



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

Sympathy to:

Karen Harry on the death of her husband, Mike Harry.

Marjorie Epifanio on the death of her mother, Georgiana "Granny" Iannaco.

LIVE-STREAMING SUNDAY SERVICES

In light of Governor Cooper issuing a directive that all gatherings above 100 persons in NC should be canceled, we will not gather together for worship this Sunday, but will live-stream our worship services at 10:45am and 6:00pm. All other in person gatherings for Sunday, March 15 - Sunday School, prayer groups, and youth events - are canceled as well.

We will continue live-streaming morning and evening worship for March 22 & 29, and we will not gather together in person.

Please visit ChristCovenant.org for the links for the live-streaming and for the most up to date information.

We are monitoring the situation and paying close attention to advisements from the CDC and the state of North Carolina.

PRECAUTIONS & CLEANING

We want you to know that we are taking every precaution to make our campus as safe as possible. In addition to the regular cleaning on our campus, we are deep cleaning and sanitizing every work and gathering area on campus, every Covenant Day classroom, and every nursery and childcare room throughout the week of March 16. It is a top priority for us to have a clean and safe campus for our members to come back to when we gather together again.

WANT TO RECEIVE EMAILS?

Want to stay up to date on Christ Covenant news and events? Please email us with your current email address at MemberUpdates@christcovenant.org.

He is Risen

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 5

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 9

7:00 p.m. in Worship Center
Childcare for ages 4 months - 2 years

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 10

12:00 p.m. in Worship Center
No childcare

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 12

Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Childcare for newborn - 2 years. Children's Bible Time (preschool age to pre-K) during sermon in Building B.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK:

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: CONNECTION PROJECT GROUP | This group is 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 unity in our team.

SUPPORTED WORKERS OF THE WEEK: TERRY & BRENDA FOX | Terry & Brenda minister to military personnel and their families at Maxwell Air Force Base and Gunter Annex through Ministry to the Military. Pray for military families suffering under the strain of over a decade of war, resulting in high numbers of divorce and suicides. Pray the new Military Chapel staff arriving this summer at the base will be open to their ministry. Pray that God would continue to grow their financial support as it is still needed.

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: ROHINGYA | Pray for the Rohingya Christian minority living among other Rohingya in refugee camps in Bangladesh. Driven from their homes in Myanmar, these believers are regular targets of hostility and violence, including beatings and kidnapping. Pray for God's peace and grace.

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: PERSIAN IN IRAN | With a population of 37,193,000 only 2.00% are Christians, and the majority are Muslims. It is illegal to evangelize in the country of Iran and conversion is punishable by death. Pray for many who are encountering Christ through satellite TV and Christians. Pray for endurance and courage for believers.

LOCAL PRESBYTERY: Lake Tillery Church, Mt. Gilead, NC – Pastor Chip McAulay

A MESSAGE ABOUT THE GREECE SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP

Church leadership in Greece advised that it is unwise for our team to travel to Greece at this time due to the coronavirus. We are working to reschedule this mission trip at a later date.

Thrive over 55 SENIOR EXPO

RESCHEDULED

Erring on the side of caution, CMG Weekly, the sponsor of Thrive over 55, has rescheduled the event for Saturday, May 16. Re-registration will occur at a later date.

ONLINE GIVING

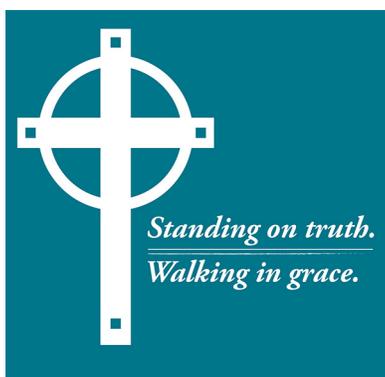
Did you know that you can give online at ChristCovenant.org/members/giving. Online options include giving via eCheck, credit or debit card, mobile app giving, or mailing your tithe checks to the office at 800 Fullwood Lane, Matthews, NC 28105.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Our Monthly Day of Prayer is on Tuesday, March 24. While we will not be gathering together in person for prayer, we can take time throughout the day to pray for one another, for our church, for our state, and for our country.

We hope you will take time to submit your confidential prayer requests either online at ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer or by email at prayer@christcovenant.org.

All are invited to participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer. The day is divided into 30-minute segments for individuals to sign-up and pray for missionaries and needs of the congregation. You can sign up at ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer to help us cover the day fully in prayer.



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: MEN'S RETREAT



Men, what gives you "Heart Burn" - your work, bills, marriage, chasing success or your sports team? 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. All men ages 16 and older are invited to join us with our 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. Save money with the early-bird registration through March 31. Registration includes a shared room, four meals (3 meals for one-night stay), a team building planned group activity, and bonfire. Visit ChristCovenant.org to learn more and to register today! We hope you will be able to make time to join us at the Men's Retreat!

Find us on social media!

-  [ChristCovenantChurchPCA](https://www.facebook.com/ChristCovenantChurchPCA)
-  [christcovenantchurch_matthews](https://www.instagram.com/christcovenantchurch_matthews)
-  [ccm_matthews](https://twitter.com/ccm_matthews)
-  [christcovenantchurch](https://vimeo.com/christcovenantchurch)
-  [christcovenantchurch](https://www.youtube.com/christcovenantchurch)

Social media is a great way to stay connected with our church, watch sermons online, and receive encouragement throughout the week.



SPEAKER SERIES

The HisAbilities Ministry's next speaker series is themed "For the Long Haul," focusing on caregiving in a sustainable way and building friendships that last. We hope you are able to join us on Saturday, April 4, from 9:30am - 11:15am in the worship center room 105. Christine "Chris" Hillesheim will share about "Building Friendships for the Long Haul." This event is free to attend with a light breakfast provided. Please RSVP to hisabilitiesrsvp@gmail.com by April 1. Limited childcare is available; please include childcare requests in your RSVP.

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 (MARCH 15 - MARCH 21)

There are no in person gatherings for the week of March 15.

Mar 15 • Morning worship via live-stream (10:45am)

Mar 15 • Evening worship via live-stream (6:00pm)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 22 • Morning worship via live-stream (10:45am)

Mar 22 • Evening worship via live-stream (6:00pm)

Mar 24 • Monthly Day of Prayer - not on campus

Mar 29 • Morning worship via live-stream (10:45am)

Mar 29 • Evening worship via live-stream (6:00pm)

Apr 4 • HisAbilities Speaker Series

Apr 5-12 • Holy Week

Apr 9 • Maundy Thursday service

Apr 10 • Good Friday service

Apr 12 • Easter Sunday

Apr 12 • No Sunday School

May 1-3 • Men's Retreat

June 7 • New Sunday School electives begin

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 - 3/8/20</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	991,553	1,058,000	-66,447	-6.3%
Faith Promise Budget	73,759	72,700	1,059	1.5%