



# THE COURIER

## LIFE AT CHRIST COVENANT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

### **Sympathy to:**

Susan Padgett on the death of her father, Frank Whitten.

### **WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Worship for Sunday, September 6, has both the live-stream and attending in-person options. If you plan to attend in-person, please sign up at [christcovenant.org/regather](https://christcovenant.org/regather) so that we can gather safely together.

#### **Morning Worship**

Kevin DeYoung

Genesis 1:3-2:3 Part 1

“And Behold, It Was Very Good”

#### **Evening Worship**

Kevin DeYoung

2 Peter 1:3-4

“The Power for Godliness”

### **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.

### **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.

Join us this Sunday, September 6, at 9:30am with Bob Goudzwaard teaching “What is the nature of friendship?”

You can watch/listen to any class on all our digital platforms at your convenience.

### **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.

### **SENIOR ADULT “THURSDAY” SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10**

The Senior Adult Sunday School series this Fall will be taught by Bruce Creswell. Instead of meeting on Sunday mornings, the Senior Adult class will meeting for “Thursday School” on Thursdays beginning on September 10 at 4pm in the Worship Center. Advanced registration is requested via sign-ups (below) or by contacting Jenny Blackmon at [jblackmon@christcovenant.org](mailto:jblackmon@christcovenant.org) or 704-708-6104.

Pastor Creswell’s “Thursday School” will include announcements, hymn-singing, prayer, and teaching. The series title is “The Uniqueness of the God-Man.” 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.



## RTS PAIDEIA BOOK DISCUSSION

In partnership with the RTS Paideia Center for Theological Discipleship, Christ Covenant is hosting a theological reading group this Fall. Do you desire a rich theological diet so you can develop maturity in Christ? Do you want to read Christian classics but don't know where to start? Would you like to grow with people who share your love for theology and learn from those who have gone before you? If this is you, join the Paideia Center book discussion! In the Fall, we will read and discuss Augustine's Confessions, a book every Christian should read - and reread - in their lifetime. For this Fall's group, we hope to meet three times: September 16, October 21, November 18. If so, register today at <http://paideiacenter.com/>.

## COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Worship for Sunday, September 13, 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](http://christcovenant.org/regathering). The sign up will be available beginning Sunday, September 6, at noon.

### Morning Worship

Kevin DeYoung

Genesis 1:3-2:3 Part 2

### Evening Worship

Kevin DeYoung

2 Peter 1:5-7

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Current opportunities at Christ Covenant include:

- Grounds Maintenance – PT

Details: [christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment](http://christcovenant.org/aboutus/employment)

*Standing on Truth.  
Walking in Grace.*

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: THE MERCY FUND

*So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10*

This morning our deacons are asking all of us to partner with them in the blessing of doing good. Their special offering will be used in support of our mercy ministry within our own household of faith.

Our deacons are committed to prayerfully and practically reaching into our lives when we are struggling with life's big challenges. They come alongside of individuals and families who have no idea how to get through a sudden or long-term challenge that is beyond their resources. Their care is holistic, encouraging and honest.

Their stewardship of God's resources is coupled with wisdom gained over many years of quiet ministry among us. Addressing the immediate needs of a family in distress may include providing meals or taking care of a utility bill. It might mean helping with the mortgage or replacing an appliance that is beyond repair. It may be assisting with an unexpected medical expense. The assistance options are as varied as the needs, but each one is provided as an expression of God's love for His children and our love for each other in the Christ Covenant family. When appropriate they may coordinate their efforts with other ministries in our church or in the community to help with ongoing concerns.

Your gift today will be spent carefully as needs arise. While you may never know exactly how it may have been used, you can be sure that God will bless His children through both your support and your prayers for our brothers and sisters in need.

To bring a member need to our deacons' attention or learn more about how you might assist, please contact a deacon, your community pastor or the church office at 704-847-3505.

## 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 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](mailto:christcovenantahg@outlook.com).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*This list shares notable events for this week. See our website at [christcovenant.org](http://christcovenant.org). Weekly and monthly prayer guides can be found at [christcovenant.org/prayer](http://christcovenant.org/prayer).*

### THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 6-13)

- Sept 6 • Fall Sunday School online at 9:30am
- Sept 6 • In-person and live-stream morning worship at 10:45 am\*
- Sept 6 • Communion & special offering during morning worship
- Sept 6 • In-person and live-stream evening worship at 6:00 pm\*
- Sept 7 • Church office closed for Labor Day
- Sept 9 • Link & Epic
- Sept 10 • Senior Adults "Thursday" Sunday School at 4:00 pm\*
- Sept 10 • American Heritage Girls at 7:00 pm\*

\* Those with asterisks require sign-ups prior to event/worship.

### 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 – 8/30/20 | Actual \$ | Budget \$ | Difference \$ | % (-) or + |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Operating Budget        | 3,567,779 | 3,807,500 | -239,721      | -6.3%      |
| Faith Promise Budget    | 248,316   | 212,684   | 35,632        | 16.8%      |