attend the men's bbq, corn hole, and games on Saturday, September 28, at 1pm at the lower CLC youth area. Come hungry! Be sure to bring your friends & neighbors! Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP by Monday, September 23, at ChristCovenant.org or stop by the men's ministry table in the main lobby.

PARENTS, COME MEET THE LINK LEADERS

If your student(s) attends Wednesday night Link, please join us for our Link leader training on Sept. 18 at 6:00-6:45PM in CLC 5 (upstairs in CLC). This will give you an opportunity to meet your student's Link leader. We'll provide pizza! Please let Jan know of your attendance by noon on Sept. 18 at jadams@christcovenant.org. We hope to see you there!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK:

SMALL GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT GROUP

The Small Groups & Sunday School Project Group are tasked with strengthening the disciple-making ministry of Christ Covenant Church through the development of recommendations regarding our educational culture, Sunday School structure, and small groups ministry.

Please join us in praying for the Sunday School & Small Group Project Group by praying for the following:

- For continued unity and friendship on the team;
- For wisdom, energy, and perseverance for our team as we continue work on the Sunday school project and as we begin to work on the small group project soon;
- For God's blessing on the new Sunday school structure to contribute continued fruitfulness in disciple-making;
- For continued unity in our congregation and rooted in joyful trust in God during this season of change.

SYMPATHY TO:

Family and friends of our member,
William G. "Gary" Brown, Jr.

Lorraine Patch Umanos on the death
of her husband, Rome Umanos.

*Standing on Truth.
Walking in Grace.*

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK:

CHRIS & PAIGE STARK | They serve with a church plant in the city of Bangkok, Thailand. Pray that God would establish both Grace City Bangkok Church and Grace Community in the faith and raise up shepherds who faithfully care for God's people there. Pray for wisdom, patience, and perseverance as they continue to homeschool their children in Thailand. Pray for a new church plant in the Ayuttaya District of Central Thailand, one of the least reached places in the country.

PERSECUTED CHURCH: NIGERIA | Pray for peace and the safety of Christians in Nigeria where the Fulani Herdsmen (affiliated with Boko Haram) have expanded their attacks on believers from bases in the north to the central part of the country. In 2018, 2,800 believers were killed in what is now classified as a genocide plan to eliminate the presence of Christians.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: Pinjara in India | There are no known followers of Christ among the Muslim Pinjaras. Pray for the Lord to reveal Himself to their leaders in ways that they cannot deny. Pray for networks of believing families and fellowships that will throw the doors open for others to know and to follow Jesus.



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 an Open House on September 19 starting at 6:30pm in the Community Life Center. For more information, please email contact@traillifenc413.com or visit <http://www.traillifenc413.com/>.

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to make a life-long impact on a child right in our town? Sign up to be a sidekick to a student at Matthews Elementary. The commitment is just to eat lunch once a week, or every other week, and to be a buddy to a student who needs a stable adult in their lives. It is a true blessing to get to know a student in this way and show them the love of Christ. If you would like more information or to sign up, contact Brendan Kelly at bpkclan@carolina.rr.com or 704-277-6694.

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOLS
October 13 & 20

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: THE GIDEONS

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19a

This morning we have the privilege of hearing about the work of the Gideons and share in their unique ministry.

Established by a small group of traveling businessmen in 1899, today Gideons International has nearly 270,000 members serving Christ in 200 countries. They share their faith wherever they are, watching and listening for opportunities to share the Gospel. Gideons believe that God's Word plants powerful seeds, allows many to read the truth for themselves, and provides a lasting witness.

They personally witness and distribute God's Word to first responders, health professionals, prisoners, military personnel, students in the fifth grade through college, groups, and individuals. Scriptures are also placed by Gideons and their Auxiliary in key locations, including hotels, motels, hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons, and jails.

The Gideons are organized in geographical "camps." Seven camps cover the Charlotte area, including the Southeast Camp here in Matthews. Members of this camp, including our own church members Dana Lamb, Jon Surratt, Brad Knight, and Jim Stoudenmier, target distribution to our local hotels/motels, doctors' offices, hospitals (Novant Matthews, Atrium Main, and Novant Mint Hill), police stations and firehouses in Matthews and Mint Hill as well as schools. Both schools and military installations in all areas have become less open to distributions in recent years, but every opening is utilized. Our local Gideons always carry Spanish versions to distribute along with English versions to meet a growing need, especially during hotel/motel distributions.

The Southeast Camp has also provided Scriptures in both English and Spanish for Christ Covenant and Matthews UMC mission trips in the last several years. They will soon make distributions on both CPCC and UNCC campuses. In addition, the camp conducts chapel services at the Charlotte Rescue Mission every other Sunday and provides Scriptures to the men who come to the mission.

Your gift today will be used to provide more Scriptures to reach more people with the Gospel, here and around the world. To learn more about this unique volunteer ministry, visit www.Gideons.org.

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 15 - SEPTEMBER 21)

- Sept 15 • Fall Discovery class (9a)
- Sept 15 • Timothy Project (5p)
- Sept 15 • Women's ministry prayer group (4:45p)
- Sept 16 • CCYM High school prayer (7a)
- Sept 16 • Support groups (6p)
- Sept 16 • Men's open seminar (7p)
- Sept 17 • Women's Ministry fall kickoff (7p)
- Sept 18 • Parents meet the Link leaders (6p)
- Sept 18 • LINK & EPIC (7p)
- Sept 19 • Trail Life open house (6:30p)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 23 • Women's open seminar
- Sept 24 • Monthly day of prayer
- Sept 28 • Men's BBQ, corn hole, and games
- Oct 4-6 • AIM Middle school retreat
- Nov 1-3 • Big What? High school retreat

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 – 9/8/19	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	3,704,743	3,610,000	94,743	2.6%
Faith Promise Budget	260,833	218,110	42,723	19.6%