



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Sympathy to:

Jan Critz on the death of her father, William "Bill" Crowsen Brady.

Melody Paules on the death of her mother, Bonnie Lou Donovan.

Congratulations to:

Michael and Meg Baura on the birth of their son, William Knox Baura.



"THE POWER OF PARTNERING"

Christ Covenant's Missions Conference is here! We hope you will make plans to participate in various events during the conference.

GLOBAL GLIMPSE ON SCOTLAND

You are invited to join us Sunday, February 23 in CLC 1&2 immediately following morning worship to learn what the Lord is doing in Scotland. Curt and Gwen Johnson will also be sharing about how the Lord used their ministry in Scotland this past year. Lunch will be provided for those who RSVP for you and your family by February 19 to Kelsey Cawthorn at kcawthorn@christcovenant.org.

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!

We hope you'll take time this week to prayerfully consider how you and your family can give to Faith Promise.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK:

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: CONNECTION PROJECT GROUP | This group is tasked working to improve the visitor experience and to guide non-members and members through the connection process to the glory of God. Please join us in praying for this Project Group:

- For wisdom in the formulation of the Connectors Vision document,
- For wisdom and unity in our team.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: MINANGKABAU IN INDONESIA | With a population of 6,743,000, only 0.26% are Christians. Most Minangkabau are orthodox Muslims, and those who leave Islam are disowned by their family and neighborhood and lose their job. Pray for the churches and believers to be strengthened that Christ may be proclaimed throughout all of Indonesia.

LOCAL PRESBYTERY: Second Street Presbyterian Church, Oakboro, NC—Pastor John Black



MEN'S RETREAT

Relieving your "Heart Burn" at the Men's Retreat on May 1-3 at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. Join us with our guest speaker, Tom Groelsema, and worship music leader, Nathan George, as we learn how to free our hearts to burn for Jesus. Options are available for one or two night stays. Early bird registration goes through March 31. Registration includes a shared room, four meals (3 meals for one-night stay), planned group activity, and bonfire. Learn more or register at ChristCovenant.org.

*Standing on Truth.
Walking in Grace.*

SUPPORTED WORKERS OF THE WEEK: IMBUMI & MARTHA MAKUKU | Pastor Imbumi and Martha are planting a church and running a school in the Kibera Slum in Nairobi. Pray for their students as their new school year begins this month. Pray for more sponsors for their children in school; they only have 153 out of the 200 needed sponsors. Pray for health and strength for Imbumi and Martha as they serve in many, many ways in the slum.

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: NORTHERN SYRIA | Pray for Christians living in Northern Syria who are truly being attacked from all sides as Kurds, Syrian troops, Russians, ISIS rebels, and US forces are all engaged in combat. Pray for the physical safety of those who are at risk during fire fights and bomb attacks and that supernatural peace to replace human fear.

WOMEN'S SHORT BIBLE STUDIES

There are two new women's short studies beginning the first week of March. If you are looking for a way to study scripture over a shorter time frame, these studies are for you! "One Grand Story: The Unfolding Plan of Redemption" will meet on Tuesday evenings in March beginning March 3, and "When Suffering Enters Your Door" will meet on Wednesday mornings in March beginning March 4. Visit the ChristCovenant.org/Ministries/Women to learn more and register!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Come for food, fellowship, and prayer with your brothers in Christ at our next fellowship breakfast on Saturday, March 7, from 7-8:30am at Stacks Kitchen. Neil Simpson is speaking on "Decision making and the will of God." RSVP by March 6 at ChristCovenant.org. Only cost is your breakfast!



SEEK THE CITY

Seek the City registration closes on February 19! Register today by visiting ChristCovenant.org/ministries/youth/seek-the-city.

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 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.

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!



VBS UPDATE

Every year Christ Covenant Youth Ministry (CCYM) assesses the outreach effectiveness of each of its Seek the City sites. The vision of Seek the City is "a better city for the generations," with our mission "to seek the welfare of Charlotte and Matthews through a multigenerational mission project." This year God has opened the door to two new sites that will truly take our youth into the city of Charlotte; so, Christ Covenant Church will not be hosting Vacation Bible School this year. We are very excited that our children's ministry will provide fun outreach opportunities throughout the summer for families with young children. More information is forthcoming. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Stewart Neely at sneely@christcovenant.org.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: CHRIST COVENANT WELCOMES DR. CONRAD MBEWE



Christ Covenant Church is thrilled to have Dr. Conrad Mbeve, from Zambia, Africa, as our guest speaker on Sunday, February 16.

Dr. Conrad Mbeve has served as pastor of Kabwata Baptist Church since 1987 and has been the principal of the Lusaka Ministerial College during various periods of its existence. As a graduate of the Cape Town Baptist Seminary in South Africa, he holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Missions. He is currently involved in the establishment of the African Christian University. He is an author and his

latest book is *Pastoral Preaching – Building a People for God* (2017). He is also the editor of *Reformation Zambia*.

He is married to Felistas and they have 6 adult children and 4 grandchildren.

We hope you'll make every effort to come and hear Dr. Conrad Mbeve at both our morning and evening worship.

BBQ & POUND CAKE

Do you love barbeque and pound cake? Our Trail Life Troop is selling barbeque and various southern style sides that can be ordered at bit.ly/TrailLifeBBQ2020. Our American Heritage Girls are selling pound cakes that can be ordered at <http://bit.ly/AHGPoundcake2020>.

All orders must be submitted by March 12. Barbeque and pound cake orders can be picked up March 27 & 28 at Christ Covenant.

ARE YOU ON OUR EMAIL LIST?

Do we have your current email address? Now is a great time to let us know if we have the correct email address for you to receive weekly e-newsletters, our eCourier, and immediate communication. Please email us with your current email address at MemberUpdates@christcovenant.org.

It's also possible our emails are getting caught in your spam or junk folder in your inbox.

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 (FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 22)

Feb 16-23 • Missions week
Feb 16 • Joint Sunday School (9am)
Feb 16 • Women's prayer meeting (4:45pm)
Feb 20 • American Heritage Girls & Trail Life (6:45pm)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 23 • Global Glimpse on Scotland
Feb 23 • David Meredith is speaking in evening service
Feb 24 • Women's open seminar
Mar 9 • Women's open seminar
Mar 27-28 • "I Still Do" marriage conference
Mar 29 • Bernie & Pat Lawrence's celebration
Apr 5 • Joint Sunday School
Apr 5 • Church-wide Spring lunch
Apr 5-12 • Holy Week
Apr 9 • Maundy Thursday service
Apr 10 • Good Friday service
Apr 19 & 26 • Miniseries Joint Sunday School
May 1-3 • Men's 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 2020.

Inflow 1/1/20 – 2/9/20	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	520,010	618,000	-97,990	-15.9%
Faith Promise Budget	25,446	27,600	-2,154	-7.8%