



THE COURIER

LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

Sympathy to:

Family and friends on the death of our church member, Bob Mantell, Sr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COMMUNICANTS

Madeline Bae	Issac McKinnon
Nathaniel Bae	Andrew Molendyk
Darcy Byrd	Natalie Newman
Alexandria Dix	Gracie Poston
Zeb Engstrom	Joshua Smith
Caitlin Kasten	Mark Verret
Gloria Livingston	

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Worship for Sunday, August 30, has both the live-stream and attending in-person options. If you plan to attend in-person, please sign up at christcovenant.org/regather so that we can gather safely together.

Morning Worship

Kevin DeYoung

Genesis 1:1-2

“In the Beginning God”

Evening Worship

Kevin DeYoung

2 Peter 1:1-2

“Contradictions that Aren’t”

THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE

The Fall Sunday School is starting with a four-week series on “The Gift of Friendship” and will be taught by some of our pastors. What is friendship? Why do we need it, and how do we nurture it in our lives? This Sunday School series will explore the ways that God has designed friendship to bless and strengthen us in the life of faith. Join us as we reflect on the importance of friendship and its role in the Christian’s life today.

This series begins Sunday, August 30, at 9:30am with Pastor Dave Baxter teaching “What is the need for friendship?” Next Sunday, September 6, Bob Goudzwaard will be teaching “What is the nature of friendship?”

COMMUNION & SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

We are excited to announce that we will have an opportunity to participate in communion immediately following the benediction in the morning worship service.

For best practices, the communion elements are pre-packaged for church member participation. We will not pass the elements to one another as we have in the past. Instead, there will be several stations in the worship center where you can go and receive the communion elements.

Each officer assisting in communion will be wearing gloves and a mask.

To receive the elements during communion, please wear a mask. As an added expression of loving our neighbors well, if you are in line to receive communion without a mask, you will be asked to wear one.

We will also have a special offering for our general mercy fund. We will not be passing the offering plate for the special offering, but donation boxes are located at various exits inside the sanctuary. The general mercy fund helps our deacons provide financial assistance to church members who have various financial needs including groceries, bills, meals, etc.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDIES FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

We are so excited to be back together to study God’s Word. Beginning on Friday, August 7, registration for Fall Women’s Bible Studies is open with a mix of in-person and Zoom offerings for this semester. Due to social distancing requirements, space for in-person studies is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot soon! Visit the Women’s Ministry website at <https://christcovenant.org/womens-ministry/> to learn more about the different studies and how to register. Childcare will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

SUPPORT GROUPS STARTING THIS FALL

Christ Covenant offers three different types of support groups that are available to those who seek to join a group of friendly, caring people who understand what you are going through and want to help. Grieving a loss, walking through a divorce, or providing care for a parent or child are all difficult experiences you don't have to go through alone.

GriefShare, DivorceCare for Men & DivorceCare for Women will begin August 17 and meet through December 7 online through Zoom from 6:30pm-8:00pm. There is a \$15 fee for the workbook for GriefShare and DivorceCare.

Caregivers will begin September 8 and meet through November 17 online through Zoom from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Cost is \$8.00 for the book *Ambushed by Grace* that you'll walk through together.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Mary Jo Culver at mculver@christcovenant.org.

COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Worship for Sunday, September 6, will have both the live-stream and attending in-person options. For those who attend in-person, we encourage you to sign up by going to christcovenant.org/regathering. The sign up will be available beginning Sunday, August 30, at noon.

Morning Worship

Kevin DeYoung
Genesis 1:3-4

Evening Worship

Kevin DeYoung
2 Peter 1:3-4

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Grounds Maintenance – PT

Details: christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment

***Standing on Truth.
Walking in Grace.***

SENIOR ADULT “THURSDAY” SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

Thursday School will meet in the Worship Center Thursdays beginning September 10, at 4pm. It will include announcements, hymn-singing, prayer, and teaching. Advanced Registration is requested.

The Senior Adult Sunday School series this Fall is “The Uniqueness of the God-Man” and will be taught by Bruce Creswell. The question “Who is this?” is still being asked today just like it was asked during Christ’s earthly ministry. The answer is basic to Christianity. Understanding Jesus’ ministry is rooted in the understanding of Jesus’ “unique” Person. We will be looking at the life and ministry of our Savior from His incarnation to His death and resurrection to His second coming. Our prayer is that “the Holy Spirit, who delights to reveal the things of Christ to us, will unveil His glory” as we look into the Word. Please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444aaaf2ea2fc1-senior> to sign up to attend in-person.

If you are not able to come in-person, we will live-stream the class on all our digital platforms on Thursdays at 4pm. You can watch/listen to any class on all our digital platforms at your convenience.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS BEGINS SOON!



Do you feel led to serve with children and youth? Or do you have daughters who are looking for another way to get involved with others their age? Our church is excited to have the American Heritage Girls ministry as an opportunity for our church members to serve and connect. American Heritage Girls is the premier Christ-centered girl leadership program for girls ages 5-18. Girls meet in units divided by age and participate in a comprehensive

program that includes badge work, outdoor activities, character development, Bible teaching, social activities, and just plain girl fun! Our mission statement for Troop NC 0800 is “To shepherd young women leaders to know God and make Him known, by offering biblically based, life-broadening experiences in a friendly, fun, safe, and encouraging troop community.”

Our troop meets on Thursdays from 6:45-8:15pm at Christ Covenant Church. We would love to have you join us. Volunteers are needed to serve in our youngest squads for girls ages 5 to 6 and 6 to 8. In addition, we will be opening membership to all interested families once we have all volunteers in place. If you or your family would like to know more, please contact us at christcovenantahg@outlook.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This list shares notable events for this week. See our website at christcovenant.org. Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at christcovenant.org/prayer.

THIS WEEK (AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 5)

- Aug 30 • Fall Sunday School begins online at 9:30am
 - Aug 30 • In-person and live-stream morning worship at 10:45 am*
 - Aug 30 • Communicants recognition
 - Aug 30 • In-person and live-stream evening worship at 6:00 pm*
 - Sept 2 • Link & Epic
 - Sept 3 • American Heritage Girls at 6:45 pm*
- * Those with asterisks require sign-ups prior to event/worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 6 • Communion & special offering during morning worship
- Sept 7 • Church office closed for Labor Day
- Oct 25 • Reformation Sunday
- Nov 6-8 • Faithful Conference with Ligon Duncan

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 – 8/23/20</i>	<i>Actual \$</i>	<i>Budget \$</i>	<i>Difference \$</i>	<i>% (-) or +</i>
Operating Budget	3,480,899	3,697,000	-216,101	-5.8%
Faith Promise Budget	244,735	206,558	38,177	18.5%