



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019**

## Sympathy to:

Family and friends of our member,  
Wyman Ramsey.

## Congratulations to:

Jared and Emily Collins on  
the birth of their daughter,  
McClaine Adelaide Collins.

José and Anna Portillo  
on the birth of their son,  
Benjamin James Portillo.

Carlton and Jenna Whitman  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Maren Elizabeth Whitman.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 17, immediately following evening worship. During evening worship on November 17, the Executive Pastor candidate, Tom Groelsema, will preach. Immediately following, the congregation will vote on his candidacy. We hope you will make every effort to be present!



## HINGED

Christ Covenant Church is hosting Hinged, the 2020 PCA Women's Conference, January 31 - February 1. Spots are filling up fast, so register now! There are Friday and/or Saturday attendance options and reduced registration for high school and college students! For details and registration, visit <https://pcacdm.org/hinged-conferences/>.

If you are interested in being a table hostess on Friday night, please contact Staci Poston at [sposton@christcovenant.org](mailto:sposton@christcovenant.org).

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK:

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: RECOMMENDATION STEERING COMMITTEE** | This group has been tasked with the particulars that go into design, development, and implementation of the strategy and vision recommendations that the various project groups are implementing.

Please join us in praying for the Recommendation Steering Committee:

- For us to remain servant-hearted toward all the other groups and to the session, diaconate, and the staff;
- For the Holy Spirit to provide wisdom;
- For our priorities to be in sync towards the strategic vision.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH: PAKISTAN** | Pray for Christians in Pakistan, representing 1.6% of the population and ranked among the poorest. Pray especially for the protection of believing girls & young women who are frequent targets of human trafficking & forced marriages to wealthy Chinese men.

**LOCAL PRESBYTERY:** Redeemer Church, Southern Pines, NC. Pastor John Kinyon.

## SAVE THE DATES: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL IN DECEMBER

There will be no Sunday school or childcare for December 8, 15, 22, and 29; however, there are some exceptions.

- Pastor Bruce Creswell's senior community will continue to meet during this time.
- New member interviews will be December 8 during Sunday school, as scheduled.
- Lastly, the young families community will have a fellowship breakfast December 15.

## DISCOVERY CLASS IN WINTER/SPRING 2020

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 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 and will begin January 5. For questions or to register, contact Mary Jo Culver at [mculver@christcovenant.org](mailto:mculver@christcovenant.org) or 704-814-1039.

**SUPPORTED WORKERS OF THE WEEK: BUD & BARBARA SPECK** | Bud and Barbara serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Bud is the Communications Consultant for the Wycliffe Global Alliance in Europe, and Barbara is the Prayer Advocacy Coordinator in Europe. Pray for Bud as he is working on developing a strategic plan for how best to communicate to and help meet the needs of the European Area Bible Translator Directors. Pray for Barbara as she prepares and delivers the morning devotions at the Personnel Workshop in January on the topic of prayer. Pray for God's help as they continue to learn the language and balance study with all their other responsibilities.

**UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: PASHTUN, SOUTHERN IN AFGHANISTAN** | Among the Pashtun in Afghanistan, conservative Islam, tribal traditions, state and social opposition, and the hostility of family combine to resist the growth of Christian faith. There are 0.02% of the Pashtun known to profess Christ. Pray for the few believers among the Pashtun, that they may grow in Christ and be zealous to know and serve Him. Pray for Christ to be known among the Pashtun people.

## HELP WANTED IN THE KING'S COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The King's Community, a Sunday school class that serves those affected by disabilities, is seeking volunteers and helpers to serve during the Sunday school hour. No experience necessary. Expect to receive more than you give. Contact Tiphany Speck, [tiphanyspeck@gmail.com](mailto:tiphanyspeck@gmail.com), if interested.

## ADVENT BOOKS IN THE BOOK NOOK

Are you looking for a great resource for the upcoming advent season? Stop by the book nook and check out the following titles:

- *Love Came Down at Christmas: Daily Readings for Advent* by Sinclair Ferguson,
- *Come, Let us Adore Him: A Daily Advent Devotional* by Paul Tripp,
- *The Dawning of Indestructible Joy: Daily Readings for Advent* by John Piper.



## ANDREW PETERSON IN CONCERT

“Behold the Lamb of God: The True Tall Tale of the Coming of Christ” concert with Andrew Peterson is currently sold out for Wednesday, December 18.

## DID YOU MISS ONE OF THE JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOLS?

Joint Sunday schools were held in October to share exciting information about how Christ Covenant members will be cared for in the new shepherding model. Also, information was shared about the new Sunday school model that will begin in January. If you missed these, please visit [ChristCovenant.org](http://ChristCovenant.org) to watch the entire presentations or to learn more.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Executive Pastor
- Assistant Director of Women’s Ministry (PT)
- CCC Hospitality & Kitchen Coordinator (PT)

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

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: CAMPUS OUTREACH CHARLOTTE IS CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF FRUITFUL MINISTRY WITH CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH!

In 1995 a small team of Campus Outreach staff from Augusta, GA moved north to establish Campus Outreach Charlotte as a ministry of Christ Covenant Church. What began as two ministries at UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Greensboro has, by God’s grace, become a statewide movement comprised of 60 staff laboring on 11 campuses to reach over 160,000 students in NC with the life-changing message of the gospel.

Many of the students we have seen God raise up through our ministry have become pastors, international missionaries, godly husbands and wives, faithful church members, and employees in the workplace who live out the gospel daily. God has been pleased to multiply the ministry of CO Charlotte through the launch of several new regional movements: Johannesburg in 2001, Lynchburg in 2008, Washington, D.C. in 2010, and Central Florida in 2018.

On April 25, 2020, CO Charlotte will host many former staff, students, and financial partners from over the course of our time here in Charlotte to celebrate all God has done to draw college students to Himself and form them into lifelong spiritual leaders. Please pray with us for the Lord to bless this unique celebration!

We also give thanks for you! None of what has been accomplished by CO Charlotte over the last 25 years of ministry would have been possible without our faithful partnership with Christ Covenant Church. We want to express our deep gratitude for all this church family has made possible! Thank you to all those who have prayed with and for our staff, come alongside our staff and students in mentoring relationships, and given sacrificially to make the work of ministry possible among 18 to 22 year-olds across our state. We are so thankful, and we praise God for each of you!

## 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 (NOVEMBER 10 - NOVEMBER 16)

- Nov 10 • Discovery class (9a)
- Nov 10 • Timothy Project (5p)
- Nov 10 • Women’s ministry prayer group (4:45p)
- Nov 11 • Support groups (6p)
- Nov 11 • Women’s open seminar (7p)
- Nov 14 • American Heritage Girls & Trail Life (6:45p)
- Nov 15 • Senior adult men’s lunch (11:30a)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 17 • Congregational meeting after evening worship
- Nov 18 • Men’s open seminar
- Nov 19 • Monthly day of prayer
- Nov 24 • Annual report in evening worship
- Nov 28 & 29 • Church offices closed
- Dec 2 • Men’s open seminar
- Dec 8 • Christmas choral service
- Dec 14 • Birthday party for Jesus
- Dec 16 • Men’s open seminar
- Dec 18 • Andrew Peterson concert
- Dec 24 • Christmas Eve service
- Dec 24 & 25 • Church offices closed
- Dec 28 - Jan 1 • Campus Outreach New Year’s conference
- Jan 5 • New Discovery class begins
- Jan 8 • Lumberjack games

## 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.

<i>Inflow 11/1/19 – 11/03/19</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	4,438,679	4,450,500	-11,821	-0.3%
Faith Promise Budget	295,682	260,992	34,690	13.3%