



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020**

### **Congratulations to:**

Chip and Lisa Herrin  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Emeline Lee Herrin.

### **TOM GROELSEMA'S INSTALLATION CELEBRATION**

We hope you are able to join us as we welcome Tom and Sheri Groelsema and celebrate his installation as our new Executive Pastor tonight, Sunday, January 26, with a light refreshment reception after the evening service.



### **"THE POWER OF PARTNERING"**

Christ Covenant's Missions Conference is February 15-23 with guest speaker Dr. Conrad Mbewe from Zambia, Africa on Sunday, February 16! We hope you will make plans to participate in various events during the conference.

### **FAITH PROMISE AT WORK**

Through your Faith Promise gift, we are supporting 60 supported workers (missionaries) serving in 24 countries as they share the gospel!

### **INTERNATIONAL COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED**

We will be serving coffee, tea, and cookies from around the world during our joint Sunday School during the missions conference on Sunday, February 16. We have several simple recipes for cookies. If you would like to serve in this way, sign up at [ChristCovenant.org/missions-conference-2020](http://ChristCovenant.org/missions-conference-2020), select your cookie, and bring 2 dozen.

### **ITEMS FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK:**

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: GENERAL LEADERSHIP PROJECT GROUP** | The group will seek to put God's will for Christ Covenant into practice by leading the congregation to carry out the vision of disciples making disciples. Please join us in praying for this Project Group:

- For wisdom for the group as they seek to discern God's will through the various projects,
- For joyful hearts for the group in their work,
- For the outcome to glorify God.

**UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: ARAB, CYRENAICAN IN LIBYA** | Cyrenaica is the eastern coastal region of Libya with a population of 1,694,000 where only 0.10% are Christians. The largest religion in this area is Islam. Pray for the gospel to be proclaimed among the Cyrenaican Arabs and for believers to pray for the people in Cyrenaica.

**LOCAL PRESBYTERY:** Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rockingham, NC – Pastor Mike Moreau

**SUPPORTED WORKERS OF THE WEEK: LAQUANDA RUFFIN** | LaQuanda works for Campus Outreach Johannesburg in Lusaka, Zambia. She shares the gospel with women on the college campus and equips those who place their faith in Christ to be spiritual leaders on campus and for life. Pray for LaQuanda's time at home in the next few months in leadership training. Pray that her heart would be set on the Father and that all she does would be an overflow.

**PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: NORTH KOREA** | Pray for believers in North Korea, once again ranked as the single most dangerous place in the world for Christians. Pray for the hundreds of thousands imprisoned as slave labor, for the Christian women who have been sold off as slaves in China, and for the families of believers who were killed when discovered with Bibles or meeting secretly for worship. Pray, too, for the salvation of the country's leaders, including Kim Jong Un.

### **MISSIONS MORNING FOR WOMEN**

All women are invited to join us Saturday, February 15, at 9:30am as we hear LaQuanda Ruffin share about her ministry to women with Campus Outreach in South Africa and now Zambia. There will be time for Q & A and prayer. Come enjoy light breakfast refreshments and coffee while hearing what the Lord is doing in Africa! Please go to [ChristCovenant.org/missions-conference-2020](http://ChristCovenant.org/missions-conference-2020) to RSVP.

### **MEALS WITH OUR SUPPORTED WORKERS**

Would you, your family, or small group be willing to host a visiting supported worker (missionary) for a meal during our Missions Conference? We have several supported workers arriving Saturday, February 15, through Tuesday, February 18. This is a great way to get to know a supported worker and what is going on around the world. If you are interested, contact Karen Chambers at [kchambers@christcovenant.org](mailto:kchambers@christcovenant.org).

### **GLOBAL GLIMPSE ON SCOTLAND**

You are invited to join us Sunday, February 23, immediately following morning worship in CLC 1&2 to learn what the Lord is doing in Scotland from David Meredith. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by February 19 to Kelsey Cawthorn at [kcawthorn@christcovenant.org](mailto:kcawthorn@christcovenant.org).

### **COOKING FOR A CAUSE**

During Missions Week, the week of February 17, the Women's Ministry will be hosting our 3rd Annual Cooking For A Cause! This is a time where groups of women meet in people's homes (various dates and times) to prepare freezer meals and pray for missionaries. Would you be willing to open your home to a small group (5-6 ladies), prepare 3 freezer meals (ingredients and recipes provided), and pray for local ministries? Please contact Staci Poston ([sposton@christcovenant.org](mailto:sposton@christcovenant.org)) to learn more!



## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Come for food, fellowship, and prayer with your brothers in Christ at our next fellowship breakfast on Saturday, February 1, from 7-8:30am at Stacks Kitchen. Terry Dixon is speaking on "Proven Strategies for Effectively Caring for Aging Family Members." RSVP by January 31 at [ChristCovenant.org](http://ChristCovenant.org). Only cost is your breakfast!



Save the date! Seek the City registration opens up on Sunday, February 2, at 8pm. Visit [ChristCovenant.org/ministries/youth/seek-the-city/](http://ChristCovenant.org/ministries/youth/seek-the-city/) for more information and to register.

## PAIDEIA BOOK CLUB

In partnership with the RTS Paideia Center for Theological Discipleship, Christ Covenant is hosting a theological reading group this Spring. 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? If so, register at <http://paideiacenter.com/> (space is limited). The theme for this year's readings is "soul care." This Spring's group will meet three times (February 26, March 25, April 22) in High School Room 101 from 7:00-8:30pm with a guided discussion of Martin Bucer's *Concerning the True Care of Souls*. The cost is \$20, which includes the book.

## SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

If you've been considering joining the choir or orchestra, please contact Liz McNulty at [lmcnulty@christcovenant.org](mailto:lmcnulty@christcovenant.org) or 704-814-1031 for more information. The beginning of each season is a great time to jump in!

Adult Choir – Wednesday rehearsals at 6:45pm

Youth Choir (8-12 grades) – Wednesday rehearsals at 6:30pm

Children's Choir (3-7 grades) – Wednesday rehearsals at 6:30pm

Beginner's Choir (K-2 grades) – Sunday rehearsals during evening sermon

Orchestra (by audition) - Wednesday Rehearsals at 6:00pm

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: 2020 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

*The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 1 Timothy 3:1*

One of our greatest privileges and responsibilities as members of Christ Covenant Church is to prayerfully identify and recruit godly men who God may be preparing to serve Him in the role of elder or deacon. Our Presbyterian form of government provides us an integral role in choosing who will become our leaders. The training and election process starts with your nominations.

Nominations for the Class of 2020 are open through January 31. If you have not yet considered who you might want to see among our elders and deacons as we enjoy the blessing of our shepherding groups and the growth in our congregation, this is your week to act. Please review the biblical qualifications for both deacon and elder and the specific requirements for men who would be able to offer themselves for training, examination, and election here at our church in June of this year.

Nomination forms are available at the tables outside the worship center. You can turn in your nomination by placing it in the offering or by submitting to the main office during the week.

Our Senior Associate Pastor, Bernie Lawrence, is guiding both the nomination and training process for us. You may contact him with any questions at 704-708-6110 or [blawrence@christcovenant.org](mailto:blawrence@christcovenant.org). Please continue to pray for God's wisdom as we offer our nominations this week. Pray that we will seek His men to serve as our leaders.



## MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Christ Covenant is hosting the marriage conference "I Still Do" on March 27-28, 2020 with Dave Harvey.

Whether you find yourself pleased or displeased with the state of your marriage, this conference will offer you encouragement, hope, and practical tools for weathering life's storms together. Please visit <https://ibcd.org/i-still-do/> to learn more or to register!

## SET FREE MINISTRY MEN'S SMALL GROUP

Are you interested in joining a men's small group focused on accountability and discussion around sexual temptation? If so, the Set Free Men's Ministry has two groups (one for single men and one for married men) starting on January 27. The groups are facilitated by Bob Medeiros and Theo Facinoli. If you are interested in joining a group, please email us at [Theo.Facinoli@gmail.com](mailto:Theo.Facinoli@gmail.com) or [rmedeiros6767@gmail.com](mailto:rmedeiros6767@gmail.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 (JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1)

Jan 26 • New Membership class (9am)  
Jan 26 • Women's prayer meeting (4:45pm)  
Jan 26 • Tom Groelsema's installation & light refreshment reception after evening worship  
Jan 27 • Women's open seminar (7pm)  
Jan 30 • American Heritage Girls & Trail Life (6:45pm)  
Jan 31 • Last day for officer nominations  
Jan 31 - Feb 1 • Women's PCA regional conference: Hinged  
Feb 1 • Men's ministry fellowship breakfast (7am)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 2 • Seek the City registration opens at 8pm  
Feb 15 • Women's missions morning

## 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 2020.

Inflow 1/1/20 – 1/19/20	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	251,847	306,000	-54,153	-17.7%
Faith Promise Budget	12,643	13,500	-857	-6.3%