



# THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020**

## LIVE-STREAMING FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 22

We are thankful for the many that were able to join the live-stream this past Sunday. If you had trouble connecting last Sunday, please try again. We are making improvements and hopefully will have various websites for you to choose from to watch morning and evening worship live. Please visit [ChristCovenant.org](http://ChristCovenant.org) for these links to the live-streaming websites and to the worship bulletins.

As a reminder, 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 are canceled through March 30.

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

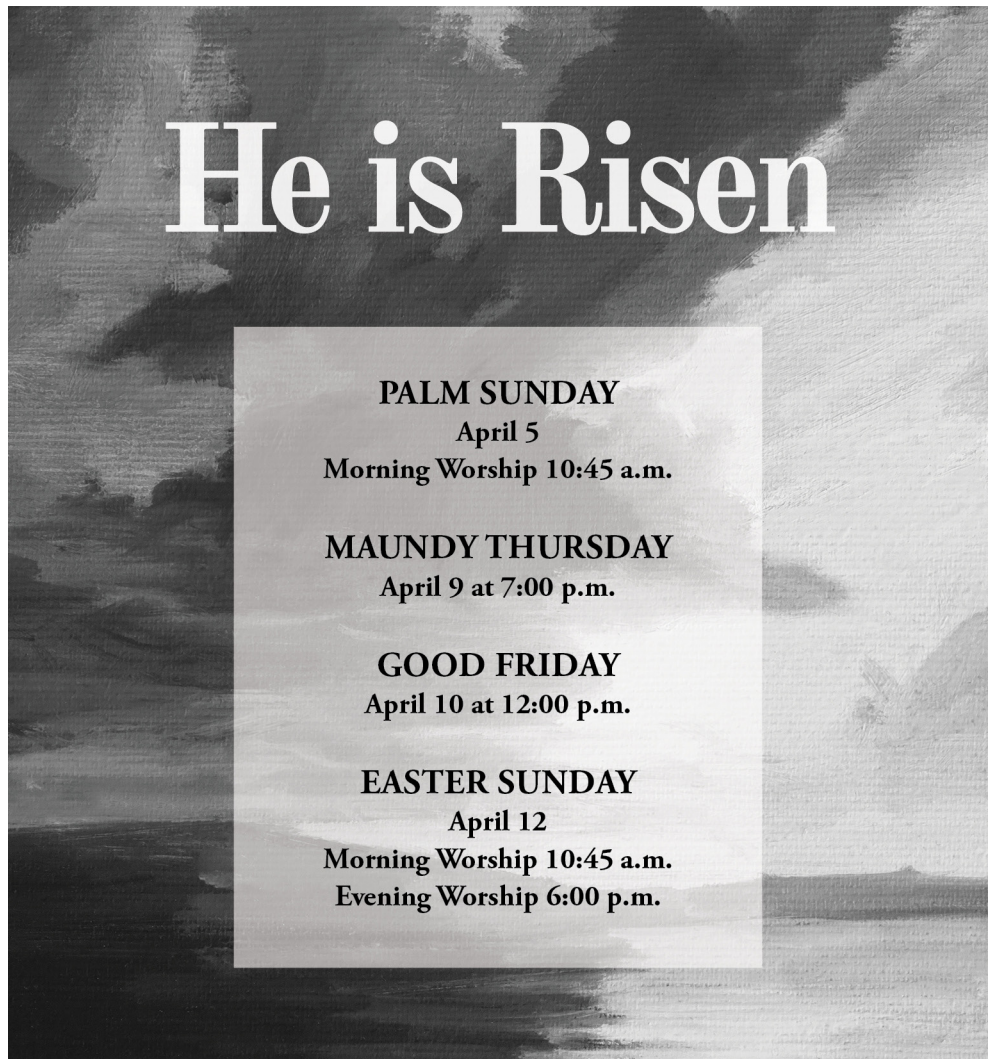
We are monitoring the situation and paying close attention to advisements from the CDC and the state of North Carolina.

## 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.

## JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

We are using email as one of our primary ways to communicate updates. If you would like to stay up to date on Christ Covenant news and events, please email us with your current email address at [MemberUpdates@christcovenant.org](mailto:MemberUpdates@christcovenant.org).



# He is Risen

**PALM SUNDAY**  
April 5  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
April 10 at 12:00 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
April 12  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK:

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: GENERAL LEADERSHIP PROJECT GROUP** | This group is seeking 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 the next phase of the recommendations, that God would grant wisdom to the Group,
- For the outcome to glorify God.

**UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: KANURI, YERWA IN NIGERIA** | With a population of 7,006,000 only 0.01% are Christians, and the majority are Muslims. Pray for God to raise up prayer teams who will begin breaking up the soil through intercession. Pray for the Lord to raise up strong local churches among the Kanuri.

**LOCAL PRESBYTERY:** Cross Park Church, Charlotte, NC - Pastor Jeff Hardy

**PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: TURKEY** | Pray for Christians in Turkey where growing government support for Islamists means attacks on believers go unprosecuted. Desecration of the graves of Christians has become common. This is a typical step toward violence against individuals, and their places of worship. Pray for God to strengthen His people in Turkey.

**SUPPORTED WORKERS OF THE WEEK: KEN & JERRI LOTZE** | Ken serves with ARP Connect on a team which focuses on reaching all of Pakistan through high quality television programming. Pray for Ken to have wisdom in balancing demands and expectations in his various ministry commitments. Pray for Jerri's wise use of her experience, time, money, and health as she shares them with family and ministry here in Charlotte and around the world. Pray for Muslims here and in Pakistan to meet Jesus.

## ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that you can give online at [ChristCovenant.org/members/giving](http://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.

## APRIL EVENTS THAT HAVE CHANGED

We want to do our best to keep you informed of the many changes taking place due to taking precautions regarding the coronavirus. Please see the events that have changed below. Also, please note that additional events are subject to change.

- April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt is canceled
- April 4 - HisAbilities speaker series is postponed
- April 5 - Spring Lunch is canceled
- At this time, adult Sunday School classes/electives will resume instead of having Joint Sunday Schools in the month of April.



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Come for food, fellowship, and prayer with your brothers in Christ at our next fellowship breakfast on Saturday, April 4, from 7-8:30am at Stacks Kitchen. Jon Paul, MD is speaking on "Suffering and Psalm 119." RSVP by April 3 at [ChristCovenant.org](http://ChristCovenant.org). Only cost is your breakfast!

## 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](http://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!

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY DAY OF PRAYER ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24

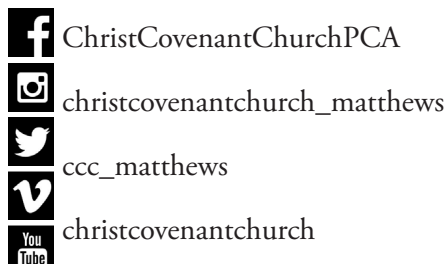
Our Monthly Day of Prayer is on Tuesday, March 24. While we will not be gathering together in person for prayer, we can take time throughout the day to pray for one another, for our church, for our state, and for our country.

We hope you will take time to submit your confidential prayer requests either online at [ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer](http://ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer) or by email at [prayer@christcovenant.org](mailto:prayer@christcovenant.org).

You can participate in the Monthly Day of Prayer from your home! 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](http://ChristCovenant.org/members/prayer) to help us cover the day fully in prayer.

You can also take this time to call a friend to pray with them over the phone. You can send a text or email letting them know you paused in your day to pray for them. Let's cover this day in prayer!

## Find us on social media!



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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 22 - MARCH 28)

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 29 • Morning worship via live-stream (10:45am)  
 Mar 29 • Evening worship via live-stream (6:00pm)  
 Apr 4 • Men's fellowship breakfast  
 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.

Inflow 1/1/20 – 3/15/20	Actual \$	Budget \$	Difference \$	% (-) or +
Operating Budget	1,104,752	1,173,000	-68,248	-5.8%
Faith Promise Budget	79,015	82,900	-3,885	-4.7%