



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020



“THE POWER OF PARTNERING”

Christ Covenant’s Missions Conference is here! We hope you are able to attend Sunday evening worship at 6:00pm to hear David Meredith from the UK Partnership.

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!

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 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!

ITEMS FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK:

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: GENERAL LEADERSHIP PROJECT GROUP | This group seeks 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:

- Praise for good progress with the recommendations,
- Prayer for the next phase of the recommendations, that God would grant wisdom to the Group,
- Prayer for the outcome to glorify God.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: KOSHTI IN INDIA | With a population of 1,076,000, only 0.05% are Christians. The Koshti people have a strong devotion to Hindu gods. Pray for the few Koshti believers to have strength and faith. Pray for church-planting teams to work among them as there are no known mission agencies/churches working among the Koshti people.

LOCAL PRESBYTERY: First Presbyterian Church, Ellerbe, NC – Pastor Stan Layton

SUPPORTED WORKERS OF THE WEEK: JUSTIN & AMY GRIMM | Justin is planting a church in Westerville, OH. Pray for the Lord to provide a place for Sunday morning services as they currently meet in the evenings. Pray that they would make time to connect with each other in 2020 as a congregation. Pray for wisdom as they discuss partnering with another area church for some ministry opportunities.

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: BURKINA FASO, AFRICA | Pray for believers in Burkina Faso, the small country in West Africa, where terrorist assaults on Christians have increased dramatically since the beginning of the year. Pray for the grieving and injured in Pansi where 24 were killed, 18 were injured, and 3 were kidnapped last Sunday when gunmen stormed the church, attacked the protestant congregation, and burned the church to the ground.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Tuesday, February 25, is our day of prayer where we invite members of our church to take time from their usual schedule to stop and pray for the needs of our congregation. We have a prayer sign-up sheet divided into 30-minute segments for individuals to sign up to cover this entire day in prayer. Also, members or church attendees may come and pray any time from 7:30am –8:30pm in the worship center room 105, or you can pray wherever you are.

You can submit weekly, confidential prayer requests that our staff will pray for in one of the following ways:

- Fill out a prayer card (located in the pews in the sanctuary) and place it in the offering.
- E-mail your prayer request to prayer@christcovenant.org or an online Prayer Request Form can be found at ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer.



MEN’S RETREAT

Relieving your “Heart Burn” is the theme 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.



SEEK THE CITY

There is a required meeting for each StC student and at least one parent on Sunday, February 23, 7:30-8:30pm. If you are providentially hindered from attending, please contact Stewart at sneely@christcovenant.org. Registration is in the main lobby immediately following the evening worship service. Then, we will meet in the sanctuary. Please bring your completed medical and conduct forms with you.

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/AHG Poundcake2020>.

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

PAIDEIA BOOK CLUB

In partnership with the RTS Paideia Center for Theological Discipleship, Christ Covenant is hosting a theological reading group this Spring starting February 26. Do you want to read Christian classics but don't know where to start? If so, learn more and register at <http://paideiacenter.com/> (space is limited).

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 DAVID MEREDITH



Christ Covenant Church is thrilled to have David Meredith from Scotland as our guest speaker on Sunday evening, February 23.

David Meredith is Mission Director for the Free Church of Scotland. He is involved in supporting evangelism, church planting, and revitalization both internationally and in Scotland. David was previously senior minister at Smithton Free Church in Inverness, Scotland, where during his thirty-year ministry the church grew from a church plant to one of Scotland's largest congregations. It has been his privilege to speak at conferences in the UK, mainland Europe, Africa, and the USA. He is married to Nina and they have a grown-up family. He was a politics major in college with a special interest in US politics. Other interests include motor cycling and reading biographies of interesting and diverse people. He is a close observer of SEC football but refuses to reveal his favorite team.

INTERESTED IN A SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIP?

At Christ Covenant Church we value the partnerships we have with our supported workers. Short term mission trips are formed by the request of a supported worker or a growing church partnership to assist with a specific need. We want to show the love of Christ through helping and serving wherever we go, whether that is domestic or international. Christ Covenant is planning two short term mission trips for 2020. One to Cabo, Mexico, and the other to Atlantic City, New Jersey. To learn more about these trips, please visit ChristCovenant.org/2020ShortTermMissions.

WANT TO RECEIVE EMAILS?

If you'd like to receive emails from Christ Covenant, please email us with your current email address at MemberUpdates@christcovenant.org.

GUEST INFORMATION

Are you a guest visiting with us today? Or, did you meet a guest this morning? We encourage all our guests to stop by the Guest Kiosk in the Main Lobby after worship. We have a free gift for you and would like to meet 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 (FEBRUARY 23- FEBRUARY 29)

- Feb 23 • Global Glimpse on Scotland (12:30pm)
- Feb 23 • Women's prayer meeting (4:45pm)
- Feb 23 • David Meredith is speaking in evening service (6:00pm)
- Feb 24 • Women's open seminar (7:00pm)
- Feb 26 • RTS Book discussion group (7:00pm)
- Feb 27 • American Heritage Girls & Trail Life (6:45pm)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 7 • Men's fellowship breakfast
- 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

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.

<i>Inflow 1/1/20 – 2/16/20</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	632,916	723,000	-90,084	-12.5%
Faith Promise Budget	37,309	32,300	5,009	15.5%